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TO BENEFIT **THE BUONICONTI FUND TO CURE PARALYSIS**
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Back in New York



A NOTE FROM THE CO-FOUNDERS

Welcome back everyone to the 37th Annual Great Sports Legends Dinner.

We are grateful to all of you for your on-going and generous support of The Buoniconti Fund and The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. The past two years have been so challenging to the global community and to many of our closest family members and friends.

It has been a great joy to see how much excitement we have received since announcing the return of this tremendous event to New York City.

Led by Scientific Director, Dr. W. Dalton Dietrich, The Miami Project research team continues to push the envelope and develop new and compelling discoveries that will lead to life-changing treatments.



The Lois Pope LIFE Center is the home of our basic science research and serves as the pipeline to our Clinical Trials Initiatives. Within its walls our researchers have seen significant advancements in our hypothermia, axonal regeneration, drug discovery, gene therapy, cell transplantation and our world-class neural engineering programs. The Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center helps to bring our basic science discoveries into the clinical realm. The Lynn Rehabilitation Center houses all our clinical science programs, including our brain computer interface research, neuromodulation and activity based plasticity laboratories, motor rehabilitation and functional electrical stimulation spaces, and much more.

We have never been more excited and enthusiastic than we are today about the mission and success of The Buoniconti Fund and The Miami Project that now include our expanded research focusing on all neurological disorders and diseases.

Not a day passes that we don't think about Nick Buoniconti, and everything he did to change the lives of millions of spinal cord injured people all over the world. His legacy continues to inspire us and motivate every researcher, staff member and volunteer to never give up until a cure for paralysis is found!

Thank you, our loyal friends, for your continued dedication, commitment, and belief in our mission. We want to thank our Dinner Chairman, Mark Dalton, The Buoniconti Fund Board of Directors, the Great Sports Legends, honorees, our wonderful donors, tireless volunteers, and our University of Miami Family.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc".

Marc A. Buoniconti
President and Co-Founder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barth".

Barth A. Green, M.D.
Chairman and Co-Founder



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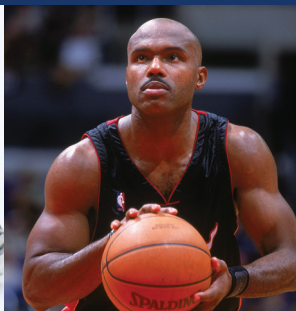
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THE MIAMI PROJECT TO CURE PARALYSIS and THE BUONICONTI FUND TO CURE PARALYSIS

In 1985, Barth A. Green, M.D., world-renowned neurosurgeon, and Nick Buoniconti, NFL Hall of Fame linebacker, joined forces and founded The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis after Nick's son, Marc, sustained a spinal cord injury during a college football game. Since then, research at The Miami Project has changed the landscape of knowledge and therapeutic strategies for spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury.

Committed to finding a cure for paralysis resulting from spinal cord injury and to seeing millions worldwide walk again, the Buoniconti family established The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis in 1992. The Buoniconti Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds and awareness to help The Miami Project achieve its primary focus; to repair and restore function to the injured and diseased nervous system, thereby improving the quality of life to patients throughout the world.

The Miami Project, a Center of Excellence at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, is now considered one of the premier research programs conducting cutting-edge discovery, translational and clinical investigations targeting traumatic spinal cord and brain injury, and other neurological disorders. The Miami Project's international team of over 175 scientists, researchers, clinicians and support staff is dedicated to improving the quality of life and, ultimately, finding a cure for paralysis. Miami Project researchers are currently conducting clinical studies and trials in spinal cord injury, including testing neuroprotective strategies, cellular therapies using Schwann cell and stem cell transplantation and advanced rehabilitation and neuromodulation approaches including the use of brain machine interface technologies. Other areas of current research include drug discovery for axonal regeneration and immune modulation, neuropathic pain, male fertility and cardiovascular disorders.



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SCIENTIFIC UPDATE

The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis is thankful to our friends, volunteers and the spinal cord injury community for supporting our research, educational and outreach programs. Over the past year, we have made significant advances in our translational and clinical programs for spinal cord injury and other neurological disorders.

With our Department of Neurological Surgery colleagues, we have expanded our multidisciplinary programs and established new collaborations using innovative approaches addressing complex issues related to brain and spinal cord injury. The Miami Project therapeutic pipeline is helping to move new discoveries to the clinic with treatment interventions targeting the acute, subacute and chronic phases of injury. Significant progress is being made in the area of acute care where the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying neuroprotective interventions such as therapeutic hypothermia are being clarified to enhance our human trials.

More exciting news includes recent NIH funding for a significant drug discovery program to identify and test novel compounds to promote successful axonal regeneration in people living with spinal cord injury. Working with industry, innovative approaches for enhancing motor function by stimulating cranial and intraspinal circuits are also showing great promise in enhancing motor function in people living with chronic paralysis. Also, our human Schwann cell program is now testing the benefits of small extracellular vesicles released from human cells to promote regenerative processes in preclinical as well as clinical studies.

The new Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center is providing outstanding care for people with many types of injuries and disabilities. There, clinical researchers are evaluating rehabilitation approaches including neuromodulation to activate and enhance circuit function responsible for motor and sensory function in people living with disabilities. Our growing scientific community is fortunate to work in two state-of-the-art facilities where new discoveries in the Lois Pope LIFE Center can be seamlessly translated to the Lynn Rehabilitation Center where everyday advances are being made to change medical care.

These are exciting times for The Miami Project as we translate spinal cord injury discoveries to other neurological disorders including stroke, traumatic brain injury and neurodegenerative diseases. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our friends and colleagues for our programs focusing on novel strategies to improve the quality of life of all individuals living with paralysis and other neurological disorders.

Barth A. Green, M.D.
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