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## Press Release:

### Rev. Paul B. Feuerstein to Retire and Cynthia Amodeo to Lead Barrier Free Living, Effective January 1, 2023

It is with a conflict of heart, a combination of jubilation and longing, that I have the honor to report the retirement of our founder, Paul Feuerstein, and the promotion of Cynthia Amodeo as our next CEO.

First to Paul. Your warmth, caring, vision, and amazing skills will be sorely missed at Barrier Free Living. You founded and built an amazing organization that has improved the lives of countless people – including our clients, our staff and board, and all the communities and families that BFL touches. While we'll miss you at BFL, we pray for your continued friendship and interaction in your retirement years! I would be remiss if I failed to mention that your bottom-up managerial focus has produced many great leaders, including Cynthia.

Cynthia Amodeo! Our new CEO! I am elated to announce the promotion of Cynthia as our new CEO, effective upon Paul's retirement at the end of the year. For those of you who don't know Cynthia or know her well, she is a tireless advocate for our community, an amazing innovator, has a leadership presence, and holds a wealth of knowledge both in BFL's auspicious history and for its future success. Cynthia has a keen understanding of the needs our clientele, the growth and potential of our staff, and how to navigate the incredibly complicated rubric of sustaining a charitable organization in one of the largest cities in the world!

Cynthia joined BFL in 2008, and has installed herself as an indispensable guiding light for the future of BFL. In sum, Cynthia knows where we've been and has a solid plan and vision to continue BFL's mission into the future. Even with the sadness of Paul's retirement, I couldn't be more excited and proud to have Cynthia lead BFL's next stage.

As we close a chapter at BFL with Paul's retirement, we look forward to Cynthia's step up in the leadership of BFL as of January 1, 2023. I know BFL will be in safe and steady hands with Cynthia's experience and guidance.