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## Thoughts on Thanksgiving

**We have much to be thankful for here at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We are so grateful to all of our big-hearted supporters including those who share their talents with us, those who share their treasures with us, and those who share their precious time with us. To each and every one of you, our deepest thanks.**

**May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!**

## A moving visit by Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

We were honored to host Archbishop Wenski at Miami Lighthouse in early November. The visit began with a tour of our innovative Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ where he was serenaded by our pre-kindergarten children, half of which are visually impaired and the other half sighted. The students delivered an emotional rendition of "You Are My Sunshine" and presented his Holiness with a tribute gift.



*Board Director John Harriman, President and CEO Virginia Jacko, Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Board Director Ray Casas with Pre-K students from our Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™*

Archbishop Wenski also toured the adult programs including our Senior Group Health and Activities Program and our nationally recognized Miami Lighthouse Music Studio where our new United Voices Choir delivered a heartfelt performance of "I Believe." His visit concluded at the Low Vision Solutions Center where he learned about the various remarkable low vision devices available to those affected by vision loss.



*Archbishop Wenski speaks to clients in our Senior Group Health and Activities Program*

"We greatly appreciate the Archbishop's interest for the blind and visually impaired members of our community and the work we are doing at the Miami Lighthouse," said Ray Casas, Immediate Past Board Chairman. "We share a goal of helping those in need, be it a spiritual or a physical impairment."




## Report on our successful "Transitioning Through Technology" program funded by Comcast.

December 31st will mark the conclusion of Comcast Corporation's initial year of financial support for Miami Lighthouse's innovative and highly successful "Transitioning Through Technology" program. The program was designed to improve communication, braille literacy, develop social-emotional skills, support parent education, and promote family engagement.

Comcast's generous funding provided an opportunity for 61 pre-kindergarten and school-aged children to work on essential school readiness skills. As a result, the majority of the children have demonstrated significantly increased skills in all areas. Based on the initial results, we are confident that our early learning program is proving to be an asset to our community and are proud to report that it is the national model.

*Contributed by Joan Spector*

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