



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 nearly four decades, Voices For Children Foundation has served as a safety net for these vulnerable young people, providing court-appointed advocates and access to essential support and experiential learning opportunities to help them overcome adversity and envision a brighter future.

On January 18, 2025, we celebrate our 40th anniversary with our 28th annual Be A Voice Gala, a signature event uniting our community's most generous and influential leaders. Under the theme "Fostering Hope," we will gather at the Mandarin Oriental, Miami at 7pm, for a night of celebrating hope and resilience.

This year holds special significance as it marks our final gala at this iconic venue, where we have hosted countless supporters since its opening in 2000. Your partnership can make a profound difference in the lives of children in need. By becoming a sponsor, you join us in creating a community where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

We invite you to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities and consider supporting our mission.

With gratitude,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink are displayed in a row. The first signature is "Michael Block", the second is "Gabriela B. Ibarra", and the third is "Ron Goncalves".

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2025 Gala Committee: Deborah Annex, Rana Florida, Stuart Fort, Kira Grossman, Dagmar Llaudy, Erin Michelle Newberg, Taylor Pena, Bertha Pino, Magali Sanders, Feyza Shipley and Lynette Spizale



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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 the 1,600+ children in Miami-Dade County's foster care system with a voice in court, basic needs, dignity items, and experiences so they can go from surviving to thriving. Today, Voices makes this happen by providing critical funds for advocacy through the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program in Miami-Dade County. But only through donor and community support can Voices continue to fulfill its mission of providing representation for 100% of children in foster care.

Throughout our nearly 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 30 years, the *Be A Voice Gala* has been a Miami tradition, uniting philanthropists with a shared passion for helping children. Guests arrive at an elegant cocktail reception featuring a silent auction with luxury items from local and national brands. The black-tie event includes an exclusive live auction filled with exciting pieces and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. As the evening unfolds, a heartwarming testimonial brings the mission of *Voices For Children* and the *Guardian ad Litem Program* to life. While guests enjoy dinner, they will hear directly from children, parents, and foster parents whose lives have been impacted by *Voices For Children's* work. These powerful stories illuminate the resilience of the children and the profound impact your support can make. After dinner, a DJ and flowing cocktails keep the party going.

However, the heart of the event remains: reminding you of the incredible opportunity to *Be A Voice* for Miami's most vulnerable children.

Voices For Children Foundation (VFC) will host its 28th Annual *Be A Voice Gala* at the Mandarin Oriental, Miami, on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. This prestigious venue has been the gala's home since its 2000 debut. Back then, it welcomed 200 guests; today, over 500 community members gather to champion *Voices'* mission. This final gala at the current Mandarin Oriental Miami will underscore the importance of coalescing the community to protect children in the foster care system in Miami-Dade County that have experienced abuse, neglect and abandonment.

Voices is grateful for the longstanding support and partnership of Mandarin Oriental Miami and Swire Properties.

PREVIOUS BE A VOICE GALAS



On-site Benefits:

- Designation as Presenting Sponsor of Voices For Children's 2025 Be A Voice Gala: "Be A Voice Gala presented by *Sponsor Name*"
- Top priority seating for two (2) VIP tables of ten (10)
- Sponsor executive honored on-stage
- Visual mention on program projection screens with logo inclusion
- Two (2) full-page advertisements displayed on program projection screens
- Presenting Sponsor logo on all event signage
- Opportunity to provide a pre-approved gift bag item to all attendees

Off-site Benefits:

- Exclusive opportunity to host a Gala Kick-Off reception for VIP donors and the Gala Committee, sponsored by Presenting Sponsor
- Company Executive to participate in the Gala Committee
- Access to identify VIP guests prior to the event for photographs
- Logo inclusion on electronic save the date*
- Presenting Sponsor logo on 1000 mailed printed invitations and over 15 electronic invitations
- Premium positioning on all marketing materials*
- Special placement on all secured magazine ads*
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre- and post-event news releases*
- Inclusion of sponsorship status in event article posted on SocialMiami.com
- Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms with over 6,000 followers
- Feature on electronic promotions circulated to over 5,500 contacts
- Inclusion on the 2024 Be A Voice Gala webpage with link to sponsor website
- Editorial write-up to be included on Voices For Children's website
- Name listed on Voices For Children website's donor listing
- Prominent recognition among sponsors on event article for Voices For Children's electronic newsletter

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On-site Benefits:

- Elite seating for one table of ten (10)
- Sponsor executive honored on-stage
- Two (2) advertisements displayed on projection screens during event
- Opportunity to showcase pre-approved marketing material in gala gift bag

Off-site Benefits:

- Recognition as Gala Honorary Chair on over 15 electronic invitations distributed*
- Introduction as Gala Honorary Chair on electronic save the date*
- Special placement on select secured magazine ads*
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre- and post-event news releases*
- Inclusion of sponsorship status in event article posted on SocialMiami.com
- Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms with over 6,000 followers
- Feature on electronic promotions circulated to over 5,500 contacts
- Logo inclusion on the 2024 *Be A Voice Gala* webpage with link to sponsor website
- Prominent recognition among sponsors on event article for Voices For Children's electronic or printed newsletter
- Opportunity for company representative to serve on the Gala committee
- Access to identify VIP guests prior to the event for photographs
- Exclusive opportunity to host and sponsor thank you event for VIP donors

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SPONSORSHIPS

GOLDEN GUARDIAN FAN

\$25,000

On-site Benefits:

- Top premium seating for one table of ten (10)
- Special recognition during event program
- One (1) advertisement displayed on projection screens during event
- Opportunity to showcase pre-approved marketing material in gala gift bag

Off-site Benefits:

- Recognition as Golden Fan Guardian on over 15 electronic invitations distributed*
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases
- Inclusion of sponsorship status in event article posted on SocialMiami.com
- Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms with over 6,000 followers
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- Prominent recognition among sponsors on event article for Voices For Children's electronic or printed newsletter
- Access to identify VIP guests prior to the event for photographs

SPONSORSHIPS

DYNASTY GUARDIAN

\$15,000

On-site Benefits

- Premium seating for one table of ten (10)
- Logo inclusion on program projection screens during event program
- Opportunity to showcase pre-approved marketing material in gala gift bag

Off-site Benefits

- Recognition as Dynasty Guardian on electronic invitations distributed*
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases*
- Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms with over 6,000 followers
- Feature on electronic promotions circulated to over 5,500 contacts
- Inclusion on the 2025 *Be A Voice Gala* webpage with link to sponsor website
- Mention in event article for Voices For Children's electronic or printed newsletter

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2024 GALA SPONSORS

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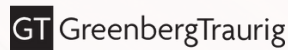
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PREVIOUSLY SECURED MEDIA LISTINGS

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.

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