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**FIRST OF ITS KIND BILINGUAL AUDIO BOOK PRODUCED BY MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE IS A FINALIST FOR A LATIN GRAMMY® AWARD**

**MIAMI—October 2013—Miami Lighthouse for the Blind’s Better Chance Music Production Program™** has been nominated as a finalist for the Best Latin Children’s Album at this year’s Latin Grammys. The Better Chance Music Production Program™ produced the audio CD called “Four Magical Stories to Live” a bilingual “read to me” approach to storytelling. “This is an outstanding accomplishment by all of the talented musicians in our Better Chance Music Production Program™, and we are honored and grateful to have received this recognition by the Latin Recording Academy,” said Virginia Jacko, President & CEO of Miami Lighthouse.

The audio book tells four original stories entitled “Little Jaime and His Friend the Dog,” “A Different Little Cat,” “The Dove and The Frog,” and “Annabel and Her Ring” in both English and Spanish. The music production, effects, and voice recording took place in the Henry and Inez Stone Music & Sound Studio, a state-of-the-art music production facility at Miami Lighthouse and home to a one-of-a-kind music program where the blind and visually impaired learn the skills they need for mainstream employment in the music profession. “Henry Stone’s expertise as a producer and executive is a continuing inspiration to the students in our groundbreaking music program here at Miami Lighthouse where Mr. Stone, who has produced 23 gold and platinum records, received vision rehabilitation several years ago. His mentorship and involvement have awakened our students to the possibilities of careers in music performance and production” said CEO Jacko.

The talented Miami Lighthouse musicians José Martinez, Antonio Cobo, Heidys Hernandez, Julio Fumero, Gerardo Ubieda and Oman Pedreira composed, arranged, directed and performed the pieces. Heidys Hernandez, blind since birth, has a story telling voice both in English and Spanish that will delight the listener.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been providing vision rehabilitation services since 1931 and it is known as a national center of excellence because of its inclusion program where the blind and sighted musicians arrange, produce and perform music together. José Feliciano has mentored blind musicians in the program and is a member of the Miami Lighthouse Honorary Board of Directors. Mr. Feliciano has been awarded over forty-five Gold and Platinum records; he has won nineteen Grammy nominations, earning nine Grammy Awards, including the Latin Association of Recording Arts and Sciences Award for Lifetime Achievement.

To order a copy of the audio CD “Four Magical Stories to Live” call 305-856-9100

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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To provide vision rehabilitation  
and eye health services  
that promote independence,  
to collaborate with and educate professionals,  
and to conduct research in related fields.*

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