Meet Jonnathan

A native of Venezuela, Jonnathan arrived in the United States in 2015 with full use of his vision. After a brain tumor and five subsequent surgeries, he permanently lost most of his sight. The physical, emotional, and financial toll was devastating, but he was determined to thrive in a new country.

His doctor referred him to Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. At that time, he had no idea how he would ever use a computer, mobile device, or find employment. Miami Lighthouse stepped in and helped him with tools such as braille, screen-reading software, and so much more. With their help, Jonnathan was recently hired as a Service Advocate for Florida Blue where he works from his home office. Florida Blue has provided him with screen reading software and all the technology he needs to feel empowered to help his clients.

Jonnathan’s Motivation: “Facing life as a completely blind person motivates me to continue developing my skills ... I can do anything a sighted person can, just with the proper techniques and technology, which I learned at the Miami Lighthouse.”

What he loves most about Miami: “The best part of Miami is its rich heritage and blending of cultures all in one place.”