

**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IMPACT**

# **BE A HERO** ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ **LUNCHEON**



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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**11AM TO 2PM**

**LOEWS HOTEL CORAL GABLES**  
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Our Annual Be A Hero Luncheon celebrates our community superheroes dedicated to bettering the lives of children in foster care.

## ABOUT THE LUNCHEON

For the past 28 years, over 400 of our community's most devoted philanthropists, including attorneys, judges, elected officials, and community leaders, have gathered annually for this Signature Event that recognizes our community's heroes who have dedicated their lives to "being a voice" and making a difference in the lives of children in foster care. These Superheroes are also individuals, corporations and organizations who have supported Voices For Children.

**This year's luncheon holds a special meaning as we celebrate 40 years of making a difference in the lives of children.** For four decades, we've been a constant presence for over 45,000 children in Miami-Dade's foster care system. To celebrate the joyous occasion, we encourage attendees to dress as their favorite superheroes... so get your capes ready to join us for an incredible afternoon at the Loews Coral Gables.

## LOEWS CORAL GABLES

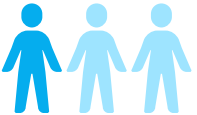


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Voices For Children is a beacon of hope for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the Miami Dade County foster care system. These children have been subjected to the most heinous acts of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. There are currently over 1,600 children and youth in Miami-Dade's foster care system; Voices For Children Foundation is a safety net for these children. We strive to ensure that every child has a voice in court by providing critical funds for advocacy (through the Miami Dade Guardian ad Litem Office), basic needs, dignity items and experiences.

**Our childhood is made up of little moments that collectively allow us to expand our horizons. Voices For Children helps facilitate memory making experiences that deliver a sense of normalcy and an opportunity for children in foster care to dream beyond their circumstance.**

## STATISTICAL OUTCOMES



1/3 of children in foster care **will live at or below the poverty level**

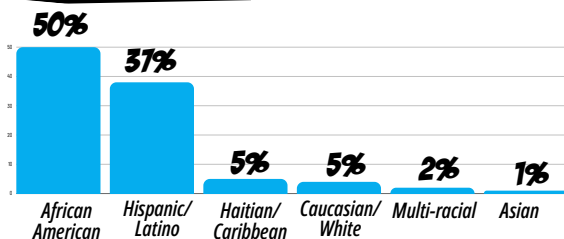


1/4 of children in foster care **will end up in jail** within the first 2 years of aging out



1/5 of children in foster care **will experience homelessness**

## ETHNICITY



## CHILDREN WHO HAVE A GUARDIAN AD LITEM (GAL) :

- » Will spend less time in foster care - reaching permanency quicker.
- » Are less likely to have poor conduct in school or get expelled.
- » Are more likely to pass all courses and graduate high school
- » Have a consistent, responsible adult present in their lives.

## OUR IMPACT

- » Since 1984, Voices For Children and the Miami-Dade Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Office have served more than 45,000 children in the foster care system.
- » Since 2016, over \$1.7 million in direct financial assistance through Voices' Children's Needs program has served over 6,000 kids in care with essential needs (such as food, clothing, and housing) dignity items, tutoring, summer camp, and experiences.
- » The Comfort Closet, made possible by Miami-Dade County, offers children in foster care, and those that have aged out, a dedicated space where they can get basic necessities and comfort items.
- » Voices For Children currently funds over 50% of the Miami-Dade GAL Office staff. This funding is critical to ensuring that all children and youth have quality representation - a voice in court and in the community





## **HONORING THE LEGACY OF ANNABEL "BUNCHY" GERTNER**



At this year's luncheon, we'll celebrate the legacy of Annabel "Bunchy" Gertner, a true force for good in South Florida's child welfare space.

Born in Philadelphia on July 10, 1934, Annabel's life was a testament to the power of kindness and the unwavering dedication to making a difference. A longtime resident of South Florida, Bunchy was devoted to our community's most vulnerable youth. She was a tireless advocate for children in foster care, working to ensure their well-being. Bunchy's annual tradition (initially the Voices For Children toy drive, later Our Kids, and most recently Citrus) brought holiday cheer to more than 90,000 children and youth in foster care or independent living. Year after year, until 2022, Bunchy worked for months leading up to Christmas to ensure every child in care had a wrapped gift to open. She also made sure that teens aging out of the system were given age-appropriate Christmas presents to help prepare them for independent living, such as sheets, towels, pillows, blankets, dishes, cookware, and hygiene products. Her efforts were nothing short of extraordinary.

Bunchy served on the Voices For Children Board of Directors for many years, her leadership and passion invaluable. She actively shaped Voices For Children's work through grant writing, committee service, and even by taking on the role of Interim Director at a crucial time with no pay.

Bunchy touched countless lives, and her legacy will continue through the children who benefited from her kindness. Her memory is a reminder of the power of compassion and the importance of making a positive impact on the world. We are excited to celebrate her life and accomplishments at this year's Be A Hero Luncheon.



# BE A VOICE MEMBERS

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### LEVEL 1 HEROES- \$100,000



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### LEVEL 3 HEROES- \$50,000



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### LEVEL 4 HEROES- \$25,000



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FAMILY FOUNDATION

### LEVEL 5 HEROES- \$15,000



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**GALLERIA FARMS**

John Broe

Stuart Fort

Michael Block

Ron Goncalves

Gabriela Ibarra

### LEVEL 6 HEROES- \$7,500



Kira Grossman



**Turner**

**Bilzin Sumberg**

**Be A Voice** is Voices for Children's annual membership program. Be A Voice members provide unrestricted funding to support our efforts so we can continue providing children in Miami-Dade's foster care system with quality advocacy and fully centralized access to services and resources to meet their needs.

# 2024 LUNCHEON SPECIFIC SPONSORS

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IMPACT

### PRESENTING SPONSOR

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### Major Hero Sponsor

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### Silver Guardian Sponsor



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### Table Host Hero Sponsor

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Elisa Gibellini  
Dave Guzman

Fran Feinberg  
Rana Florida & Michelle Lari

### Media Sponsor

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# 2024 HOST COMMITTEE

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We are thankful to our committee members for their invaluable contributions and dedication to our Be A Hero luncheon committee. Their collective expertise and diverse perspectives are crucial in guiding our decisions and advancing our mission. They have been essential in leveraging specialized knowledge, sharing responsibilities, and ensuring that our efforts are both thorough and impactful.

- Carly Alarcon
- Ilana Yuz Brodsky
- Rene Lopez Cantera
- Jessica Cristobal
- Ivonne Dorrego
- Patricia Fuller
- Elisa Gibellini
- Nicole Goldmeier
- Jackie Gonzalez
- Brianna Ruiz Varas
- Courtney Whitney



# BE A HERO LUNCHEON *BENEFITS*

**Co-Presenting  
Sponsor**

**\$20,000**

**Major Hero  
Sponsor**

**\$15,000**

**Platinum Justice  
Sponsor**

**\$10,000**

**Gold Healer  
Sponsor**

**\$5,000**

**Silver Guardian  
Sponsor**

**\$3,000**

**Table Host Hero  
Sponsor**

**\$2,500**

<b>Event Tickets</b>						
Mention in article on Voices For Children's electronic newsletter						
Inclusion on Voices For Children's Website Donor Listing						
Inclusion on Event Webpage						
Recognition on Sponsor Reel at Event						
Opportunity for Inclusion on Digital and Printed Invitations						
Inclusion in Pre and Post-Event Press Release						
VIP Table Seating						
Logo Inclusion on the event web page with link to sponsor's website						
Special Recognition on Event Sponsorship Reel						
Branding Opportunity to display company signage and banners (provided by sponsor)						
Distribution of company brochures (provided by sponsor)						
Special On-Stage Recognition During Program Presentation						
Mention in Event Program						
Recognition on Save the Date						
Opportunity to provide an editorial write-up, to be included in the event page of Voices For Children's Website						



# CO-PRESENTING SPONSOR

## \$20,000

**Designation as Co-Presenting Sponsor and recognized as follows:**

Voices For Children's 28th Annual Be A Hero Luncheon

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- » **Two (2) VIP tables of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon**
- » Visual and audio mentions during the Be A Hero Luncheon program
- » **Company executive honored on stage**
- » One (1) full-page advertisement displayed in digital program
- » Branding opportunity to display company signage and banners (provided by sponsor)
- » Distribution of company brochures, product sampling, coupons, or branded merchandise (provided by sponsor)



- » **Access to over 450 influential and engaged supporters in attendance**
- » **Recognition as Presenting Sponsor and logo inclusion on electronic Save the Date and invitations**
- » Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases
- » Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram) with 15,000 + followers
- » Feature on electronic promotions circulated to 6,000 + contacts
- » Inclusion of company logo and website link on the event page of Voices For Children's website
- » Opportunity to provide a blog post to be included on Voices For Children's website
- » **Inclusion of company logo in article on Voices For Children's electronic newsletter**



# MAJOR HERO SPONSOR

## \$15,000

Designation as Major Hero Sponsor of Voices For Children's 28th Annual Be A Hero Luncheon

### ON-SITE BENEFITS

- » **One (1) VIP table of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon**
- » Special On-Stage Recognition During Program Presentation
- » Visual and audio mentions during the Be A Hero Luncheon program
- » One (1) full-page advertisement displayed in digital program and projected on the screen
- » Honorable mention made from the stage
- » Branding opportunity to display company signage and banners (provided by sponsor)
- » **Distribution of company brochures (provided by sponsor)**

### OFF-SITE BENEFITS

- » **Access to over 450 influential and engaged supporters in attendance**
- » **Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases**
- » Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram) with 15,000 + followers
- » Feature on electronic promotions circulated to 6,000+ contacts
- » Logo inclusion on the event web page with link to sponsor's website
- » Mention in article on Voices For Children's electronic newsletter



# PLATINUM JUSTICE SPONSOR

## \$10,000

Designation as Platinum Justice Sponsor of Voices For Children's 28th Annual Be A Hero Luncheon

### ON-SITE BENEFITS

- » **One (1) VIP table of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon**
- » **Special Recognition on Event Sponsorship Reel**
- » Visual and audio mentions during the Be A Hero Luncheon program
- » One (1) full-page advertisement displayed in digital program
- » Branding opportunity to display company signage and banners (provided by sponsor)
- » Distribution of company brochures (provided by sponsor)

### OFF-SITE BENEFITS

- » **Access to over 450 influential and engaged supporters in attendance**
- » Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases
- » Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram) with 15,000 + followers
- » Feature on electronic promotions circulated to 6,000+ contacts
- » **Logo inclusion on the event web page with link to sponsor's website**
- » Mention in article on Voices For Children's electronic newsletter



# **GOLD HEALER SPONSOR**

## **\$5,000**

Designation as Gold Healer Sponsor of Voices For Children's 28th Annual Be A Hero Luncheon

### **ON-SITE BENEFITS**

- » **One (1) VIP table of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon**
- » Visual and audio mentions during the Be A Hero Luncheon program
- » One (1) full-page advertisement displayed in digital program

### **OFF-SITE BENEFITS**

- » **Access to over 400 influential and engaged supporters in attendance**
- » **Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases**
- » Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram) with 15,000 + followers
- » Feature on electronic promotions circulated to 6,000+ contacts
- » Logo inclusion on the event web page with link to sponsor's website
- » Mention in article on Voices For Children's electronic newsletter





# SILVER GUARDIAN SPONSOR

## \$3,000

Designation as Silver Guardian Sponsor of Voices For Children's 28th Annual Be A Hero Luncheon

### ON-SITE BENEFITS

- » One table of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon
- » Visual and audio mentions during the Be A Hero Luncheon program
- » One (1) full-page advertisement displayed in digital program

### OFF-SITE BENEFITS

- » **Access to over 400 influential and engaged supporters in attendance**
- » Acknowledgement of sponsorship in pre and post-event news releases
- » **Exposure via Voices For Children's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram) with 15,000 + followers**
- » Logo inclusion on the event web page



# SUPER HERO TABLE HOST

## \$2,500

### ON-SITE BENEFITS

- » One table of ten to the Be A Hero Luncheon



# SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE FORM

Please select desired sponsorship package below.

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- |                          |                                 |                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Co-Presenting Sponsor</b>    | <b>\$20,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Major Hero Sponsor</b>       | <b>\$15,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Platinum Justice Sponsor</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Gold Healer Sponsor</b>      | <b>\$5,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Silver Guardian Sponsor</b>  | <b>\$3,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Table Host Hero Sponsor</b>  | <b>\$2,500</b>  |

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### PAYMENT

- ☐ Bill me later (Payment due 10/04/2024)
- ☐ Pay Now: [beavoice.org/events/luncheon/be-a-voice-luncheon-2024/](https://beavoice.org/events/luncheon/be-a-voice-luncheon-2024/)

