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COVID-19 Testing at Miami Lighthouse

This month Miami Lighthouse began providing free COVID-19 testing for our blind and visually impaired community. Thank you to Accessible Home Healthcare of Aventura for responding to the difficulties our blind population have been experiencing with at-home rapid tests and the accessibility to public testing sites. With the assistance of our generous Board Director, Ali Mandsaurwala and his team, we have been able to make our campus as safe as possible to continue our daily services for our program participants.



Accessible Home Healthcare of Aventura providing free COVID-19 testing at Miami Lighthouse



Renea, our very grateful Senior Group Activities program participant gets a COVID-19 test

Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse

Save the date! Join us on March 19th from 10am to 2pm for our 2nd annual Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse, an immersive arts experience with live music featuring art created by Miami Lighthouse program participants and acclaimed local artists. With support from the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, Citizens Interested in Art, and the Wildflower Foundation, our event celebrates inclusion, diversity, and equity in the arts.



Art work created by our talented visually impaired artists that can be viewed at Miami Lighthouse

Miami Lighthouse "Umbrella" is a definite winner

Highlighting some of the art that will be displayed during our upcoming Art Walk we want to congratulate members from our Social Group Activities Program (SGA) that were awarded 3rd place in the juried "Umbrellas of Little Havana" Art Festival.

Our talented Miami Lighthouse artists created a very colorful design made with pastel art deco colors in a three dimensional effect of geometric patterns. The circular rim of the umbrella is painted in mixed media with large "eyes" adorned with whimsical sunglasses. The overall effect is a true show stopper and definitely deserved the winning attention it received.



Our Umbrella titled, "Little Lighthouse, Big Vision"

Miami Lighthouse CVI Collaborative Center continues to make the news



Miami Herald

The Miami Herald recognized the innovative work of our CVI Collaborative Center this month with an article featuring Lorenzo, one of our CVI students, and elaborating on the remarkable role that our new specialized classrooms are playing for visually impaired early elementary school students.

[Click here to read the article featured in the Miami Herald.](#)

In the News:

[Forbes, December 29, 2021 – "Miami Lighthouse Opens Florida's First CVI Center To Address Pediatric Visual Impairment"](#)

[Miami Herald, December 23, 2021 – "Blind since birth, this teen dreams of an independent life and meeting a musical hero"](#)

[New York Magazine, December 17, 2021 – "When the Job Finds You, Take It"](#)

[Sun Sentinel, December 7, 2021 – "Eye exams for everyone"](#)

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