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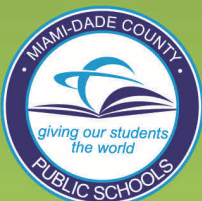
Ms. Nancy L. Perez came to the United States on September 29, 2009 as a Cuban refugee, with her life in a suitcase and her heart filled with hope. She was 56 years old when she arrived. Soon after, Ms. Perez began the process of becoming a resident in the State of Florida. She realized that if she wanted to progress and see her dreams fulfilled, she would need to learn the language of the country that was opening its doors to her. It all started at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult and Community Education Center (HML). Ms. Perez was positively pleased at the service thanks to the professionalism and will to help of the SAVES staff, they were able to guide her in the right direction. It was soon after that Nancy started to work full time in the daytime while she studied English four nights a week. Unfortunately, she had to stop attending classes tempo-

rarily due to the irregular hours at work.

In 2012, Ms. Perez started to work a new job, one that allowed her to resume her studies. Working as a custodian at American Adult at night, she was able to go back to HML Adult to continue learning English during the day.

She was referred to Josef and Silny Associates by Dr. Maria C. Llossas from American Adult, in order to translate her Spanish Literature degree and they were more than happy to assist her in the agency. Having her degree translated opened many opportunities for her to be able to live out her dreams. She is now employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a teacher for GED at HML Adult and she could not be happier.

Ms. Perez would like to extend her gratitude to the HML and American Adult staff for all their support and guidance to help her be where she is today. She would also like to thank



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