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### MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE RATED IN THE 99<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE OF U.S. CHARITIES BY NATIONAL EVALUATOR CHARITY NAVIGATOR



MIAMI, February 6, 2018 – Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has received its tenth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, a distinction achieved by only 38 of the more than 9,000 charities rated in the United States and is the only not-for-profit organization in Miami-Dade County attaining this highly coveted status.

Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko expressed pride in receiving Charity Navigator’s tenth consecutive 4-star rating. “This consistent record of recognition by America’s premier evaluator of charitable organizations reflects Miami Lighthouse’s long-term commitment to providing the highest level of service to our 16,000 program participants and the highest degree of value to our donors,” said CEO Jacko.

“Only 1% of the charities we evaluate have received at least ten consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired outperforms most other charities in America,” wrote Michael Thatcher, Charity Navigator’s President and CEO. “This exceptional designation sets Miami Lighthouse apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

Founded in 1931, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired's mission 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. Employing nationally recognized best practices and evidence-based curricula, services for people throughout Miami-Dade County cover all ages ranging from early intervention for blind babies and Pre-Kindergarten for three- and four-year-old children to low vision rehabilitation for seniors. Our subsidiary, Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program, provides free eye care to underserved children throughout Florida. In 2017, Miami Lighthouse served over 16,000 individuals. For more information go to [www.miamilighthouse.org](http://www.miamilighthouse.org)

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