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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE HOSTS “MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: A TASTE OF
BRICKELL” TO BENEFIT HEIKEN CHILDREN’S VISION PROGRAM

April, 2008—Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired will host a fundraiser Wed., April 30, to benefit its Heiken Children’s Vision Program, a new mobile outreach program that provides free eye care services to schoolchildren in need.

Musical entertainment will feature Latin tenor Warren Tesh, guitarist Antonio Cobo and violinist Randolph Margitza, and internationally renowned pianist Julio Fumero, joined by the talented musicians of the Miami Lighthouse Music Program. Brickell area restaurants, including Baja Fresh Mexican Grille, BLU Pizza & Cucina, Gordon Biersch, Morton’s Steak House, 900 Novecento, Perricone’s Marketplace and Rosinella, will provide an array of savory delights.

The event will run from 7-10 p.m. at Miami Lighthouse, located at 601 S.W. 8th Avenue, eight blocks west of Brickell Avenue. Tickets are \$60 per person and may be obtained by calling 305-858-4421.

The event is sponsored by Mobile Specialty Vehicles, Eschenbach Optik, Florida Reading & Vision, AmbuTech and Rain Vodka.

Miami Lighthouse acquired the Heiken Children’s Vision Program in July 2007. Through a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County Schools, our first mobile unit has provided free vision care and eyeglasses to thousands of economically disadvantaged schoolchildren who failed state-mandated vision screenings.

The Miami Lighthouse Children’s Vision Program is funded by The Children’s Trust, The Batchelor Foundation, Health Foundation of South Florida, Public Health Trust, Florida Optometric Association Charities, Blank Family Foundation, Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation, Peacock Foundation, Junior League of Miami, Shepard Broad Foundation, Anthony R. Abraham Foundation, Dade Community Foundation, Kennedy Family Foundation, Geiger Charity Foundation, D. Richard Mead Charitable Foundation, and others. The eyeglasses, free to the students, are provided by Florida’s Vision Quest,

Inc. A second mobile unit will expand free eye care service to more children in both Dade and Monroe Counties. The Dade County Optometric Association initiated the Heiken Children's Vision Fund in 1992.

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Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is Florida's largest and oldest agency serving the blind and visually impaired. In addition to providing free vision care to thousands of financially disadvantaged children each year, Miami Lighthouse helps more than two thousand blind and visually impaired people and their families learn to live safe and independent lives while coping with vision loss. For more information visit www.miamilighthouse.org. To schedule a tour call Julia King at 305-856-2288, ext. 249.

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To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to educate professionals, and
to conduct research in related fields.