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Island Edition



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BECAUSE OF YOU, LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED AND FUTURES SHINE BRIGHTER. **WELCOME TO THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF**

in the DARK

Island Edition

BENEFITING LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD

SAVOR TROPICAL FLAVORS & ILLUMINATE LIVES FOR THE BLIND

Enjoy a vibrant escape where senses take the lead during this authentic dark dining experience with dramatic, bold and breathtaking moments that awaken the senses.

Your senses will be heightened as you wear your blindfold during select portions of the evening to feel firsthand the challenges the blind and visually impaired face every day.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Tropical hors d'oeuvres
Island Libations
Silent Auction
(Please note silent auction closes at 9:30 p.m.)
Photo Booth Experience

ENTERTAINMENT

American Heritage High School Rock Band
Steel Drummer Lucien Romelus
The High Energy Dance Band ReaXtion
Special performance by the Grammy nominated
Queen of Dance Music EDM/Freestyle,
"Let the Music Play" SHANNON

EMCEES FOR THE EVENING

The entertaining morning show hosts of LITE FM 101.5 **Tamara G. & Julie Guy**



WELCOME

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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DESSERT AND DANCING



A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the 11th Annual Dining in the Dark: Island Edition! Tonight, we invite you to escape with us, let your senses lead the way, and embrace an evening of island-inspired fun with a deeper purpose.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor, the Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, as well as to all who contributed to our silent and live auctions. Your generosity makes it possible for Lighthouse of Broward to provide life-changing programs and services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired — empowering them to live with independence, dignity and confidence.

As you don your blindfolds this evening, we encourage you to fully immerse yourself in the dark dining experience. For just a short time, you will glimpse the daily challenges faced by those we serve. We hope this bold, sensory adventure will inspire you and deepen your connection to our mission.

Tonight, we are also proud to honor Robert Judd as Lighthouse of Broward's Outstanding Supporter of the Year. Robert's unwavering generosity and commitment have strengthened our community and elevated our mission in extraordinary ways.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated event co-chairs, Carmen Miller and Von Freeman, their exceptional committee, our Board of Directors, and our hardworking staff, who together make this transformative work possible day after day.

Thank you for being part of this special evening. Please enjoy the celebration, the camaraderie and the impact your support makes possible.

Timothy J Moffatt Timothy J. Moffatt, JD, MBA

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WELCOME TO MARGARITAVILLE!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for joining us for our 11th Annual Dining in the Dark: Island Edition. Tonight, we invite you to take in the beachy vibes and enjoy the island-inspired food, cocktails, music, and atmosphere.

As you soak in the night, please remember to have fun and bid early and often during both the silent and live auctions. The funds raised this evening are the very fuel that powers Lighthouse of Broward's life-changing programs — providing comprehensive educational services, rehabilitation and counseling to more than 3,000 blind and visually impaired children and adults in Broward County every year.

This evening would not be possible without the dedication of the Lighthouse staff, our hard-working committee and volunteers, and the generosity of our donors and sponsors. We deeply appreciate your support and commitment to making a difference.

A special thank you goes to our Grammy-nominated musical artist, Shannon, of "Let the Music Play" fame, for helping make Dining in the Dark extra special this year.

We are so grateful you are here with us tonight. Thank you for sharing in the good vibes, the greater purpose, and the joy of making an impact.

With gratitude,

Von Freeman Carmen Miller
Von Freeman & Carmen Miller

Dining in the Dark Co-Chairs

Special THANKS

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OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR



It is with great pride and admiration that we present Robert Judd as the recipient of this year's Lighthouse of Broward Outstanding Supporter of the Year Award. For many years, Robert has exemplified extraordinary generosity and steadfast dedication, serving as a true champion of the Lighthouse's mission.

Through his support, the Lighthouse has been able to change countless lives — restoring hope, upholding dignity and opening doors of opportunity for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. His impact has been felt not only through his philanthropy, but also through the quiet strength of his words and actions.

A profound example of this occurred during a pivotal moment in the life of our Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Jose Lopez. As Jose navigated the difficult transition from sighted to blind, Robert offered a simple yet powerful reminder: "You are still an attorney." Those words became a beacon of encouragement, empowering Jose to embrace his identity with renewed strength, pride, and confidence.

Robert, on behalf of the entire staff and the Board of Directors of the Lighthouse of Broward, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your generosity, your wisdom and your unwavering commitment serve as an inspiration to us all.

THANK YOU ROBERT JUDD!



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Tamara & Julie

We are deeply grateful to welcome you back as our esteemed emcees for Dining in the Dark.

Your gracious presence, warmth and dedication add a special brilliance to this evening, elevating the celebration for all who attend.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the Lighthouse of Broward.

We appreciate you!

DINING IN THE DARK CHAIRS & COMMITTEE

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- Serving more than 3,000 people annually, our Mission is to be the leader in Broward County that provides leadership, services, advocacy, and the resources necessary that enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.
- Founded in 1973, Lighthouse of Broward is the preeminent resource for the visually impaired in Broward County, providing specialized rehabilitation, life skills training and employment opportunities to enhance the independence, productivity and dignity of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
- Lighthouse of Broward is the only private, non-profit 501(c) (3) in Broward County providing comprehensive educational and rehabilitation services and counseling to blind and visually impaired children and adults.
- Lighthouse of Broward has consistently held a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid (formerly GuideStar) since 2018. These are independent charity evaluators that assess nonprofit accountability, transparency and performance.

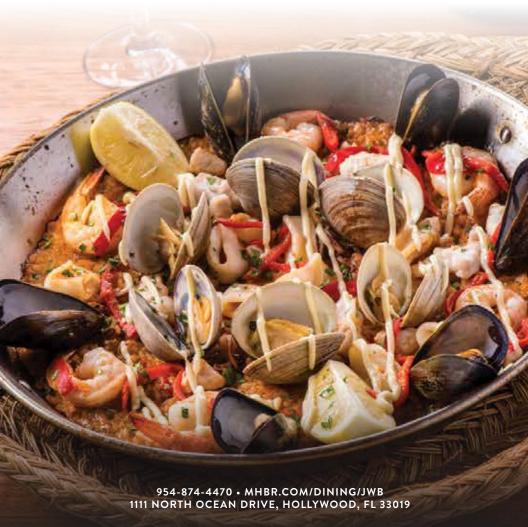




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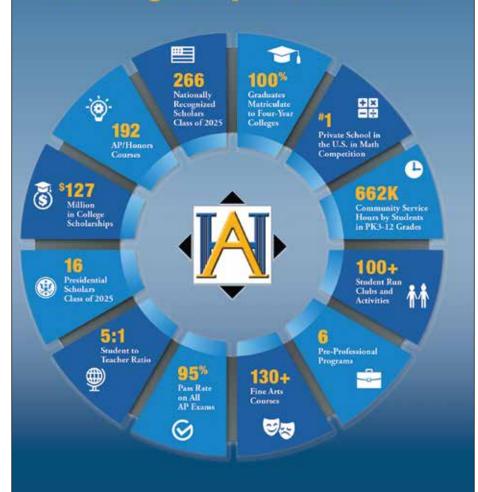


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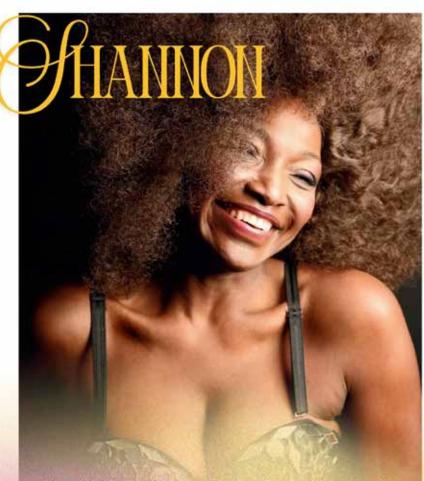
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The Lighthouse of Broward County is proud to recognize Shannon, the Grammy-nominated Queen of Dance Music, EDM, and Freestyle, best known for her iconic hit "Let the Music Play." Her performance tonight will bring unforgettable energy to the 11th Annual Dining in the Dark: Island Edition, creating a night of celebration and inspiration for our guests and supporters. We are deeply grateful to Shannon for sharing her music with us and for helping shine a light on the lives of children and adults who are blind and visually impaired.

With gratitude, The Lighthouse of Broward Dining in the Dark Committee



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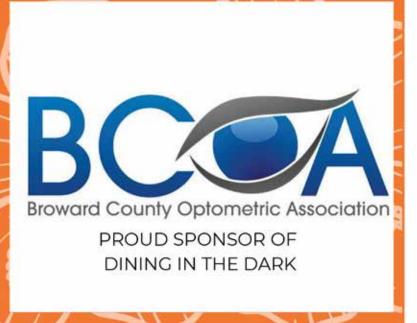
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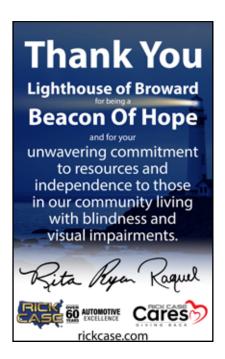
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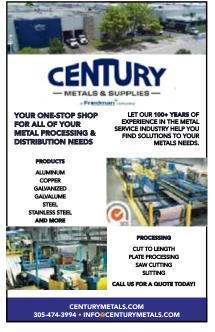
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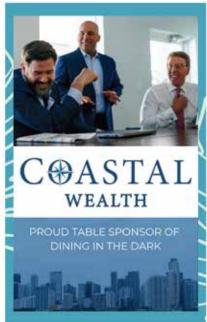
























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