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### Great News! Our young artists are big winners

We are truly excited and proud to tell you that young artists from our second grade class and our summer camp, despite their vision disabilities, have won both first and second place in the American Printing House “Insights Art” International Art Contest! There were 280 entries from around the world, according to Aaron Hill, Art Instructor for our Miami Lighthouse Social Group Activities Program.



*First Place Winner: "SAVE THE EARTH & SEE TURTLES" was created by children from our summer camp. The "turtles" were created out of recycled paper cups, colored with markers and adorned with gems and stones. The huge 48"x48" piece was painted by several summer campers. Clear plastic bowls were colored with markers and attached to the "world" which was circled with a hula hoop. This creative piece also made it into the top ten of Channel 10's eARTh Day Contest.*



*Second Place Winner: "MAGICAL MONET" was created by four of Miami Lighthouse 2nd grade art students. The children first painted the abstract water background on four separate canvases, then created the water lily pads with pastel markers. The flowers were created from egg cartons and cupcake paper holders. The canvases were then joined together to create "Magical Monet" inspired by Claude Monet's "Water Lilies".*

More than ever, we need the support of our faithful donor community. Miami Lighthouse transports every student despite the fact that fuel costs have risen dramatically over the last 6 months. At the same time, donations have dramatically decreased. Our need is greater than ever and that's why we ask that you please think about giving whatever you can. Double your investment today by joining The Wildflower Foundation Matching Challenge to support art and music for our students by clicking the Donate Now button.

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## **Congratulations to Miami Lighthouse Academy Graduates**

Our Miami Lighthouse Academy is internationally recognized for our Pre-K program and is one of the only in the country where sighted and blind children interact with the same curriculum. Many of these children do not realize that some of them are blind and some are sighted—they're simply peers learning, playing, and growing together.

Congratulations to our 2022 Miami Lighthouse Academy graduates and thank you for showing everyone that "It's Possible To See Without Sight". Check out the graduation procession video below.



*Miami Lighthouse Academy 2022 Graduation Procession Video*

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## Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon

Join us for our annual Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, July 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on our campus, located at 601 SW 8th Avenue.

The complimentary luncheon, sponsored by Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, will provide attendees with the opportunity to network with local elected officials, Miami Lighthouse Board Directors, and other community leaders. Guests will enjoy a special performance by our Miami Lighthouse United Voices Choir and a tour of our newly expanded facility.

RSVP via e-mail to [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org) and find out how you can make an impact on our blind community.



The poster features a dark red background with white and blue text and graphics. At the top left is the logo for Young Professionals of the Lighthouse, which includes a stylized lighthouse icon. The main title 'INVITE YOU TO MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, the purpose of the event is stated in smaller white text. The date and time are prominently displayed in white. The location and contact information are provided in a white box. The sponsor's name and logo are also included. The bottom of the poster features a decorative graphic of stars and stripes, with the RSVP information and the organization's slogan.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE**

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[CBS Miami, June 17, 2022 – "Teen musician to represent South Florida in national braille reading competition"](#)

[The Real Blind Tech Show- Episode 87: A Conversation with Miami Lighthouses Virginia Jacko and Jorge Hernandez](#)

[Social Miami, June 16, 2022 – "Miami Lighthouse for the Blind's MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"](#)

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