



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.

250 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*

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 Miami-Dade Guardian ad Litem Office employs over 100 staff members; Voices For Children's funding directly supports over 55% of these essential positions, allowing the GAL Office 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.

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.

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 & Normalcy

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.

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

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 includes tickets and invites to exclusive events throughout the year.

Calendar of Events

Back to School Event, Summer 2024 (exact date TBD)

Our annual Back to School event, in partnership with Old Navy, prepares over 400 children in care to get ready for the school year by providing them with uniforms and supplies.



Be A Voice Luncheon, October 25, 2024

Loews Coral Gables Hotel, 2950 Coconut Grove Dr.

Our annual Be A Voice Luncheon celebrates our community's fiercest advocates with a fun superhero-themed event where dressing up is encouraged!

Be A Voice Founders Event, November 2024

This exclusive event celebrates our Be A Voice members and enables them to meet others who make up the vibrant community making a difference in children's lives.



Annual Be A Voice Gala, January 18, 2025

Mandarin Oriental, 500 Brickell Key Drive.

Our annual black-tie event promises an unforgettable event, where community leaders and VFC supporters gather for an evening of fun and philanthropy.

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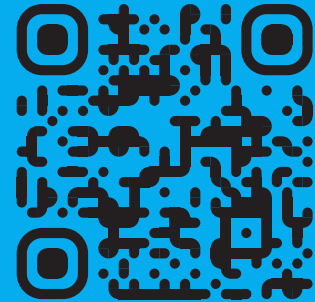
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Why Join Be A Voice?

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.



Our Founding Members

LEVEL 1 HEROES- \$100,000



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Kira Grossman

Level Benefits

	100k Level 1	75k Level 2	50k Level 3	25k Level 4	15k Level 5	7.5k 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

Level 1

\$100,000



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Featured story & name/logo in monthly newsletters. Active cross promotion PR.

Website

Logo on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition post & story

Gala & Luncheon

Welcome remarks at one event.. Apart of event committee. Logo & name on printed material and digital screens.

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-2 VIP tables
-Major Hero Sponsor

Gala

-2 VIP tables, includes 20 tickets
-Honorary Gala Chair

Opportunities to Volunteer

There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year with youth in foster care. Please contact Aport@beavoice.org if you would like to participate.

Level 2

\$75,000



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Featured story & name/logo in monthly newsletters.

Website

Logo on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition post & story

Gala & Luncheon

Apart of event committee. Logo & name on digital screens and printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-2 VIP tables, includes 20 tickets
-Platinum Sponsor

Gala

-1 VIP table, includes 10 tickets
-Listed as Golden Fan Guardian Sponsor

Opportunities to Volunteer

There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year with youth in foster care. Please contact Aport@beavoice.org if you would like to participate.

Level 3

\$50,000



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

One featured story & name/logo in monthly newsletters

Website

Logo on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition post & story

Gala & Luncheon

Logo or name on digital screens and printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-1.5 VIP tables, includes 15 tickets
-Gold Sponsor

Gala

-1 VIP table, includes 10 tickets
-Listed as Dynasty Guardian Sponsor

Opportunities to Volunteer

There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year with youth in foster care. Please contact Aport@beavoice.org if you would like to participate.

Level 4

\$25,000



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Logo in monthly newsletters

Website

Logo on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition in partner posts & dedicated story post

Gala & Luncheon

Logo or name on digital screens and printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets
-Super Hero Sponsor

Gala

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets
-Listed as Tai Pan Guardian Sponsor

Opportunities to Volunteer

There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year with youth in foster care. Please contact Aport@beavoice.org if you would like to participate.

Level 5

\$15,000



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Logo in monthly newsletters

Website

Logo on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition in partner posts & dedicated story post

Gala & Luncheon

Name on digital screens and printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets

Gala

-6 seats

Opportunities to Volunteer

There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year with youth in foster care. Please contact Aport@beavoice.org if you would like to participate.

Level 6

\$7,500



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Name in monthly newsletters

Website

Name on main page & Be A Voice page & blog post

Social Media

Recognition in partner posts & dedicated story post

Gala & Luncheon

Name on digital screens and printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-5 seats at a table, includes 5 tickets

Gala

-2 seats

Opportunities to Volunteer

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Pictured: CEO & President Kadie Black and youth on annual Blue Mission trip to the Dominican Republic

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