



## MEDIA ALERT

### **MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE PROVIDING NO-COST EYE EXAMS AND PRESCRIPTION GLASSES TO UNDERSERVED YOUNGSTERS IN THE CORAL SPRINGS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

**WHAT:** Optometrists to give free vision examinations and glasses to low-income children attending Coral Springs Middle Summer Youth Program.

**WHEN:** July 21, 2022, 9:30 A.M.-12 Noon

**WHERE:** Coral Springs Middle School  
10300 West Wiles Road  
Coral Springs, Florida 33076

**WHO:** Provided by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program

**DETAILS:** The Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program will provide no-cost eye examinations by licensed optometrists in fully equipped mobile optometric units to underserved school children attending the Coral Springs Summer Youth Program.

The Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program is administered by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired in collaboration with a network of optometrists throughout the State. Five Heiken Program mobile eye clinics take primary eye care directly to Florida's school children. Each year schools throughout the State refer underserved school children so that the Heiken Program can provide dilated eye examinations and prescription glasses at no cost to needy children whose families cannot afford these services.

Approximately 77 percent of all children examined require and receive prescription eyeglasses, confirming the importance of the screenings and a follow-up comprehensive eye exams by the Heiken Program.

#### About Coral Springs Middle Summer Youth Program

Sponsored by the Coral Springs Police Department, the Coral Springs Summer Youth Program provides six weeks of sports, arts and crafts, safety and self-defense instruction activities for underserved youngsters ages 7-13. Police officers serve as counselors with assistance provided by local teen-age volunteers.

#### About Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program

The mission of the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program is to make sure that all underserved school children have access to comprehensive eye examinations, including dilation and glasses, if required, to give them the best chance at academic success. These free services are offered statewide, either on-site at schools, via five mobile eye clinics or by the Heiken program's network of more than 1,000 participating optometrists. Funding is provided by the State of Florida Department of Health, The Miami-Dade Children's Trust and generous private donors.

For more information about the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program and Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, contact Cameron Sisser at [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org) or 786-362-7515.