



INTER MIAMI CF ACADEMY COACHES TO PROVIDE SOCCER CLINIC FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED TEENS FROM MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

WHAT: Students from Miami Lighthouse Pre-Employment Transition Program will participate in an Inter Miami CF Soccer Clinic.

WHEN: Thursday, October 3, 2024
10:00am: Student arrival; 10:30am: Soccer Clinic; 11:30am Guided tour of Inter Miami CF's Chase Stadium

WHERE: Florida Blue Training Center - 1350 NW 55th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

DETAILS: Inter Miami CF and Florida Blue have partnered to provide Miami Lighthouse for the Blind Pre-Employment Transition Program teenagers a touch tour and fútbol clinic. The specially designed clinic will teach the history, basic skills and rules of soccer, using beeping soccer balls that enable the blind and visually impaired student to locate them by their beeping sound and strategically placed speakers to be used behind the net. The Inter Miami CF coaches will undertake sensitivity training beforehand to educate on how to better interact with the blind. Inter Miami CF HR Department will also speak to Miami Lighthouse's Pre-Employment Transition Program teens about the different job opportunities within the organization and the students will also get a hands-on tour of Inter Miami CF's Chase Stadium.

"The competitive and physical nature of soccer brings to life our Miami Lighthouse for the Blind slogan that *'It's Possible to See Without Sight™'*", said Virginia A. Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse.

Miami Lighthouse Pre-Employment Transition Program teaches young blind and visually impaired people, ages 14-22, to develop skills and enter the workforce or post-secondary education. Students learn important life skills, like home and personal management, assistive technology, job readiness, orientation and mobility, social skills and community integration.

The participants also will enjoy lunch provided by Inter Miami CF. The clinic was arranged by Florida Blue in collaboration with Inter Miami CF. For more information, contact Cameron Sisser at 786-362-7515 or csisser@miamilighthouse.org.