



POINTS OF PRIDE

- Since 1931, Florida's largest and oldest private agency serving the blind and visually impaired
- Five consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator; ranking nationally among the top 4% of non-profits for fiscal responsibility
- Accredited continuously since 1978, confirming best practices for instruction in Braille, daily living skills, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, and job readiness
- Serving nearly 10,000 clients annually; 14-fold increase since 2006
- Year-round programs for blind babies and for schoolchildren emphasizing Braille and technology literacy for academic success
- Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program provides free optometric exams for children in need with four mobile vision care units and through a network of community optometrists; 65,000 have received exams, 75% needing and receiving free eyeglasses since inception of the program
- Low Vision Center offers exams and vision enhancement strategies for seniors with age-related vision loss; Solutions Store offers vision aids to help seniors maintain independence
- Nationally acclaimed music production program leads students to mainstream employment in a competitive industry
- Provided seed funding for Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and collaboration continues
- Winner of the 2011 *South Florida Business Journal* Excellence in Health Care Award for Community Outreach

MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to educate professionals,
and to conduct research in related fields.*

THE CHALLENGE

There are 67,000 individuals living in Miami-Dade County who are blind or visually impaired and the number is expected to DOUBLE by 2020

- Blind and low vision populations are dramatically increasing in all age groups
- Ninety percent of blind children are Braille illiterate
- Professionals who serve the visually impaired are in critically short supply
- Miami Lighthouse needs more space: we can increase capacity to meet the growing need by adding a Fourth Floor Wing for educational empowerment of program participants and by expanding mobile outreach and in-home services.

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