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### Giving Tuesday to our New CVI Collaborative

On this Giving Tuesday, we continue to celebrate our all new CVI Collaborative Center. Miami's Community Newspapers recently printed a glowing tribute to Miami Lighthouse for its role in opening the state's first Cortical Visual Impairment Center. The article, which appeared in all of the newspaper's publications from Aventura to Homestead, praised the initiation of the unique collaboration between educators, medical professionals, researchers and service providers in Florida, responding exclusively to CVI, the No. 1 cause of pediatric visual impairment in the developed world.

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## **"Music Under the Stars" is a successful Miami Lighthouse extravaganza**

Miami Lighthouse guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment and culinary delights on November 18th with proceeds from the highly successful annual event benefiting Miami Lighthouse's Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. This is the program which provides comprehensive eye examinations and prescription glasses at no cost to underprivileged children throughout Florida.

Our generous sponsors included ABB Optical Group, Publix Super Markets Charities, FPL, Walgreens, Baptist Health South Florida, Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo, LLP, Grove Bank & Trust, H. Angela Whitman Foundation, Genesis Systems Consulting, GrayRobinson, Monster Sound Productions, SFM Services, Inc., Biz Solutions, Susan Conroy Design, Perry Ellis International, Miami Kids Magazine, Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc., Events by Ms.V and more.



*Top row: Pedro De Armas, Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo, LLP; Christian Infante, SFM Services, Inc.; Danny Sanchez, Genesis Systems Consulting*

*Bottom row: Susan Conroy, Susan Conroy Design; George Foyo, Grove Bank & Trust; Erin Dowd, Baptist Health South Florida; Angela Whitman; H. Angela Whitman Foundation; Virginia Jacko, President & CEO of Miami Lighthouse; Georgia Lehoczky, Walgreens; Barry Burak, Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc.*

Evening entertainment featured our amazing Miami Lighthouse Inner Vision Band, emceed by Olga Villaverde, host of The Health Channel's Balancing Act. Guests feasted on edible delights provided by Perricone's, CrepeMaker, The Big Cheese, Don Paella, Season's 52, Roaster's and Toaster's, Sport's Grill, El Carajo, Vicky Bakery, Starbucks, Islas Canarias, Cafe Bernie, E11even Vodka, Eagle Brands and more.

The program also honored iCare Health Solutions and Florida State Legislators for their commitment to our Florida Heiken Program.



*Representing iCare Health Solutions Lee Stern and Dr. Jodi Stern*



*CEO Virginia Jacko and Dr. Sidney Stern*

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## Miami Lighthouse Family Night at FTX Arena

Join us for Miami Lighthouse Family Night at FTX Arena on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 for a spectacular holiday performance by our Miami Lighthouse Music Program. You will be able to experience the pre-game performance located on the ATT East Plaza from 6:30pm-7:30pm. To purchase your tickets today, click [here!](#)

For more information on the Miami Heat vs. Indiana Pacers game contact Cameron Sisser at [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org).



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Did you know 1 out of 4 seniors are living with low vision? Our LighthouseShop.org is recognized as #1 in Low Vision Assistive Technology Devices. For those unaware of the huge variety of products offered by our unique store, consider just a few of the following devices for your loved one this holiday season: electronic magnifiers, mobility canes, talking watches, OrCam reading devices, solar shield glasses, personal management products, cooking products, clocks, games and much more!



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## In the News:

[The Business Journals, November 8, 2021 – "In Her Own Words: CEO Virginia Jacko believes blindness is not a barrier"](#)

[Miami Community News, November 8, 2021 – "Miami Lighthouse for the Blind opens state's first CVI center"](#)

[Univision, November 7, 2021 – "Ayuda a la comunidad para obtener empleo"](#)

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