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01.10.2026

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Dear Community Investor,

There are three reasons why children find themselves in need of our help: abuse, abandonment, and neglect. For many, these cycles have been carried out from generation to generation. For over four decades, Voices For Children Foundation has served as a safety net for these vulnerable young people, providing advocacy and access to essential support and experiential learning opportunities to help them overcome adversity and envision a brighter future.

On January 10, 2026, we will celebrate our ongoing work at the 29th Annual Be A Voice Gala at the Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne. This year's theme, "Bloom Where You're Planted," reflects our belief that with the right support and encouragement, every child can thrive—no matter their circumstances.

This signature event brings together our community's most generous and influential leaders to celebrate resilience, hope, and the impact of advocacy. Your partnership can make a profound difference in the lives of children in foster care. By becoming a sponsor, you help create a community where every child has the care, mentorship, and opportunities they deserve.

We invite you to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities and join us in making this year's gala an inspiring celebration of growth, potential, and lasting change.

With gratitude,
Henry & Nilda Torres and Vince and Jennifer Castro
Gala Co-Chairs

2026 Gala Committee: Gabriela B. Ibarra, Ron Goncalves, Michael Block, Jay & Christina Fritz, Paul & Bertha Pino, Milton Ares and Dagmar Llaudy, German & Yolanda Valencia, Richard & Feyza Shipley, David & Naive Barbeito, Rick and Magali Sanders, Taylor Pena, and Richard and Rana Florida

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Gabriela B. Ibarra & Ron Goncalves

CAUSE OVERVIEW

Voices For Children Foundation, Inc. (Voices) is a beacon of hope for abused, abandoned and neglected children and youth in the Miami-Dade County foster care system. We do this by providing critical support for advocacy, essential needs and positive experiences. Voices believe that support for children should not be a privilege. Our Vision is that every child in the foster care system has quality Guardian ad Litem representation and fully centralized access to services and resources to meet their physical, social and emotional needs.

Voices was founded in 1984 by a small group of community leaders who were moved to action by the vulnerability of abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Miami-Dade County. Through a small seed donation of \$4,000, these leaders created Voices to address the lack of state-allocated resources needed to run the local 11th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program.

Since then, Voices has evolved to provide children in Miami-Dade County's foster care system with advocacy, basic needs, and trajectory-changing experiences so they can go from surviving to thriving.

Through over four decades of service, we have helped **over 45,000 children**. We believe that every child in the foster care system deserves a voice and a champion. Voices relies on fundraising events, grants from private foundations and the government, and the generosity of individual and corporate donors to make our work possible.



EVENT OVERVIEW



For nearly three decades, the Be A Voice Gala has been a Miami tradition, bringing together philanthropists who share a passion for transforming the lives of children in foster care. This year, the 29th Annual Gala will take place for the first time at the newly reimagined Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, marking the very first event held at the resort following its \$100 million renovation. The celebration unfolds on January 10, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m.

Guests will be welcomed with an elegant cocktail reception, featuring a silent auction with luxury items from both local and national brands. The black-tie evening continues with an exclusive live auction, offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences and extraordinary pieces. During dinner, attendees will hear directly from a recipient whose life has been transformed by Voices For Children's programs. Inspiring stories like these showcase the resilience of children in foster care and the profound impact your support can make.

After dinner, the celebration continues with music and cocktails, ensuring a lively close to an unforgettable evening.

At its heart, the Be A Voice Gala is a powerful reminder of the opportunity each guest has to make a lasting difference in the lives of Miami's most vulnerable children.

Voices For Children Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of our partners and the community as we continue to champion the well-being of children in Miami-Dade County who have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

PREVIOUS BE A VOICE GALAS



SPONSORSHIPS

	Presenting Sponsor \$75,000	Honorary Gala Chair \$50,000	Golden Guardian \$25,000	Dynasty Guardian \$15,000
Dedicated VIP Seating for 20				
Two night Gala weekend stay in a luxury suite for two				
Premium Seating for 10				
Two night Gala weekend stay in a spacious room for two				
Sponsor Executive Honored on Stage				
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Inclusion in event article published on SocialMiami.com				
Exclusive tableside champagne service throughout the evening				
Seating for 10				
Inclusion on Electronic Invitation*				
Acknowledgement of Sponsorship in Pre and Post event correspondence				
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*Sponsorship must be secured by December 3

LUXURY PARTNERSHIPS

Our annual Be A Voice Gala is one of Miami's premier philanthropic events, kicking off the social season and uniting our community's most influential individuals and organizations in support of children in foster care. Over the years, the Gala's growth and success have amplified awareness of the needs of vulnerable children and inspired lasting change. Last year alone, the event raised more than \$1 million to help ensure children in Miami-Dade's foster care system have the support they deserve.

We welcome the opportunity to create meaningful partnerships that align with luxury partners' values and community impact goals. With a proven track record of successful collaborations, we tailor every partnership for mutual benefit—from increasing visibility and engagement to offering unique experiences that connect your brand with an audience of passionate, purpose-driven supporters.

Below, you'll find examples of some of our recent partners.

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PREVIOUSLY SECURED MEDIA LISTINGS

Each year, we strive to bring the most value to our sponsors through extensive media exposure. Our previous 'Be A Voice' galas have been featured on several media outlets where our sponsors are recognized and listed on both printed and electronic forms of event promotions. Our gala has been highlighted by the following media organizations and named one of the 'Top 10 Miami Galas' by Huffington Post.

