



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP



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Mission

Voices For Children Foundation, Inc. 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.

Vision

We 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.

What We Do

Voices For Children stands as a safety net for abused, abandoned, and neglected children and youth in Miami-Dade's foster care system. We provide financial support so that each child has quality Guardian ad Litem representation, access to essential items, and experiences that allow them to dream beyond their circumstances.



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Our Impact



Over 1600 children placed in “foster care” in Miami-Dade county.

More than half of children in foster care in Miami-Dade would find themselves without critical Guardian ad Litem (GAL) representation without the support of Voices For Children (VFC). GALs act as dedicated advocates for children in the foster care system, navigating the complexities of the child welfare system and ensuring their voices are heard in court proceedings. Over 55% of Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Office staffing in Miami-Dade County is funded by VFC, ensuring all children entering the system are supported by a dedicated advocacy team.

Over 41% of these youth have been in care for over 24 months.

To address the issue of children languishing in care, VFC now funds a Permanency Specialist position for the local GAL Office. This specialized position is central to identifying permanency obstacles and finding solutions so that children spend less time in the system.

T250 unduplicated youth, ages 11 through 18, attended a Voices For Children-sponsored experiential learning opportunity.*

The Voices For Children Team - often in collaboration with like minded organizations - organizes experiential learning opportunities for youth in the foster care system. These programs provide a platform for skill development, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork in a real-world context. These experiences also cultivate a spirit of exploration, encouraging youth to dream beyond their circumstances.

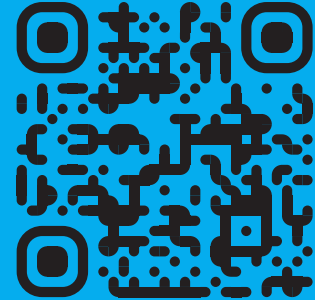
Over 500 unduplicated children and youth have received items from our comfort closet.*

Our Comfort Closet functions as a centralized resource center, providing children, youth, and families with essential items that contribute to their well-being. This includes critical hygiene products, diapers for young children, and a selection of toys, games, and sporting goods.

**from June 30, 2022 to July 1, 2023*

Why Join Be A Voice?

Be A Voice recognizes and engages Voices For Children Foundation's most dedicated supporters. Our annual membership program members provide unrestricted funding to ensure we can continue providing children in Miami-Dade's foster care system with quality Guardian ad Litem (GAL) representation and fully centralized access to services and resources to meet their needs.



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Level Benefits

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Recognition during welcome remarks at signature events	●					
Active Cross Promotion	●	●				
VIP Seating at Gala and Luncheon	●	●	●			
Newsletter Feature	●	●	●			
Opportunity to volunteer at youth event	●	●	●			
Dedicated Social Media Post	●	●	●	●		
Recognition on Website	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tickets to Signature Events*	●	●	●	●	●	●

*numbers range per level

Our Focus



Advocacy: A Voice in Court

The Guardian ad Litem volunteers and staff are the light that guides our children in foster care, serving as their voice in court to ensure their rights, needs, and permanency.

The 11th Judicial Circuit's Guardian ad Litem Office plays a vital role in representing foster children. Through essential funding provided by Voices For Children, this office can assemble a comprehensive team of trained volunteers, attorneys, program supervisors, and managers. This multi-disciplinary approach ensures every child entering the system receives the dedicated advocacy they deserve.

The Miami-Dade Guardian ad Litem Office employs over 100 staff members, including attorneys, supervisors, and crucial administrative and recruitment personnel. Voices For Children's funding directly supports over 55% of these essential positions, allowing the GAL program to represent all children navigating the foster care system. This investment empowers the office to effectively represent the best interests of children in care, guaranteeing their physical, social, and emotional needs are addressed.

Our Focus

Basic Needs



Our collective work continues to address the most pressing children's needs, including children struggling to catch and keep up in school, and families experiencing worsening economic conditions due to inflation and growing housing costs. These circumstances heighten the risk of disruptions to children's placements, emphasizing the crucial need for prompt and effective action.

Our Children's Needs Program serves as a crucial safety net for families and caregivers facing financial difficulties that threaten the stability of children in their care. By providing immediate assistance, we help to mitigate risks of placement disruptions and ensure continuity for children in care.

Voices For Children also provides assistance for essential items like food, clothing, and shoes. This ensures children and youth in care have access to the basic necessities they deserve, fostering a sense of security and promoting their overall well-being.

Our Focus



Dignity Items

Every child in foster care deserves to feel secure and empowered. Our Comfort Closet provides a dedicated space where children and youth can access essential needs and dignity items that contribute to their well-being and confidence.

These comfort items extend past the basic items needed for survival, to items that promote normalcy and spark joy for children and youth experiencing foster care. From toys and board games to supplies for birthday parties and celebrations, these items are intended to encourage childhood experiences for children navigating the most difficult times in their young lives.

The Comfort Closet goes beyond basic necessities. It offers items that promote a sense of normalcy and joy, fostering a positive childhood experience during a challenging time. These items include toys, board games, and supplies for birthdays and other celebrations.

Children, youth, and foster families can visit the Comfort Closet throughout their foster care journey, and even after a youth ages out of the system, they are welcome to return for anything they might need.

Our Focus

Experiences



The experiences we have as children — and the memories they give us — are so important to our development as human beings. Voices for Children specializes in memory-making. We aim to provide rich experiences that offer a sense of normalcy and empower children to dream beyond their current circumstances.

We organize a diverse range of outings and experiences designed to foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. These experiences can be anything from transformative mission trips to engaging activities like basketball games, salsa classes, or exploring new cuisines. This well-rounded itinerary goes beyond entertainment; it equips children with valuable skills and broadens their horizons.

BE A VOICE
MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
Level 1
\$100,000



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter

Logo, Active PR & Featured story

Website

Feature on our website

Social Media

Recognition post

Events

Welcome remarks at luncheon or gala + Logo on print material and on digital screens

Event Benefits

Be A Voice Founders Event

Gala
2 VIP tables

Luncheon
2 VIP tables

Party for a Cause
20 tickets

Opportunities to Volunteer

June

Back to School - Help our youth shop for the upcoming school year

November

Thanksgiving Lunch for foster youth

December

Shop with a cop/Toy distribution

COLLECTIVE VOICE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Level 2

\$75,000



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter

Logo & Featured story

Website

Feature on our website

Social Media

Recognition post

Events

Live recognition by Speaker at Event, Logo on print material and on digital screens

Event Benefits

Collective
Voice
Founders
Event

Gala
1 VIP table

Luncheon
2 VIP tables

Party for a
Cause
15 tickets

Opportunities to Volunteer

Will be invited to
Volunteer at one VFC
Foster Youth Event.

COLLECTIVE VOICE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Level 3

\$50,000



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter

Logo & Featured story

Website

Feature on our website

Social Media

Recognition post

Events

Logo on print material and on digital screens

Event Benefits

Collective
Voice
Founders
Event

Gala
1 VIP table

Luncheon
1.5 VIP table

Party for a
Cause
10 tickets

Opportunities to Volunteer

Will be invited to
Volunteer at one
VFC Foster Youth
Event.

COLLECTIVE VOICE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Level 4

\$25,000



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter

Logo

Social Media

Recognition in group partner post

Website

Feature on our website

Events

Logo on print material OR on digital screens at events

Event Benefits

Collective Voice Founders Event



Luncheon
1 table



Gala
1 table



Party for a Cause
8 tickets



COLLECTIVE VOICE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Level 5

\$15,000



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter

Logo

Social Media

Recognition in group partner post

Website

Logo

Events

Logo on digital screens at events

Event Benefits

Collective Voice Founders Event

Luncheon
1 Table

Gala
5 Tickets

Party for a Cause
4 tickets

COLLECTIVE VOICE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Level 6

\$7,500



Brand Exposure Recognition

Newsletter
Name

Social Media
Recognition in group
partner post

Website
Logo

Events
Name on digital
screens at events

Event Benefits

Collective
Voice
Founders
Event

Luncheon
5 Tickets

Gala
2 Tickets

Party for a
Cause
2 Tickets

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