



*Providing Hope, Confidence & Independence*

*Our Vision is to Enable the Blind and Visually Impaired  
to See without Sight.*

### POINTS OF PRIDE

- Since 1931, Florida's premier private institution serving the blind and visually impaired
- Of the approximately 8,000 charities evaluated each year by Charity Navigator, Miami Lighthouse is ranked among the top 1% in the nation and is the only nonprofit in Miami with nine consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible
- Accredited continuously since 1978 confirming best instructional practices
- Serving nearly 16,000 program participants annually, including 4,000 reached through community education and outreach, 33 times as many as in 2004
- Year-round programs for blind babies and schoolchildren, including pre-k in our new Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™, emphasizing Braille and technology literacy for academic success
- The Children's Trust recognized our Blind Babies Early Intervention Program as 2016 Children's Program of the Year chosen from hundreds of nominations throughout Miami-Dade County.
- Free eye exams and prescription glasses for low-income children, more than 111,000 exams since 1992
- Modern facility with professional music studio, computer and technology laboratories, training kitchens, arts and crafts studio with kiln, and beautiful tactile gardens
- Provided seed funding for Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and collaboration continues
- Exams and vision enhancement strategies for seniors with age-related vision loss and vision aids to help maintain independence
- Nationally acclaimed music production program leads students to mainstream employment in a competitive industry

# MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

## NEW ONE-FOR-ONE MATCHING CHALLENGE

Over the next four years, the Spencer Challenge will match dollar for dollar for dollar – up to \$2 million – gifts to sustain our new Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™.

### THE NEED

There are more than 300 blind and visually impaired children in Miami-Dade County. In our new first-of-its-kind Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™, visually impaired and sighted students will learn side by side in a fully inclusive classroom setting using the international HighScope curriculum. Your support is crucial to ensure that we will be able to offer high quality early learning education to future generations of blind and visually impaired children in our community.

***Contributions will be matched dollar for dollar  
by the new Spencer Challenge***

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