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THE JORGE M. PÉREZ  
FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation awarded Miami Lighthouse a grant focused on inclusive programming for the blind and visually impaired with an emphasis on equality, exchange, and integration. This grant funding allows Miami Lighthouse to raise awareness of best practices locally, nationally, and internationally through professional development seminars, online modules, and parent support workshops. The Perez Family Foundation's mission is to promote sustainable, inclusive and just communities by supporting programs and organizations that focus on arts and culture, health and well-being, education, the environment and economic development.



The Mockingbird Foundation awarded Miami Lighthouse a grant to help with remote operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Miami Lighthouse instructors are providing one-on-one instruction, utilizing pivotal technology equipment and loaned musical instruments. Utilizing our Expert Learning License portal, students are learning in-home and participating in Zoom classes. The Mockingbird Foundation is dedicated to improving access to music education for America's youth.

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## **Celebrate National White Cane Day on October 15th**

White Cane Day is a national observance day established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964. This day is set aside to celebrate the many achievements of people who are blind and visually impaired and the important symbol of their independence, the white cane.

In previous years, we have held a procession of more than 100 blind and visually impaired Miamians walking with white canes and guide dogs along with many sighted volunteers. This year however, in keeping with the times and social distancing, the event is going virtual. This is the one time of the year we ask our grateful clients to give back to this remarkable place that many call their second home.

We are pleased to tell you that our many clients who would ordinarily walk in the procession have created their own fundraising webpages. The virtual procession will feature speeches by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Penny Shaffer of Florida Blue, the day's signature sponsor, and Division of Blind Services District Director Pamela Ortiz. We will also feature musical entertainment by our many program participants from Pre-Kindergarteners to seniors.

It may be very different but we promise it will be lots of fun. To visit our program participant's page and to view the program on October 15th visit: <http://www.miamilighthouse.org/VirtualWhiteCaneDay2020.asp>

**VIRTUAL**

**WHITE  
CANE DAY  
2020**

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND  
MARY M. AND SASH A. SPENCER CAMPUS

*Save the Date*  
OCTOBER 15TH

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR



*Virtual White Cane Day on October 15th  
sponsored by Florida Blue Medicare*

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## **"SEE THE LIGHT" Luncheon will be virtual this year!**

Miami Lighthouse's annual signature event, our "SEE THE LIGHT" Luncheon, is one of our most important fundraising occasions during the year. In past years, we have welcomed over 250 guests from our philanthropic family to a luncheon with music, entertainment and heartfelt remarks from program participants.

In keeping with the times of social distancing, we are going virtual. Instead of 250 guests in a ballroom, we can now have unlimited attendees. On October 29th we will have a 30 minute program sponsored by PNC Bank at 12:00pm featuring an exclusive performance by Latin superstar Willy Chirino and Chirino Sisters. We will also feature students from our Lighthouse Learning Center for Children, Miami Lighthouse client Marin Baumer and a few more surprises!

To learn more and make a donation to our luncheon visit:

<http://www.miamilighthouse.com/VirtualSeeTheLightLunch2020.asp>

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AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

16<sup>th</sup> Annual

*See the Light*

LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 29, 2020

12:00PM

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR



*Virtual "SEE THE LIGHT" Luncheon  
on October 29th sponsored by PNC Bank*

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## **Miami Lighthouse Lantern Newsletter**

Have you ever read the Miami Lighthouse's Quarterly Newsletter? It's chock-full of interesting and informative material about the remarkable work being done for those with vision disabilities. You'll find lots of photos and fascinating articles that we promise will make you want to learn more!

Click here to view our [Lantern Newsletter](#).

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## In the News:

[TIME, September 30, 2020-"Absentee Ballot Applications are not accessible to Voters with Disabilities in 43 States"](#)

[Business Insider, September 24, 2020 - "Millions of disabled voters could be sidelined in 12 battleground states because of their election websites, new report shows"](#)

[Miami Today, September 8, 2020 - "The Achiever - Virginia Jacko: Leading further growth of Miami Lighthouse for the blind"](#)

[Arbust, September 3, 2020 - "Blind Artists Make Beautiful Music With Miami Lighthouse For The Blind Program"](#)

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