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## MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE RECEIVES THIRD CONSECUTIVE FOUR-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

MIAMI—March 3, 2010—Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has received its third consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator in recognition of its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances.

President and CEO Virginia Jacko stated, “When philanthropists are concerned about efficient use of their donor dollars they frequently refer to Charity Navigator, the independent online evaluator of not-for-profit, and we are proud to be rated among the top 13% of charities in the nation.”

The ranking notification letter states: “Only 13% of the charities rated by Charity Navigator have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of

their trust. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make. On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management."

Additional information is available on the Miami Lighthouse web site:

[www.miamilighthouse.org](http://www.miamilighthouse.org).

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Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is Florida's largest and oldest agency serving the blind and visually impaired. In addition to providing free vision care to thousands of financially disadvantaged children each year, Miami Lighthouse each month helps more than one thousand blind and visually impaired people and their families learn to live safe and independent lives while coping with vision loss.

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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:**

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