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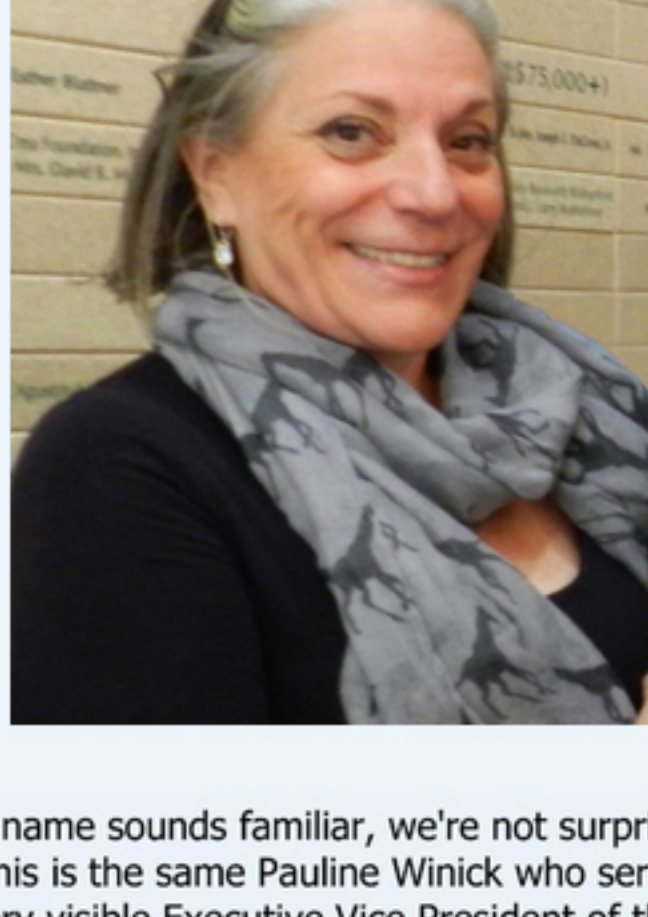
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### Meet Pauline Winick, Miami Lighthouse's new Job Coach.



If her name sounds familiar, we're not surprised. Yes, this is the same Pauline Winick who served as the very visible Executive Vice President of the Miami Heat. Pauline was introduced to our CEO, Virginia Jacko, several months ago by a mutual friend. In her words, "Somehow, over the course of the next several weeks, I became a successful candidate for an opening as a Job Coach at the Miami Lighthouse. Virginia can be very persuasive!"

Used to working with large crowds of sports fans, Pauline now finds herself working one-on-one with individuals and getting enormous gratification with each successful coaching experience. Motivated by our clients and our staff members, she is an active member of her new "team," the Miami Lighthouse's Job Readiness Team.

Pauline will also tell you that life takes strange twists. Four months after starting her new job she received her own diagnosis of Age Related Macular Degeneration, both wet and dry, and is quick to remark that the Lighthouse is truly the perfect place for her to be working.

"Our Lighthouse Team has a winning record for this past year, successfully placing 20 program participants in mainstream jobs in the highly competitive Miami market," she says with understandable pride. "I'm able to get in the game each and every day. All in all, I'm one of the luckiest people I know."

We're lucky to have you, Pauline. Welcome aboard!

### Grab your sneakers and join us for National White Cane Day!



Join us in celebrating National White Cane Day at Miami Lighthouse on Thursday, October 15th at 8:30 a.m. NBC-6 Meteorologist John Morales will emcee this annual fun event which promotes awareness about blindness and the important White Cane Law which protects blind and visually impaired pedestrians. This year's grand marshals include Senator Anitere Flores representing the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman, Lion Ildelfonso Ortega, District Governor for District 35-N and Billy the Marlin. Keynote speaker Penny Shaffer, Market President of Florida Blue, will provide insight on how to navigate today's complex healthcare system.

City of Miami Fire & Police Departments will escort an expected 200+ "walkers" starting from the Miami Lighthouse, down SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street and back, in time to join the celebration's great food and lively music, featuring musicians from our Music Program. Prizes will be awarded to participants who collect the most donations.

Event sponsors include Florida Blue, Miami Marlins, Lions for the Blind, Walgreens Store #2544, Avison Young and Burger King Store #12778. A \$5 contribution is suggested for the visually impaired with a \$20 entrance fee for all other participants. To register for the White Cane Day Walk, e-mail [rfanego@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:rfanego@miamilighthouse.org) or call 786-362-7514.

### Young Professionals of the Lighthouse host Miami Lighthouse Chicken Championship

The Young Professionals of the Lighthouse hosted the Miami Lighthouse Championship Chicken Wing Eating Contest on Friday, September 18 at Batch Gastropub. Guests enjoyed networking with local young professionals and a competitive wing eating contest among seven hungry participants while spectators cheered them on. Congratulations to the winners, Joe San and Will Beckham, who took home two one-year Citibike memberships, a Toshiba Camileo S30 Camcorder and gift certificates to Miami area restaurants. Thank you to everyone who joined us. All proceeds from the event benefit the Miami Lighthouse Music Program.



Board Director Pablo Gonzalez, Jackeline Gálvez and Board Director Kent Benedict



Joe San and Will Beckham

### Miami Lighthouse Collaborates with Local School



On Monday, September 14, 2015 students from Palmer Trinity School visited Miami Lighthouse to learn about our programs and services. The students had the opportunity to volunteer with the Miami Lighthouse Music Program and were blindfolded in the kitchen area to learn techniques to familiarize them with how the visually impaired learn new environments. We thank Jan Morrison and Susana Cetta for making this visit possible. If your students would like to visit us, please contact Cameron Sisser at 786-362-7515 or [csisser@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csisser@miamilighthouse.org).

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