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Help prevent blindness by attending Music Under the Stars.



Join us for our eleventh Annual Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami, a fundraiser for our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. This year's event will take place in Miami Lighthouse's new Learning Center for Children™ on May 16th from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and will feature a unique take on one of the most iconic silent movies of all time, *The Great Train Robbery*. Our very own nationally recognized Miami Lighthouse Band will perform an original score to accompany the movie. The highly anticipated show will be a performance by our blind musicians playing alongside their sighted peers. Imagine being blind and performing your music in sync with a silent movie. Join us to witness this exciting first-of-its-kind demonstration of the innovation and musical prowess of our blind musicians.

Enjoy cocktails on the Dan and Trish Bell East Veranda of our new Learning Center as we transform our facility into a movie, musical performance and restaurant venue with food selections from local restaurants providing paella, gourmet pasta dishes, and much more.

Since the inception of our Heiken Program in 1992, more than 118,000 financially disadvantaged schoolchildren who had no other source for vision care have received free dilated eye exams. During the 2016-2017 school year of the 11,146 who received an exam, 668 were referred for follow up for underlying medical conditions with the potential to lead to vision loss. Help prevent blindness by attending Music Under the Stars benefitting our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program!

Miami Lighthouse students take South Regional Braille Challenge by storm.



Last week, students from our Children's Program at Miami Lighthouse took part in the South Florida Regional Braille Challenge. The event was held in Fort Lauderdale and is the only national braille literacy competition of its kind in the country specifically designed to challenge and reward blind students for their study of braille, which is essential to their academic success and future employment.

The main categories within the Braille Challenge include reading comprehension, writing speed and accuracy, proofreading, and reading tactile charts and graphs. All of our students who attended this competition were award winners, and we are proud to share their achievements with you.

Our Braille and Technology literacy classes helped these children hone their Braille skills to successfully compete and win awards at the South Florida Regional Braille Challenge.

Miami Lighthouse student Timothy Dijon receives award at the South Regional Braille Challenge.

SGA clients enjoy a 'berry' special day at Knaus Berry Farm.



SGA clients and volunteers picking strawberries at Knaus Berry Farm in Homestead.

On Friday, February 23rd, clients in our Social Group Activities (SGA) Program went on a fieldtrip to Knaus Berry Farm in Homestead. We are grateful to the various Lions Clubs and volunteers from Telefonica who accompanied our clients. The beautiful day began with picking fresh strawberries and ended with lunch provided by the Lions. Not only did SGA clients get to enjoy a day outside in the beautiful weather, they also were able to eat their delicious strawberry and well-known Knaus Berry Farm cinnamon rolls. This was a "fruitful" experience requiring tactile dexterity that they will recall with pleasure.

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