



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 advocacy 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 critical support so that children in care have specialized advocacy, 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.

Nearly 1,600 children in Miami-Dade County are placed into foster care due to allegations of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. For these children, life changes abruptly, often leaving them with lasting emotional trauma. Voices For Children steps in to make a difference, providing critical support to help them navigate these challenging circumstances.

From dedicated advocacy—ensuring children don't get lost in the system and that youth aging out have the resources to face adulthood—to meeting essential needs and offering transformative experiences, Voices For Children is committed to building resilience and fostering hope for a brighter future.

Over 1100 unduplicated children and youth received support for essentials

To ensure children's most basic needs—and the joys every child deserves—are met, Voices for Children **provided funding to support over 1,100 children in foster care.** This included essentials like car seats, beds, school uniforms, and shoes. Beyond meeting basic needs, Voices for Children brought comfort and joy by providing holiday gifts, sporting equipment, toiletries, makeup, and age-appropriate toys and games.

506 children participated in our KINDSHIP (Kinship) CARE Program.

Our "Kindship" program supported 506 children, focusing on stabilizing placements with appropriate relative caregivers. By offering dedicated advocacy and providing families with essential resources—such as gift cards, clothing, furniture, and even rental assistance—Voices for Children helps create brighter futures for these children.

Research shows that children placed with relatives, rather than foster care, experience better outcomes, including improved behavioral health, increased stability, and higher levels of permanency. The program's success is clear: **of the 506 children served, only 11 required placement in foster care or group homes,** highlighting its effectiveness.

**from June 30, 2023 to July 1, 2024*

Our Focus



Advocacy



Voices For Children prioritizes advocacy through dedicated experts who work to ensure that kids don't languish in the system and permanency is expedited.

Our Permanency Specialist collaborates with child welfare agencies to identify and overcome barriers to permanency for children under five—the largest demographic in our foster care system—helping to prevent prolonged stays in the foster care system. Meanwhile, our Independent Living Specialist works closely with teens, preparing them for adulthood with the tools and support they need to thrive.

Through our KINSHIP Care Program, we focus on stabilizing placements for children who have been removed from their homes and placed in Kinship Care — living with appropriate relatives such as aunts, uncles, grandparents, teachers, or neighbors. This includes advocating for resources and providing essential support to ensure these placements succeed. Research consistently shows that children placed with relatives, rather than in foster care or group homes, achieve better outcomes, including improved behavioral health, greater stability, and higher rates of permanency.

Our Focus



Essential Needs



Voices for Children is dedicated to addressing the most pressing challenges faced by children in foster care. From helping children catch up in school to supporting families grappling with economic hardships due to inflation and rising housing costs, our work aims to mitigate the risk of placement disruptions and provide stability during difficult times. We provide critical assistance with necessities like food, clothing, and shoes to ensure children and youth in care have access to the basic items they need, fostering security and promoting their well-being.

Every child in foster care deserves to feel secure, empowered, and valued, which is why we created the Comfort Closet—a dedicated space where children and youth can access essential needs and dignity items that boost their confidence and well-being.

Beyond necessities, the Comfort Closet offers toys, board games, and supplies for birthday parties and celebrations to encourage joyful childhood experiences, even during challenging times. Children, youth, and foster families are welcome to visit the Comfort Closet throughout their foster care journey, and youth who age out of the system can continue to access the support they need as they transition into adulthood.

Our Focus



Positive Experiences



The experiences we have as children—and the memories they create—play a pivotal role in shaping who we become. Voices for Children is dedicated to memory-making, offering rich, transformative opportunities that provide a sense of normalcy and empower children to dream beyond their current circumstances.

We organize a diverse range of outings and immersive experiences designed not only to entertain but also to inspire growth and build essential life skills. From attending thrilling sporting events and participating in therapeutic nature camps to going on mission trips and exploring the wonders of the natural world, each experience is carefully curated to foster critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

Children might find themselves cheering at an exhilarating basketball game, mastering the steps of salsa dancing, or tasting the flavors of a new cuisine for the very first time. They may also travel thousands of miles away, contributing to communities in need while discovering a deeper sense of self and connection to others. These outings go beyond simple activities; they serve as opportunities to broaden horizons, build confidence, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Voices for Children believes that these moments of joy and discovery are not just enriching but essential for helping children imagine a brighter future and realize their full potential.

Be a Voice membership includes tickets and invites to exclusive events throughout the year.

Calendar of Events

Be A Voice Founders Event, TBD

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.



Back to School Drives and Event, Summer 2025

Our annual Back to School Event equips over 300 youth in foster care with the essentials they need for a successful school year.

Be A Hero Luncheon, October 2025

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!



Annual Be A Voice Gala, January 2026

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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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 advocacy and fully centralized access to services and resources to meet their needs.

Our Members

LEVEL 1 HEROES- \$100,000 & UP



LEVEL 3 HEROES- \$50,000 - \$74,999



LEVEL 4 HEROES- \$25,000 - \$49,999



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LEVEL 5 HEROES- \$15,000 - \$24,999



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LEVEL 6 HEROES- \$7,500 - \$14,999



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Level Benefits

	100k+ Level 1	75,000-99,999 Level 2	50,000-74,999 Level 3	25,000-49,999 Level 4	15,000-24,999 Level 5	7,500-14,999 Level 6
Recognition during welcome remarks at signature events	●					
Active Cross Promotion	●	●				
Newsletter Feature	●	●	●			
VIP Seating at Gala and Luncheon	●	●	●	●		
Opportunity to volunteer at youth event	●	●	●	●	●	
Dedicated Social Media Post	●	●	●	●	●	
Recognition on Website	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tickets to Signature Events*	●	●	●	●	●	●
Media Benefits*	●	●	●	●	●	●

*numbers/ opportunities range per level

Level 1

\$100,000+



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Name/logo in monthly newsletters and one featured per year. 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
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Gala

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

Media Benefits

2 Page Spread Ad in Brickell + Social Media Post (\$7,500 value)

2 Page Spread Ad Key Biscayne + Social Media Post (\$6,500 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

Please contact kblack@beavoice.org for volunteer opportunities

Level 2

\$75,000-\$99,999



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Name/logo in monthly newsletters; one feature per year

Website

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

Social Media

Recognition post & story

Gala & Luncheon

A part of event committee. Logo & name on digital screens and/or printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-2 VIP tables, includes 20 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Gala

-1 VIP table, includes 10 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Media Benefits

1 Full Page Ad in Brickell + Social Media Post (\$4,500 value)

1 Full Page Ad in Key Biscayne + Social Media Post (\$3,900 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

Please contact kblack@beavoice.org for volunteer opportunities

Level 3

\$50,000-\$74,999



Brand Exposure

Newsletter

Name/logo in monthly newsletters; one feature per year.

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
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Gala

-1 VIP table, includes 10 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Media Benefits

1 Full Page Ad in Brickell + Social Media Post (\$4,500 value)

1 Full Page Ad in Key Biscayne + Social Media Post (\$3,900 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

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Level 4

\$25,000- \$49,999



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/or printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice sponsor

Gala

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Media Benefits

1 Half Page Ad in Brickell + Social Media Post (\$2,800 value)

1 Half Page Ad in Key Biscayne + Social Media Post (\$2,400 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

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Level 5

\$15,000-\$24,999



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/or printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-1 reserved table, includes 10 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Gala

-6 seats
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Media Benefits

1 Half Page Ad in Brickell + Social Media Post (\$2,800 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

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Level 6

\$7,500-\$14,999



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/or printed material

Event Benefits

Be A Voice

-Invite to our members only event

Luncheon

-5 seats at a table, includes 5 tickets
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Gala

-2 seats
-Recognition as Be A Voice Sponsor

Media Benefits

1 Half Page Ad in Key Biscayne + Social Media Post (\$2,400 value)

Opportunities to Volunteer

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

For more information on how you can support our mission and vision, please contact:

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