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Our young students recently enjoyed an on-site field trip from The Real Food Academy at which they discovered the benefits of "real food" and how to use natural, alternative ingredients to make healthier meals. Wearing chef's hats to transform them into "chefs for the day", they learned cooking techniques such as how to mix and measure ingredients as well as how to knead dough while making fresh baked pizzas and fruit kebabs.

Our thanks to The Real Food Academy for providing our students with a deliciously memorable day.



Summer Camp student Diana enjoys eating a fruit kebab

Young Professionals host Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon

The Young Professionals of the Lighthouse (YPOL) hosted our annual Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon on July 14th. The successful event, sponsored by the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, honored Miami Lighthouse champions which include local, state and federally elected officials.

The Florida Legislature, Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Education Division of Blind Services financially support our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program as well as our Senior Group Health & Activities Program. Representative Nicholas Duran and Representative Michael Grieco presented a check on behalf of the Florida Legislature to our Heiken Program. Guests also enjoyed a tour of our award-winning facility where they witnessed firsthand how Miami Lighthouse is using technology to level the playing field for the blind and visually impaired.



Representative Nicholas Duran and Representative Michael Grieco present check to President and CEO Virginia Jacko, Board Chair Charles Nielson Sr. and YPOL Chair Alexander Nostro.



YPOL Chair Alexander Nostro and Board Chair Charles Nielson Sr. present handmade plaque to event sponsors Mitchell Bierman and Marlon Hill from Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman

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Big Announcement! The Grand Opening of our Miami Lighthouse Academy Classroom Expansion Ribbon Cutting will take place on Friday, August 13th at 9AM. The event will take place on our Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Campus and will celebrate the opening of our new classrooms for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade visually impaired students and their teachers. The Family Foundation will match donations to support our crucial need for a nurse as well as art, music and fitness instruction for students in our Miami Lighthouse Academy. Should you be unable to attend, please consider supporting our expansion by making a donation [here](#).



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THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC.

**You are invited
to the Grand Opening of
our Miami Lighthouse Academy
Classroom Expansion**

Located on our

Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Campus

601 SW 8th Avenue • Miami, Florida 33130

Friday, August 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez

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Valet Parking at 8th Avenue Garage Entrance

RSVP to Cameron Sisser by August 9th

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In the News:

[South Florida Sun Sentinel, July 21, 2021 – "Delivering the Promise of the ADA in the Digital Age"](#)

[WSJ, July 7, 2021 – "How to Serve Blind and Visually Impaired Children"](#)

[CBS Miami, July 6, 2021 – "Visually Impaired Students Get Lessons In Life & Hockey Courtesy The Florida Panthers Foundation"](#)

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