



## It's Grand Opening Time!



An archived photo of Miami Lighthouse in the 1940's and rendering of new campus

The Grand Opening of our new Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™, and the dedication of the Mary M. & Sash A. Spencer Campus is set for Wednesday, August 16th. This exciting event is sponsored by the Charles & Olga Nielson family.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of the wonderful people and organizations that have supported the addition of this unique educational facility to our Miami Lighthouse, especially MCM our highly efficient general contractor, Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners our remarkable architects, and our generous donors who have made our Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ a reality.

With the help of the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, our remarkable general contractor and architects, today as we send out this edition of Light Line™ we are pleased to report that we received our Temporary Occupancy Permit, and furniture is being moved in to our new building. In a few days we will have the official Certificate of Occupancy. Yes, all of this was accomplished in one year because of an awesome synergy of many committed people.

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## Blind Teenagers Learn the 'Art of Shaving'



Pre-Employment Transition Program students get help from 'Art of Shaving' associate.

Teenage boys in Miami Lighthouse's Pre-Employment Transition Program were visited by a group of shaving professionals from The Art of Shaving. The students were given individualized training on grooming where they learned and practiced several techniques that are used by professionals. Our teenage boys were thrilled to participate, and some even said it was their first time shaving. Afterwards, the students were each given a special Art of Shaving kit as a gift.

## Exciting New Technology for the Visually Impaired!



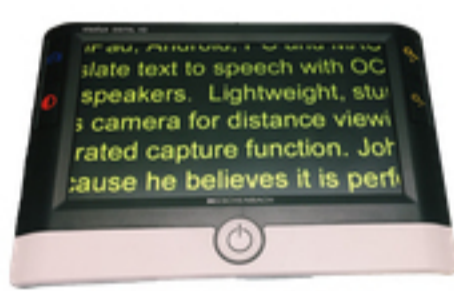
E-bot ADV, iPad compatible Portable Video Magnifier

Many exciting new products for the visually impaired have recently come on the market, according to John Garcia, Licensed Dispensing Optician and Manager of our Low Vision Solutions Center. The new technology is adaptable to all ages and ranges from an advanced version of the digital magnifier to a much smaller and lighter version of the Braille Dot Embosser.

Our Solutions Center is proud to offer the only portable video magnifier that is compatible with iPad, Android, PC and MAC computers. It will magnify near and far and will actually translate text to speech with OCR so you can listen to it read aloud through your computer's speakers. Lightweight, sturdy and very portable, the new version has a powerful wireless camera for distance viewing that provides magnification up to 40x in full HD with integrated capture function. John is particularly enthusiastic about this piece of equipment because he believes it is perfect for today's active senior.

Another fascinating new product offers a system of tactile drawing tools that are designed to bring learning, creativity and fun to the user's fingertips. For the first time, blind users will be able to create, edit and share tactile drawings like their sighted peers.

In addition, the new Phoenix Braille Embosser is actually a ninth generation of Braille embossing technology, and offers the user, also for the first time, the capability of embossing PRN files that contain instructions for the printer as well as other important controls.



Visolux Digital HD7

Visit our Low Vision Solutions Center or call 786-362-7489 for more information on these exciting new products or call 786-362-7479 to schedule a low vision functional assessment.



With the completion of our new Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ this August, our Vision Solutions Center will very shortly be moving back to its spacious main floor location, and access will be available directly from our new parking garage.



Licensed Dispensing Optician and Manager, Jorge Hernandez, shows off some new gadgets at our Low Vision Solutions Center.

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