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In case you missed it, you can read the *Miami New Times* article below:

"Last year, a WalletHub survey ranked Miami one of the least caring cities in the United States. How did the Magic City measure so poorly? According to WalletHub, its researchers found a distinct lack of volunteerism and caring for the vulnerable, suggesting Miamians are perhaps a bit self-centered. But it's never too late to change that perception, and there's no better place to begin than at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, one of the city's oldest charitable organizations serving the visually impaired. And though not everyone has deep pockets to make a considerable donation, Miami Lighthouse offers other ways for people to help. Simply fill out a volunteer application on its website to help with everything from children's programs to vision screenings and fundraising. Because Miami Lighthouse has a four-star Charity Navigator rating, volunteers and donors can trust that their time and money will be well spent."

Congratulations to our Pre-K Graduates, Class of 2017!

Proud parents and teachers applauded as six adorable four-year olds, both sighted and visually impaired, wearing caps and gowns for the big event paraded into the room to receive their Certificates of Achievement presented by Virginia Jacko, Miami Lighthouse President & CEO.



First class of Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™

The three-year olds in this first-of-its-kind inclusive Pre-K program also were awarded Certificates of Completion marking their year with the class as well. The students performed three songs for their parents and guests: "Beautiful Day," "I've Been Going to My Preschool" and "You Are My Sunshine" before light refreshments were served.

The exciting news is that the next Pre-K session, that is slated to start in August, will take place in our brand new Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™!

Daddies of Pre-K Kids Get Early Father's Day Gift

Daddies are always special, so what could be more fun than to offer those attending the Pre-K graduation a complimentary shave by The Art of Shaving.

But before the Dads got their early Father's Day gift, Vice President Rafael Niebles, and his Staff introduced both the girls and boys to the feel of cool shaving cream on their little faces followed by the introduction of popside sticks to imitate razors that would be used in an actual shave. The Dads were delighted receive a shave by The Art of Shaving's professional barber using a traditional straight-edge razor. The kids and parents had a blast as the photo shows!

Our thanks to The Art of Shaving a division of Proctor and Gamble. They were a great finale to an incredible day!



Miami Lighthouse Pre-K student, Mariel, spreads shaving cream on dad Jose's face

HeroBoys Reinforce Positive Values to Children's Summer Camp Students

On June 28th the HeroBoys visited Miami Lighthouse Summer Training and Recreation Program Campers to celebrate adventure, imagination, and limitless potential with blind children. HeroBoys is a line of toys and comic books created by parents aimed at using children's love of superheroes to reinforce positive values like honesty, loyalty, humility, compassion, and diligence.



STAR Summer Campers pose with HeroBoys

Our youngsters were read the exciting first issue of the HeroBoys comic book by Edward Boland, Cofounder/CEO of Whimzy Entertainment. They participated in a question and answer session and had the opportunity to wear their own capes and masks so they could create their own Hero with their very own "essence stone" (the key to the HeroBoys super powers).

Aventura North Miami Beach Lions Club Presents Scholarship to Miami Lighthouse Students

Miami Lighthouse students Angel Wallace and Marino Flores were presented collegiate scholarships for their hard work and dedication to achieving good grades in school. The Aventura North Miami Beach Lions Club provides partial college scholarships to local handicapped students in the name of their deceased Past President Michael Young.



Angel Wallace and Marino Flores with District Governor Luis Olarte

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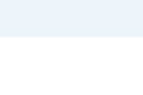
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