



MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE CEO VIRGINIA A. JACKO RECEIVES CONCERN AWARD FROM HEALTH
FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA



Miami Lighthouse President & CEO Virginia Jacko with Arthur Hertz & Chairman-Elect Owen Freed

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MIAMI—December 5, 2008—Virginia A. Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, received the 2008 Concern Award from Health Foundation of South Florida at their annual luncheon at the Hyatt Grand Regency in downtown Miami. The award includes a \$25,000 grant to Miami Lighthouse.

More than 300 community leaders were present to hear the stories of the finalists for the award, who received \$10,000 for their organizations, and enjoyed the antics of the emcee, humor columnist Dave Barry. CEO Jacko was the recipient for organizations with a greater than \$1 million budget. She was nominated for the award by Arthur H. Hertz, CEO of Wometco Enterprises and Miami Seaquarium.

“I am humbled by this recognition by Health Foundation of South Florida, and so grateful to Arthur Hertz for nominating me,” CEO Jacko said in a video presentation that featured all of the nominees.

Health Foundation of South Florida has awarded more than \$78 million in grants and program support to promote access to health care for underserved individuals in South Florida since 1993. The winner in the category for organizations with operating budgets smaller than \$1 million was Pedro Rodriguez, founder of Spinal Cord Living-Assistance Development, Inc.

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Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is Florida's largest and oldest agency serving the blind and visually impaired. In addition to providing free vision care to thousands of financially disadvantaged children each year, Miami Lighthouse each month helps more than one thousand blind and visually impaired people and their families learn to live safe and independent lives while coping with vision loss. For more information visit www.miamilighthouse.org. To schedule a tour call Jessica Joseph at 305-856-2288, ext. 226.

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:

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