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Legislative Luncheon is a Huge Success

Our annual Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon was held on Wednesday, July 26th, in appreciation of our elected officials' support of our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program and our Senior Group Activities Program.

The special event provided attendees with the opportunity to meet and network with local elected officials, Miami Lighthouse Board Directors, and other community leaders. Guests enjoyed a musical performance by our talented Miami Lighthouse Music Program student band, Styrofoam Cup, and a fascinating tour of our newly expanded campus. We thank Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman for sponsoring the luncheon and The Montes Family owned and operated McDonald's for providing lunch.



Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts Juan Fernandez-Barquin and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez presents check to Miami Lighthouse President & CEO Virginia Jacko, Chair-Elect Steven Solomon and YOPL Chair Alexander Nostro.

Girl Scout Troop 552 Creates Unique Music Curriculum

Miami Girl Scout Troop 552 and Troop member Gabriella selected Miami Lighthouse as their project to achieve a Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. This award requires for a Troop to undertake a sustainable project.

Gabriella and her Troop worked with our Miami Lighthouse Music Program throughout the summer and, in collaboration with Friends of South Florida Music, created a drumming curriculum for Miami Lighthouse music students.

What makes Gabriella extremely proud is knowing that her drumming curriculum will be implemented into the music classes at Miami Lighthouse, leaving a lasting legacy. Congratulations Girl Scout Troop 552 and Gabriella, thank you for your efforts!

Want to help teenagers who are visually impaired harness the benefits of music education? [Click here](#) and donate to our Youth Music Program.



Miami Lighthouse Summer Music Students and Teachers practice the drumming curriculum developed by Girl Scout Troop 552.

Teenagers Visit the Florida Panthers and Learn to Play Floorball

Miami Lighthouse's Pre-Employment Transition Program for Teenagers enjoyed taking part in a hands-on hockey clinic thanks to the Florida Panthers Foundation. The teenagers played floorball in the bowl of FLA Live Arena and also participated in a career development panel. The hockey clinic taught the youngsters to stickhandle, pass and shoot.

The outing was covered by several news outlets including: [CBS-4](#), [WSVN-7](#) and [Channel 10](#), [Miami Herald](#) and [New Castle News](#).

Miami Lighthouse has been the recipient of several Community Champions Grants from the Florida Panthers Foundation. Thanks to these grants, our Florida Heiken Children Vision Program has broadened its reach throughout South Florida, providing the opportunity to have better vision to more financially disadvantaged who are in dire need of eye care.

Want to help teenagers who are visually impaired become job-ready? [Click here](#) and donate to our Pre-employment/Transition Program.



CBS-4 news feature #MiamiProud on our Miami Lighthouse Pre-Employment Transition Program visit to Florida Panthers FLA Live Arena.

In the News:

- [Endurance Sportswire, July 26, 2023 - "Rutgers University to Host Blind Soccer National Coaching Summit"](#)
- [Miami Today, July 13, 2023 - "You can enroll your child today in Miami Lighthouse Academy"](#)
- [Impact Edition, July 4, 2023 – "IN HER OWN LIGHT"](#)

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