MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF ITS SPENCER EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER CHALLENGE

Hosted by Bessemer Trust, Shutts and Bowen LLP and Commissioner Sally Heyman, more than 200 South Florida community leaders attended the See the Light Luncheon at La Gorce Country Club on November 15th.

Major contributors to the capital campaign honored with ceramic plaques made by blind children and adults were The Reverend Marta Weeks, Jan and Dan Lewis,
Penny and Roe Stamps, Jacquelyn Hegamyer Hinckley and Katharine Hegamyer. Ruby Jubilarians were also recognized.

Operating funds were raised to support programs in the new facility, such as, Braille literacy, computer and digital technology and math laboratory curriculum, to empower students with skills to be competitive and productive despite their blindness.

The new Fourth Floor Spencer Educational Empowerment Center will allow Miami Lighthouse to educate more blind and visually impaired youth.

According to CEO Jacko this expansion will help meet the demand of a fourteen-fold increase since 2006; now serving 9,500 program participants annually.

For more information call Cameron Sisser, 786-362-7515 or visit www.miamilighthouse.org.



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County Commissioner Sally Heyman, CEO Virginia Jacko, Marlene Brody



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The Reverend Marta Sutton Weeks, Karl Wulf



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