Lighthouse of Broward

10TH ANNIVERSARY
DINING IN THE DARK



A SYMPHONIC AWAKENING
OF THE SENSES

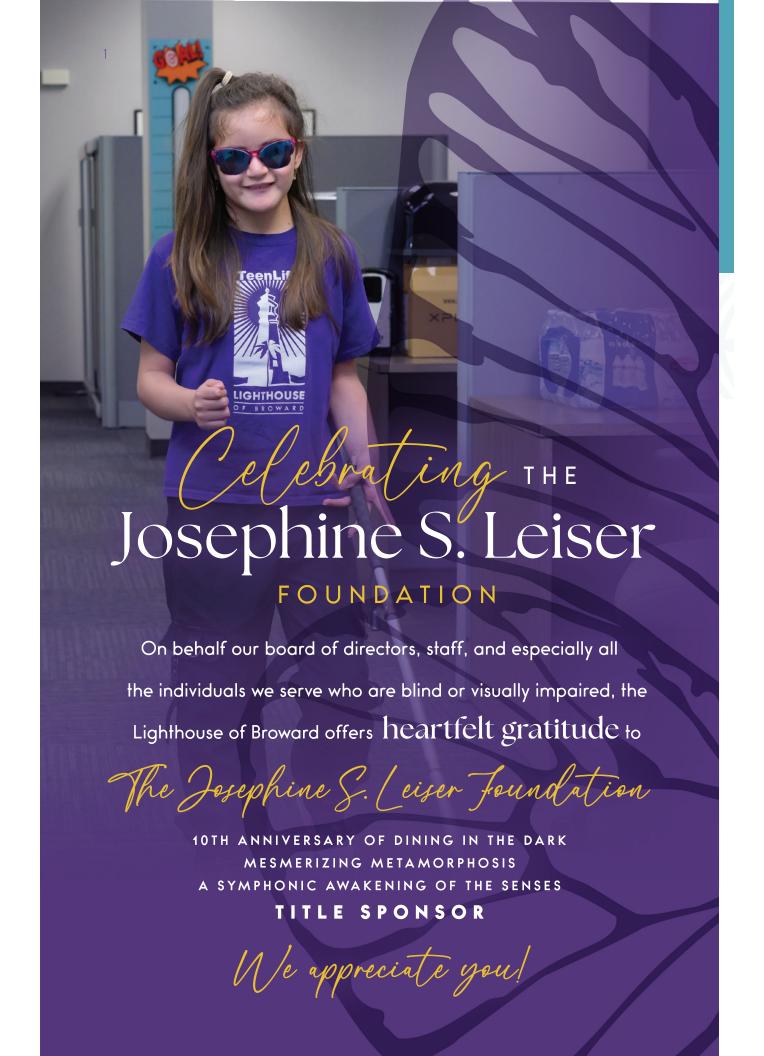
November 15, 2024

PRESENTED BY THE

Josephine S. Leiser Foundation

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Welcome!

Our 2024 gala will be an authentic dark dining experience featuring dramatic, bold and breathtaking moments to awaken the senses. Guests will be asked to wear blindfolds during portions of the evening to maximize this powerful experience.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Silent Auction (Please note silent auction closes at 9 p.m.)

Photo Booth Experience with Photo Strip Memento

FABULOUS EMCEES

Tamara G. & Julie Guy

DARK DINING EXPERIENCE

Mixed Greens and Frisee Salad, Shaved Fennel, Gorgonzola, Spiced Walnuts, Citrus-Dijon Vinaigrette

Beef Wellington and Colossal Shrimp with Lemon Butter, Boursin Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Port Rosemary Jus

Chocolate Bread Pudding, Whiskey-Vanilla Bean Anglaise, Spiced Pecan Brittle

ENTERTAINMENT

American Heritage Schools Orchestra

METAMORPHOSIS

Ellyn Drotzer, MSW, LSCW President & CEO

Jose Lopez Masso, JD

Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Development

HONOREE

The Charles and Joan Hermanowski Family Foundation

LIVE AUCTION

Whitney Dutton

Dutton Real Estate Group

ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, AND DESSERT

DJ Uno, Noir Sounds

MESSAGE FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

Dear Friends,

Welcome! We're so grateful you're here tonight to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our signature Dining in the Dark gala. This year's Mesmerizing Metamorphosis experience is sure to transform your perspective about the challenges faced daily by our blind and visually impaired community. We welcome you to this transformative journey!

Tonight's program will illustrate the path to maximum independence that we provide to our clients of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. It's amazing to watch them grow and succeed as a result of these life-changing services. It gives us joy to know that we're helping them live fuller lives.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our committed sponsors and donors who make Dining in the Dark possible year after year. We're grateful for you! A special thank you goes out to our title sponsor, the Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, which has supported our mission for many years.





We're also so grateful for our co-chairs, Von Freeman and Carmen Miller. These wonderful individuals have supported the Lighthouse and our signature event for many years. We're thankful for them, our entire committee and every person in this room tonight who has made this gala event a resounding success.

Thank you for joining us and for all your support. We appreciate you more than you could know.

With Gratitude,

Timothy J. Moffatt, JD, MBA

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Board Chair

Ellyn Drotzer

Ellyn Drotzer, MSW, LSCW

President & CEO

WELCOME FROM THE DINING IN THE DARK CO-CHAIRS

Hello everyone!

Thank you for joining us for Dining in the Dark's Mesmerizing Metamorphosis, A Symphonic Awakening of the Senses. This year, we're thrilled to present an updated program laser focused on the dark dining experience. We have many surprises in store for you this evening – dramatic, magical moments that we hope you'll enjoy immensely.

As in the past, tonight started with fabulous hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while you perused our amazing silent auction. The fun truly begins now that you're in the ballroom with intriguing twists during your dark dining experience, including a fabulous performance by American Heritage Schools orchestra. After dinner, it'll be time to bid on our live auction, offering a slate of great items, including cruises from Virgin Cruises and Holland America and once-in-a-lifetime Goodyear Blimp ride. We invite you to bid generously and often!

We are very grateful for your attendance tonight. You truly are a part of our Lighthouse family, and we appreciate you very much.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Von Freeman

Dining in the Dark Co-Chair

Carmen Miller

Carmen Miller

Dining in the Dark Co-Chair





Grateful

FOR OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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The Lighthouse of Broward Board of Directors offers a heartfelt welcome as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our signature fundraiser, Dining in the Dark. Thank you for your support and for empowering those who are blind and visually impaired!

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CELEBRATING

The Charles and Joan Hermanowski Family Foundation

The Charles and Joan Hermanowski Family Foundation has been a great friend of the Lighthouse of Broward by contributing more than \$50,000 to its Bright Beginnings and David & Jean Colker KIDS Program.

The Hermanowski Family Foundation truly has a heart for children as illustrated by its primary purpose of improving and transforming the lives of children and young adults living in the United States. Its goal is to provide young people with the necessary tools to succeed and to achieve their full potential, which perfectly aligns with the Lighthouse's focus on helping blind and visually impaired youth find maximum independence.

The Charles and Joan Hermanowski Family Foundation, established in 2006 as a philanthropic grant making organization, is governed by a board of directors with the assistance of a junior advisory board. The foundation has no paid employees. All members volunteer their time and skills in order to maximize funds available for distribution.

The Lighthouse of Broward is proud to honor The Charles and Joan Hermanowski Family Foundation. We offer our deepest thanks for your generosity.

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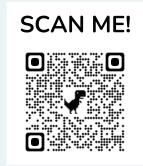
Stranahan House

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How to Register

TAKE OUT YOUR SMARTPHONE AND OPEN YOUR CAMERA APP

Point your camera at the QR code on the screen.

A link or notification will appear on your screen. Click the link or message to access the registration page.

REGISTER

Enter your information, starting with your cell phone number. Add a credit card (only used if you win an item(s) or donate through the online auction platform).

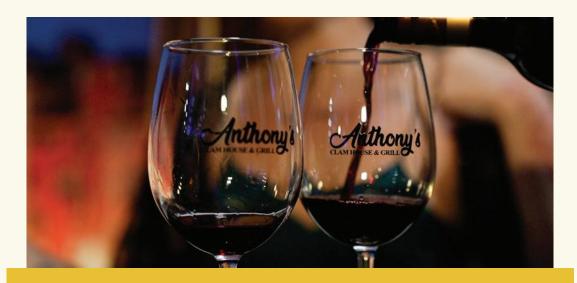
CLICK "SUBMIT" TO COMPLETE THE FORM

You'll receive a confirmation code via text and a welcome text message from Qtego with a link to start bidding!

AUCTION ITEM CHECKOUT & PICKUP

You will receive a text notification with a receipt to your mobile device at 9 p.m. if you have won the items you bid on. Items can be picked up at 9:30 p.m. in a cocktail reception area.

LIVE AUCTION



Surf & Turf Wine Dinner for Four

COMPLIMENTS OF ANTHONY'S CLAM HOUSE & GRILLE



The table is set for a lovely, 4-course wine dinner at Anthony's Clam House & Grill, known for its fresh and delicious, chef-prepared cuisine. Four guests will start with clams and mussels champagne, followed by rigatoni, broccoli rabe and

sausage, and then the delectable main course of expertly prepared tomahawk steak and lobster. Cap it off with a warm lava cake with vanilla gelato. Of course, every course will be paired perfectly with a variety of wines from Caymus Vineyards! Plus, VIP transportation to and from your home is included!

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LIVE AUCTION



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<u>Cruise must be booked and completed by December 15, 2024.</u> Sailings are subject to availability, blackout dates apply, and guests must be 18 years or older.

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CRUISE MUST BE BOOKED AND COMPLETED BETWEEN JANUARY 2, 2024, AND DECEMBER 15, 2024.



Once-in-a-Lifetime Goodyear Blimp Ride



The ONLY way to ride the world-famous Goodyear Blimp is to purchase this special experience at a charity auction! The winner of this extraordinary live auction item will receive a ride for two on Goodyear's Wingfoot Three airship, one of only 4 Goodyear Blimps in the world. The winner will receive a certificate with instructions on how to redeem two seats on Wingfoot One. As dates become available, Goodyear will call registered passengers to schedule their flight.

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NO EXPIRATION DATE!

Empowering People who are Blind or Visually Impaired

The Lighthouse of Broward is proud to serve individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Check out what we do!



- Bright Beginnings is a year-round developmental and support program for parents and children aged from birth to five years old.
- David & Jean Colker KIDS Program is a year-round program that provides a summer camp, weekend activities each month, and school holidays during the school year for 6- to 13-year-olds who are blind or visually impaired.
- is a year-round program for teens and young adults ages 14 to 21. It focuses on career exploration, job readiness, work experience, daily living skills and college preparation.
- Ready to Work provides blind and visually impaired working-age adults with skills training, job preparation, placement services, and ways to overcome barriers to gain employment and reduce the effects of vision loss on job performance.
- Visually Impaired Seniors using Technology (VISIT) and Family Support
 Group offer additional support to clients and their families.
- Vital Living serves blind and visually impaired seniors, who participate in group and individual rehabilitation training, enabling them to maximize their independence, well-being, and health.
- Lighthouse assists low-vision clients and the general public in partnership with Nova Southeastern School of Optometry. In-home follow up includes teaching best use of remaining vision with adaptive low vision devices.





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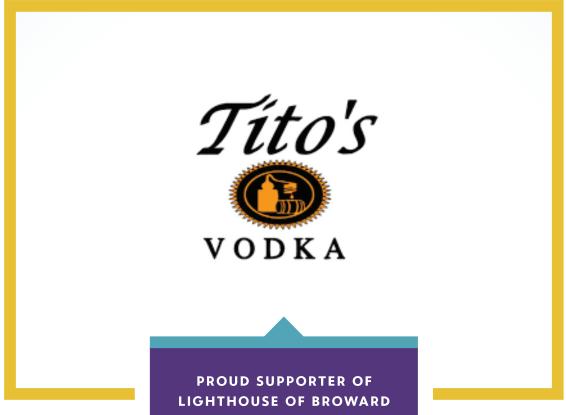




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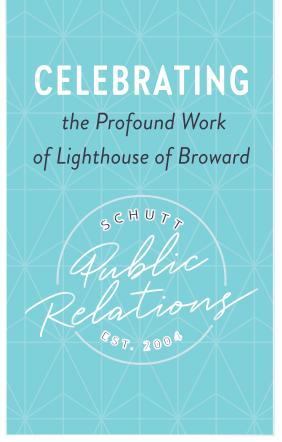
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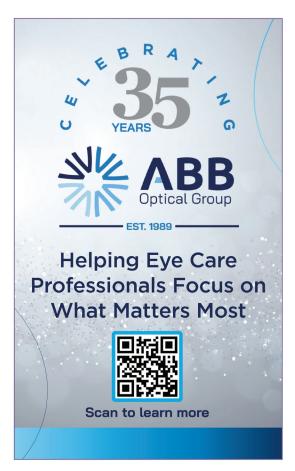
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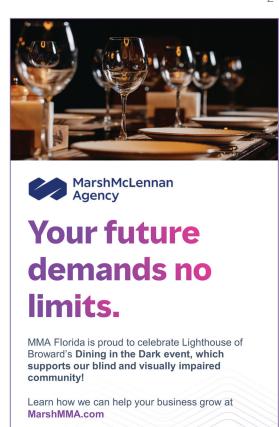
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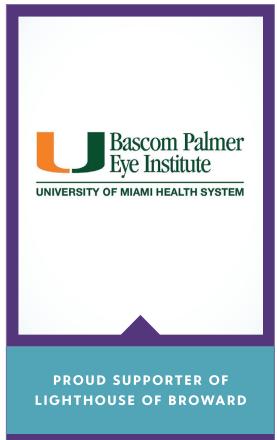


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We couldn't be more grateful for our wonderful partnership with American Heritage Schools. Because of your long-term, ongoing support and engagement on so many levels, we are able to serve even more people who are blind and visually impaired in Broward County.

We appreciate you!



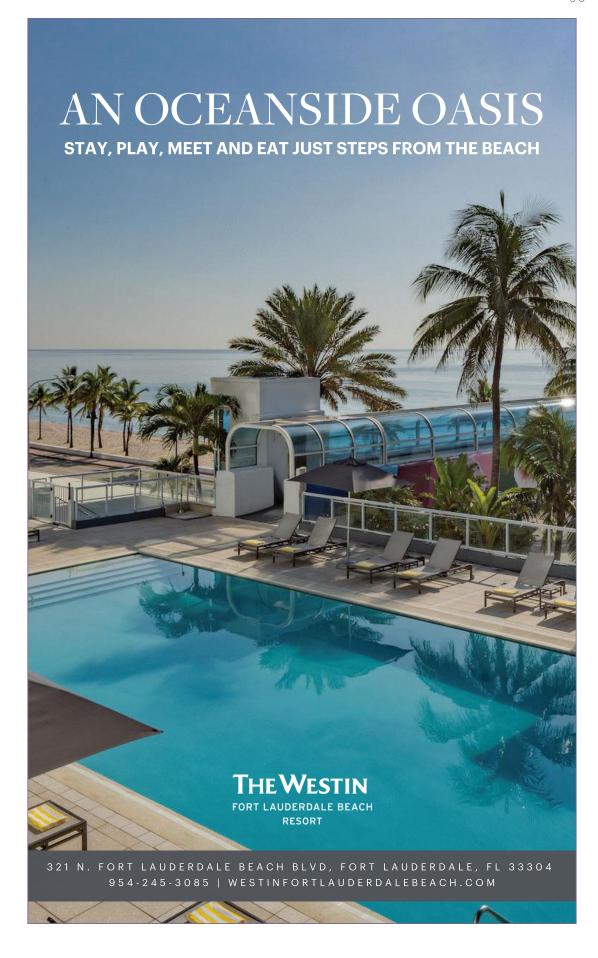




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Our mission is to be the leader in Broward County that provides leadership, services, advocacy, and the resources necessary that enhances the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired during the period of 2023-2028.

Our Vision is for all Broward residents who are blind or visually impaired to enjoy independence and high quality of life through the transformative work of the Lighthouse of Broward.



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