## **Meet Jonnathan**

## Success Feature



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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 <u>Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually</u> <u>Impaired</u>. 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. <u>Florida Blue</u> 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."