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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND WILL CELEBRATE 85 YEARS OF SERVICE
AT DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired will celebrate 85 years of service for visually impaired individuals at Miami Lighthouse's 85th Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, January 28, beginning at 7 p.m., at the historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

The Diamond Anniversary Celebration will feature Mistress of Ceremonies Laurie Jennings, WPLG-TV/Local 10 anchor. Entertainment will feature Miami Lighthouse musicians and vocalists who are an international, intergenerational ensemble of award-winning instructors and successful adult and young adult clients.

The event guest speaker is Superintendent Alberto Carvalho. This event will be attended by state, county and city elected officials and community philanthropists, and Young Professionals.

The Miami Lighthouse Board of Directors express their gratitude to Northern Trust as the Presenting Sponsor, along with other corporate sponsors Florida Blue, Marlins Foundation, Comcast and Walgreens. The musician's guayaberas were provided by Perry Ellis International.

Established in 1931 the mission of Miami Lighthouse is to provide vision rehabilitation, eye health services and education that promote independence, to collaborate with and train professionals, and to conduct research in related fields.

Miami Lighthouse recently received a ninth consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the independent online evaluator of not-for-profit organizations. Only 1% of not-for-profits in the U.S. achieve such a distinction, which recognizes fiscal responsibility and efficient use of donor dollars.

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