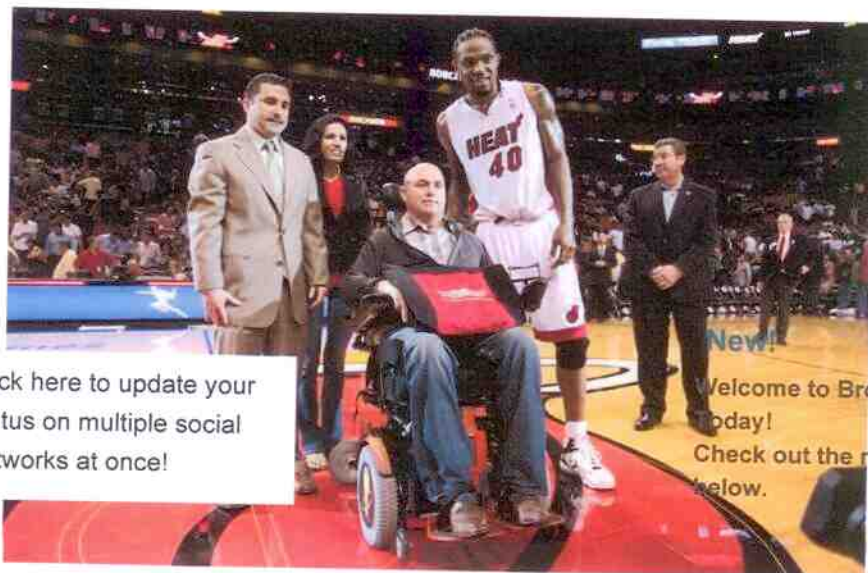


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Darrell Gwynn Foundation Miami HEAT donate wheelchair



Darrell Gwynn Foundation
Wheelchair Donation Recipient
Herminio Escalona with Miami
HEAT player Udonis Haslem
(Photo Credit: Miami HEAT)



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(L-R) Ryan Rogers (Darrell Gwynn Foundation), Hermino Escalona, Nirlenis Escalona (Hermino's sister) and Udonis Haslem.
(Photo Credit: Miami HEAT)

The **Darrell Gwynn Foundation**, joined by Miami HEAT star **Udonis Haslem**, donated a \$16,600 custom built "Miami HEAT themed" wheelchair to **Herminio Escalona** at halftime of the Miami HEAT game vs. the Charlotte Bobcats on Friday, November 19.

Herminio Escalona suffered a medulla compression in a car accident resulting in paralysis and could not afford a life-changing custom wheelchair that the Darrell Gwynn Foundation provided through its **wheelchair donation program**.

Herminio is a fan of the Miami HEAT and his new wheelchair is decorated in HEAT colors and logos.

Established in 2002, the Davie-based Darrell Gwynn Foundation's mission is to **provide AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT and ultimately a CURE for paralysis**. To raise awareness for that mission, the foundation lobbied for and secured official adoption of **Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week** by the Florida State Legislature in 2006 and each year since. The fifth Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week is being observed **November 15-21, 2010**.

For more information on Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's wheelchair donation program and how you can help the foundation's mission, please visit www.darrellgwynnfoundation.org.

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