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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE LAUNCHES 85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BRAMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$1 MILLION TO CENTER OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN

Miami Lighthouse marked the start of its 85th year serving the blind and visually impaired with CEO Virginia Jacko announcing at its annual See the Light luncheon that the Braman Family Foundation has pledged a \$1 million leadership gift toward the expansion of its Center of Excellence to create a new facility, the Lighthouse Learning Center for Visually Impaired Children, which will be matched by an anonymous donor. The much needed new Center will serve as a pre-kindergarten for blind three- and four-year olds, an early intervention center for children from birth to age three and provide a venue for learning laboratories and recreation.

Keynote speaker Thomas J. Wlodkowski, Comcast Vice President for Accessibility, told the audience about Comcast's collaboration with Miami Lighthouse to pilot the new Comcast Talking Guide. The Spanish language version of the Comcast Talking Guide was unveiled at the luncheon. The innovative new system allows a visually impaired person, using either English or Spanish, to access TV program selection through audio output.

Emceed by Coral Gables Chamber President & CEO, Mark Trowbridge, the event was sponsored by Comcast, Nostro Jones P.A. and GenSpring and was attended by more than 250 community leaders and philanthropists. Hors d'oeuvres were provided by Norma Jean Abraham and Lighthouse logo cookies were provided by Jan Morrison.

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CEO Virginia Jacko with Comcast leadership team: Cynthia Arco, Mindy Kramer, Thomas Wlodkowski, Filemon Lopez, Nina Sherman and Derek Cooper



Jorge Munilla, CEO Virginia Jacko, Jacquelyn Munilla, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, Miami-Dade County Public Defender Carlos Martinez, George Foyo



Carlos Fernandez-Guzman and Miami Lighthouse Board Chair Ray Casas



Marta Weeks, CEO Virginia Jacko, Karl Wulf



Jose Montes, Milly Montes and Soraya Rivera-Moya present \$25,000 check to CEO Virginia Jacko on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida



Emcee Mark Trowbridge



Amanda Keeley, founder of EXILE Books, receives recognition



Norma Jean Abraham and CEO Virginia Jacko