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## Mark your calendar for May 25th. It's time for "Music Under the Stars – Bon Appetit"

Get ready to be serenaded by the sensational sounds of Miami Lighthouse's award winning musicians, along with talented guest artists, while enjoying culinary treats when you attend our [15th Annual Music Under The Stars: Bon Appetit](#) on Wednesday evening, May 25th, from 6PM to 9PM at Miami Lighthouse.

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## *Music Under the Stars*

*Bon Appétit Miami*

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

at Miami Lighthouse

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Please contact Cameron Sisser at 786.362.7515 or  
csisser@miamilighthouse.org for additional information.



Join us as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program, providing comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses at no cost to underprivileged school children throughout the state of Florida.

This year's event will be emceed by Olga Villaverde, TV Host of The Health Channel and The Balancing Act. Special recognition will be given to Johnson & Johnson Vision and Lions Clubs International Foundation for addressing health equity in eye care both globally and locally and to our Florida State Government Champions.

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## Beeping Easter Egg Hunt is a major success!

Miami Lighthouse Academy Students enjoyed a wonderful holiday tradition on Thursday, April 14th, as they searched for colorful beeping eggs hidden by the mythical Easter Bunny throughout Miami Lighthouse's campus garden. The sounds emitted by the eggs enabled the blind and visually impaired children to locate them by listening, rather than searching by sight.

Our thanks go out to the South Florida Police Benevolent Association and the Miami-Dade Police Department Bomb Squad who sponsored the event and assembled the beeping eggs. The Bomb Squad members also brought with them a friendly police dog and a police robot to interact with the children and distribute holiday baskets and candy.

Click to view our news coverage on [WSVN Channel 7](#) and on [WPLG Local 10](#).



*The South Florida Police Benevolent Association and the Miami-Dade Police Department Bomb Squad with students from our Miami Lighthouse Academy and the Easter Bunny*

## Teenage students from our Transition Program enjoy fishing experience

Thanks to Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman in partnership with the Aventura Marketing Council / Chamber of Commerce, several teenage students recently attended the 2nd Annual Cops, Kids & Community Friendship Thru Fishing Event aboard a boat leaving from Haulover Park. The fishing was a brand-new exciting experience for so many who had never been on a fishing boat before.



*Miami Lighthouse Art Instructor Aaron Hill, Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman, Director of Rehabilitation Programs Florian Utchitel, and our Miami Lighthouse students*



*Miami Lighthouse teenagers enjoyed deep sea fishing in Miami, FL.*

## Ocean Reef Community Foundation awards our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program

We express our most sincere gratitude to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their generous \$10,000 grant to our Statewide Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. This award will help provide comprehensive eye examinations and prescription glasses when needed to low income children in Homestead, Florida City and the Florida Keys. Our Heiken Program brings mobile optometric units directly to Title 1 schools, advancing eye health equity for many children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to have a dilated eye exam in addition to regular vision screening.



## In the News:

- [Eyes On Success, April 20, 2022 – "Hosts Nancy and Peter Torpey talk with Virginia about her advocacy work and highlights of her career"](#)
- [Miami Herald, April 19, 2022 – "Finney focused on an inclusive workforce"](#)
- [WPLG Local 10, April 15, 2022 – "Special 'Beeping Easter Egg Hunt' held for kids at Miami Lighthouse Academy"](#)

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*Contributed by Joan Spector*

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