



**MEDIA ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Jungle Island Invites Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
for Special Hands-On Sensory Experience on January 17**

**WHAT:**

**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind** Better Chance Music Production Program™ teenagers, ages 14-22, will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting hands-on tour of Jungle Island that will bring the blind and visually impaired teens close to some of the world's most rare and fascinating animals. With the help of expert tour guides, the Touch Tour Safari will include interactions with everything from Australian red kangaroos to black-and-white ruffed lemurs from Madagascar, Aldabra giant tortoises from the Seychelles Islands, capuchin monkeys from South America and parrots from around the world.

During the multisensory journey, 25 students will feed, play with and pet the animals at Jungle Island. "Every student, whether blind or visually impaired, will be able to experience the animals through touch and interaction. This experience at Jungle Island will reinforce what we teach here at Miami Lighthouse, that it's possible to see without sight™," said President and CEO Virginia Jacko.

**WHEN:**

Saturday, January 17, 2015

10:00 a.m. – Arrival & Welcome

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Touch Tour Safari at Jungle Island

**WHERE:**

Jungle Island

1111 Parrot Jungle Trail

Miami, FL 33132

\*Media: Please park in main lot. Parking passes will be validated

**MORE:**

The Better Chance Music Production Program™ provides innovative year-round music education targeting sighted and visually impaired young adults, utilizing music appreciation, instruction and exploration as the tools to foster work readiness skills, and enhance self-efficacy and positive peer relations. It paves the way for Miami Lighthouse's students to enter mainstream careers in the music field and provides the opportunity for blind musicians to learn how to work and perform in a sighted world.

**Media is invited to observe as these ambitious students experience a unique lesson in animal education and conservation.**

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## **ABOUT JUNGLE ISLAND**

Jungle Island, a favorite South Florida landmark, is an intimate zoological park located in the heart of Miami, between downtown Miami and South Beach. Building upon a rich tradition that began in 1936, Jungle Island is home to some of the world's most rare and exotic animals. Park guests enjoy engaging animal shows and informative exhibits while strolling by streams and waterfalls under a lush canopy of tropical trees. Guests can choose to participate in hands-on interactions with fascinating animals or go on guided behind-the-scenes VIP tours. Jungle Island enriches the lives of park visitors through immersive, real-life jungle experiences centered on adventure, animals, discovery and play. With its newly renovated Treetop Ballroom and picturesque outdoor spaces including a private beach, the 18-acre park also serves as Miami's destination for extraordinary events. Discover Jungle Island today. Follow @JungleIsland on social media or visit [www.jungleisland.com](http://www.jungleisland.com).