

### **SABRINA COHEN, Founder / President**

Sabrina is the voice and face of the Foundation. A C5 quadriplegic, as the result of a spinal cord injury from a car accident in 1992, she has been a health advocate for research and rehabilitation since her injury. Sabrina established the Sabrina Cohen Foundation in 2006 to raise funds for research and quality of life fitness initiatives for the disabled community. Sabrina continuously travels tirelessly and extensively — from schools and universities to scientific conferences — to be a spokesperson for this cause.

### **JASPER NELISSEN, Director**

VP/General Manager Conill Miami at Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide, Jasper has brought a distinctive flair to the agency while expanding the office's client businesses and staff levels. As Saatchi & Saatchi's Director of Global Reinvention from 2006-10, Jasper was involved with developing work process, company strategy and transformation programs. He has trained employees in Europe, Asia and the U.S., and managed organizational change in a number of key markets, including Germany and the Netherlands. Jasper was previously an Account Director at Saatchi & Saatchi, where he led efforts on European and global accounts.

### **CHARLOTTE LIBOV, Communications Director**

Medical writer/ author at Newsmax Health. Charlotte Libov has written about medical and health care topics for more than 15 years. Since becoming a health book author in 1993, she has written or co-written five books, including *The Woman's Heart Book*, which was adapted by PBS for a documentary, and received a book award from the American Medical Writers Association. Before becoming a medical author and freelancer, she was a *New York Times* contributor and has written health articles for *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Neurology Now*, and *Arthritis Today*. She is also a professional speaker on women's health issues and has appeared on radio and television health shows. Libov has a bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in mental health counseling from the University of Oregon.

### **ANGEL PARDO, Director**

Angel Pardo is the President of Doctors Medical Rentals, DMR Corporation, an Assistive Technology provider specializing in meeting the needs of clients ranging from Neo-Natal to Bariatric, with experience caring for those with ALS, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Spinal Cord Injury. DMR's state-of-the-art facility is located in South Florida, with an evaluation area and full diagnostic capabilities for repair with a large inventory of parts - all of which is fully accessible. DMR has been a proud sponsor of the Sabrina Cohen Foundation since its inception.

### **ARYAN RASHED, Director**

With a strong passion for the fitness and wellness industry, Aryan is the co owner of JetSet Pilates also known as JetSet Miami. Aryan's clients range from beginners to professional athletes and celebrities. JetSet fuses principles of Pilates, balance, flexibility, strength, core, circuit, and strength training. Aryan created her own JetSet adaptive fitness program currently

taught at Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Miami VA and is looking forward to working with Sabrina Cohen Foundation to continue to implement training for paralysis community and beyond. Aryan is also an attorney, barred in Florida and Washington DC, received her Master's from Stanford University, earned her BA from UC Berkeley, worked at the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University, has been a featured expert on various fitness and wellness forums, and currently serves as an ambassador for Lululemon South Miami.

**BERNIE SIEGEL, Director**

Bernard Siegel, J.D., is the founder and Executive Director of Genetics Policy Institute (GPI), a nonprofit organization with offices in Palm Beach, Florida; Silicon Valley, California and Washington, D.C. He founded and co-chairs the annual World Stem Cell Summit, founded and serves editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed World Stem Cell Report and is the editor of the 360 Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine weekly newsletter. He founded and is the spokesperson for the Stem Cell Action Coalition, a 100+ member international alliance of nonprofits and research institutions leading the global "Pro-Cures Movement."

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