Marc A. Buoniconti

If courage is grace under fire, Marc Buoniconti ranks among the bravest men you’ll ever know. A 1985 spinal cord injury left him unable to move a muscle below his neck. Yet, each day he moves people; moves them to understand the tragedy of paralyzing SCI—and to join him in finding its cure. The son of legendary All-Pro and Hall of Fame linebacker and former Miami Dolphins Nick Buoniconti serves as President for both The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, The Miami Project’s fundraising arm.

On October 26, 1985, while playing in a football game against East Tennessee State, Marc sustained a spinal cord injury (SCI).

Marc had suffered a dislocation of the C-3, 4 vertebrae, and a severe spinal cord injury that would leave him paralyzed from the shoulders down. He faced a long, agonizing recovery, with no hope of walking again. Medical wisdom taught that damage to the spinal cord was irreversible and irreparable. For Marc, “rehabilitation” meant learning to breathe without a ventilator, and mastering the breath-controlled wheelchair that would provide his only mobility.

Marc began the painful journey to a new life under the care of neurosurgeon Dr. Barth A. Green, who along with the Buoniconti’s, co-founded The Miami Project to answer the dire need for research into the mysteries of spinal cord injury. As Marc struggled to free himself from the ventilator, he committed his energy to raising the funds for The Miami Project’s revolutionary strategy: to gather in one institution the finest minds in neuroscience and launch an all-out assault on SCI. With the completion of the new Lois Pope Life Center in October of 2000, The Miami Project was finally housed under one roof, and has unified the efforts of The Project, promoting the collaboration between the scientific and the clinical approaches to finding a cure for paralysis.

Says Marc: “I truly believe in my heart that The Miami Project holds tremendous promise for people who are spinal cord injured. In 1985, The Miami Project was a dream. Today, it’s reality.”
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**Curriculum**

**Pre-Conference Agenda | February 4, 2016**

**The Ability360 Center**

**5025 East Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034**

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**Conference Agenda | February 5, 2016**

**Goldman Auditorium**

3:50 West Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85013

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**Approval Accommodations**

- **Hilton Suites Phoenix**
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  (602) 222-1111

- **Fairfield Inn and Suites Phoenix (Marriott)**
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  Phoenix, AZ 85004
  (602) 716-9900

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- ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education)
- APHAA (American Public Health Association) CEUs
- NSPFA (National Spinal Cord Injury Association) CEUs
- NHA (National Healthcareer Association) CEUs
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