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### Plan to attend the "See the Light" Luncheon

Mark your calendars! Thursday, October 24th is the date of this outstanding complimentary event which will be held in the brand new contemporary clubhouse of the Riviera Country Club. A fascinating keynote speech will be presented by the incomparable Danelle Umstead who is a the blind Paralympian Ski Racing Four Time Medalist, a Dancing with the Stars contestant, and a motivational speaker. Our nationally recognized Miami Lighthouse Musicians will provide entertainment and NBC journalist Marissa Bagg will emcee the presentation.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 11:30 a.m. till noon, with lunch taking place from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Sponsors include GenSpring/SunTrust Private Wealth, H. Angela Whitman Foundation, Norma Jean Abraham, El Carajo International Tapas & Wines, and Monster Sound Production. RSVP by October 18th to Cameron Sisser at [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org) or 786-362-7515.

*Pre 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Luncheon*

**Keynote Presentation by  
Danelle Umstead**

Blind Paralympian Ski Racing Four-Time Medalist,  
Dancing with the Stars Contestant  
and Motivational Speaker

**Emceed by  
Marissa Bagg**  
Journalist, NBC-6

*Enjoy*

Our Nationally Recognized  
Miami Lighthouse Musicians

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR COMPLIMENTARY

*See the Light*  
LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*In the brand new contemporary clubhouse at  
Riviera Country Club  
1155 Blue Road • Coral Gables, Florida 33146*

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*Complimentary Valet Parking*

*See the Light Invite*

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**Get ready to celebrate National White Cane Day!**

An estimated 200 guests, students, and members, are scheduled to put on their sneakers and join us on October 15th at 8:30 a.m., to celebrate National White Cane Day with a walk beginning at our Miami Lighthouse heading down SW 8th Street and back. The

celebration will honor our Grand Marshall, City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez, and will be escorted by the City of Miami Fire and Police Departments.

After the walk, the celebration will continue back at our Miami Lighthouse, with delicious food and music featuring musicians from our outstanding Music Program. Penny Shaffer, Market President of Florida Blue, will give the keynote address on how to navigate the healthcare system. Sponsors of the meaningful annual event this year include Florida Blue, OrCam, MassMutual Miami, Lions for the Blind, Telefonica, Ambutech, Tracfone, Walgreens Store #15994 and Burger King Store #12778.



**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**  
MARY M. AND SASH A. SPENCER CAMPUS

*White Cane Day logo*

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## **Meet the Chicken Champions!!**

The Young Professionals of the Lighthouse hosted the Miami Lighthouse Chicken Wing Championship on September 13th. The event was sponsored by AXS Law Group, and benefited funds for back to school supplies for Miami Lighthouse students.

The fun event, where participants ate chicken wings as quickly as possible, took place at Batch Gastropub Miami. Attendees were able to network with local young professionals. Congratulations go out to Lucy Foerster and Shane Phillips who were both crowned this year's winners! Our thanks go out to everyone who attended the event and helped to raise funds and awareness for our Miami Lighthouse.



*Chicken Championship Contestants*

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## **Miami Lighthouse's 90th Anniversary Celebration at the historic Biltmore Hotel**

Join Miami's most influential philanthropists, business and civic leaders on Saturday, January 25, 2020, as our Miami Lighthouse celebrates 90 years of service to the blind and visually impaired. The milestone gala is presented by Northern Trust and is a black tie event. Individual tickets are \$700, and sponsorship opportunities are available, as well as advertisements congratulating Miami Lighthouse in the official 90th Anniversary Celebration program booklet. To purchase tickets, a table, or to place an advertisement in the program, please contact Cameron Sisser at [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org) or at 786-362-7515.



It's Possible to See Without Sight™

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND  
INVITES YOU TO OUR

**90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

GALA PRESENTED BY NORTHERN TRUST

HONORING OUR LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS  
AND 90TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILARIANS

JANUARY 25, 2020 | 7:00 PM  
THE HISTORIC BILTMORE HOTEL

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INVITATION TO FOLLOW

*90th Anniversary Celebration Save the Date*

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## In the News:

[Beyond Blindness Podcast by Virginia Jacko: Courage, positivity and mindset facing ocular illness](#)

[On mySidewalk, September 24, 2019 - "Making Data Accessible for Everyone"](#)

[Time, September 12, 2019 - "2020 Presidential Candidates Are Making \(Some\) Progress On Website Accessibility"](#)

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*Contributed by Joan Spector*

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