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## Inaugural Art Walk is an artistic success!

Our Inaugural Art Walk on February 20th, starring renowned national artists, was a huge success. Guests gazed on the incredible four-story mural that enhances the southern wall of the new Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™. Created by twin Miami artists George and William Hustus, it depicts children of different backgrounds and abilities playing together. The street art inspired mural, designed to raise awareness of blindness and the impact of unity, is an exciting addition to our Little Havana community location.



*Hustus brothers with CEO Jacko pointing to the magnificent size of "Love, Light, Embrace" mural.*

Debuting in our main building is a new piece titled "Blackout" by Cuban artist Sergio Lastres. This artwork combines paint with raised elements and braille typography that is designed to appeal to multiple senses.



*"Blackout"*

A "Blind Time Drawing" demonstration took place, offering guests the opportunity to experience the art form pioneered by prominent conceptual artist Robert Morris, which involves creating images while blindfolded, without stopping or lifting up your pencil. Sighted professional artists were paired with visually impaired artists for this fascinating demonstration.



*"Blind Time Drawing"*

The Art Walk included artworks of ceramic, clay, macramé and other media created by Miami Lighthouse art students. The event showcased how "It's possible to see without sight™."

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## **Governor names Miami Lighthouse instructor to Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.**

Miami Lighthouse is proud to announce the recent appointment of Jorge Hernandez to the Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. Jorge serves as our Manager of Computer Technology Services, working with both children and adults. While he will continue to be an important part of our services to the visually impaired, in his new role he will represent Miami Lighthouse and other Florida agencies at the Rehabilitation Council.

Jorge holds graduate degrees in computer technology from Florida International University and has always been intrigued by the subject even before he lost his sight at 20 from retinitis pigmentosa. He was both surprised and delighted at his new appointment and looks forward to serving as an active member of the prestigious Rehabilitation Council.



*Jorge Hernandez, Manager of  
Computer Technology Services at  
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind*

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## **Valentine's Day Luncheon thanks our hardworking volunteers.**

This Valentine's Day we celebrated with our annual McCrea Family Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to say "thank you" to our volunteers. We honored our volunteers of the year, Karla Richey and Lions Alan Campbell and Martin Murphy. We also acknowledged District 35-N Lions Clubs and offered a special thank you to our Miami Lighthouse Board of Directors. Our guests and honorees were treated to beautiful musical tributes by our Miami Lighthouse Music Program musicians.



*Miami Lighthouse Board Directors Frank Voytek, CEO Virginia Jacko, Angela Whitman, and Peter Harrison*

A longstanding tradition at Miami Lighthouse, the event is made possible by the McCrea family - a family whose legacy of volunteerism with us began in our early days when Helen Sloan McCrea (1889-1978) devoted herself to the venerable mission of serving the blind. Thank you to the McCrea family for their continued support and to David B. McCrea for his continued sponsorship of the event.



*CEO Virginia Jacko, Honoree Karla Richey and Board Director Scott Richey.*

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*Contributed by Joan Spector*

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