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## WELCOME

Welcome to Florida Foster Care Review's Annual Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Ceremony!

This event gives us an opportunity to express our gratitude to the many volunteers, judges, community partners and donors who work tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children. Each one of you is essential to achieving our collective vision of a child welfare system that protects children, ensures stability and promotes success.

The Florida Foster Care Review (FFCR) team and I are very excited to be able to recognize our 70 outstanding volunteers and to single out those who have reached significant milestones in their years of service to children in the dependency court system. In addition, we are thrilled to honor Marielle Gomez-Kaifer, PhD, an inspirational community volunteer and child advocate who has contributed her time and talent to improving the lives of hundreds of children, youth and young adults. We are also proud to pay tribute to our Immediate Past President, Jean Bell, for her extraordinary leadership, and to acknowledge the generosity of Holland & Knight.

No organization can accomplish its mission without collaboration and community support. Florida Foster Care Review is grateful to each of our volunteers, judges, stakeholders and donors for your partnership, and we feel privileged to work with you towards a common goal.

Together, we make a difference.

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**Candice L. Maze, JD**  
Executive Director, Florida Foster Care Review



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More than a quarter century ago, a United Way Committee determined to ease the burden on Miami's inundated Juvenile Dependency Court developed the blueprint for Florida Foster Care Review. Subsequent legislative action paved the way for Citizen Review Panels. Since then, FFCR's Citizen Review Panel Program has conducted case review hearings to oversee the safety and well-being of thousands of abused and neglected children.

Throughout the years, our dedicated staff and volunteers have taken the time to understand each child's story and to ensure that his or her physical, emotional and educational needs are met. Whether connecting a child with tutoring, medical care, counseling, transitional housing or simply the chance to experience normal childhood activities, the work of Florida Foster Care Review has not only improved the lives of abused and neglected children – in some cases it has even saved them.

Today, FFCR is facilitating more Citizen Review Panel hearings each month in order to meet the challenges presented by the rising number of children entering foster care. To this ongoing work we've also added a new initiative: the Permanency Roundtable Program, which actively engages the community in seeking 'forever families' for youth otherwise destined to exit the foster care system without family or adult support.

We are using all that we have learned and continue to learn in order to better facilitate, evaluate, advocate and innovate on behalf of the children and youth who need us. Our monthly iReview e-newsletter, weekly online newspaper, op-eds and letters to the editor, community forums and advocacy in Tallahassee promote system improvements that will make a real difference in the lives of foster children. FFCR is also exploring opportunities to increase the use of Citizen Review Panels across the state.

Without you, none of this is possible. With you, everything is possible. As we lift our collective voice on behalf of the children FFCR serves, we know that our voice, our leadership, is yours.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Promoting stability and success...

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In November 2014, FFCR's Citizen Review Panel heard the case of Jessica, age 11, who had recently been placed in a pre-adoptive home for the standard 90-day period before her adoption could be finalized. Prior to the CRP hearing and before the end of the 90-day period, Jessica's case manager recommended family therapy and certified behavioral analyst services in order to resolve tension in her adoptive home and significant behavioral issues that warranted intervention.

At the CRP hearing, upon learning that Jessica's adoption might be finalized before the 90-day period was completed, the panelists were concerned that the services critical to the long-term stability of the adoption had not been implemented. In the course of the review, all the parties agreed that postponing the adoption until the recommended services were in place was the best course of action to ensure the adoption's success. The CRP brought the case back before the judge, who was receptive to the Panel's recommendation and agreed to monitor the case for another 90 days. Without this action, Jessica and her adoptive family would not have received the services they needed to support a successful adoption and Jessica's adoptive placement would likely have failed.

## Finding youth lifelong, loving families...

In 2012, local law enforcement discovered Edward, then 11, alone on a city bus. He was unable to speak and could not communicate where he lived or who his parents were. Upon making contact with relatives, authorities discovered that Edward was developmentally delayed and had very limited speech. Edward was living in the U.S. with his father and younger brother, while his mother remained in their home country with his two other siblings.

This was not the first incident of Edward being unsupervised and wandering. Because his father could not provide a safe home, Edward was placed in foster care. His medical and mental health evaluations revealed autism, developmental delays and a speech disorder. His father was offered therapeutic services for Edward, which Edward received in his foster home and at school. His father completed the services, but did not have an acceptable living arrangement for Edward. His visits were inconsistent and he was not readily available to provide parental consent to continue Edward's treatments.

Edward's Permanency Action Plan included outreach to relatives to determine if any were interested in being part of Edward's life. The plan also included an action item to determine Edward's legal residency status in the U.S. Over the next three months of ongoing Roundtables, Edward's legal residency was applied for and approved; he is now awaiting delivery of his green card. The PRT team also identified a paternal cousin, Ms. Jones, who had known Edward as a child and expressed interest in being his permanent legal guardian. Edward's father was relieved that Ms. Jones was willing to care for his son while he retained his paternal rights and his relationship with Edward. Ms. Jones made it clear to Edward's father that he had to visit Edward consistently, and she offered to provide weekly transportation so he could visit Edward in his foster home.

The PRT team discussed with Ms. Jones the challenges and requirements of serving as Edward's long-term legal guardian. She appears enthusiastic, capable and committed to supporting Edward for the rest of his life and to helping him maintain a relationship with his father. The PRT team will continue to push this process forward, addressing barriers and challenges collaboratively and strategically.

## Prioritizing children's health and safety...

In January 2015, the Citizen Review Panel heard the case of Kayla and Tiana, ages two and four, who were then staying with their grandmother. At the time, the children's parents, who suffered from severe substance abuse and mental health issues, could not be located.

Upon examining the details of the case, the CRP identified critical issues. First, the children were not being taken for updated medical check-ups, nor were they receiving pending neurological assessments or play therapy. Second, for more than six months, neither of the parents had visited the children or complied with the court-ordered case plan tasks required to regain custody. Despite this, no one had filed to terminate parental rights so that the children could seek a better, more permanent living arrangement.

As a result, the CRP set the case for a special hearing before the judge to present its recommendations and address the panel's many concerns. A few days later, the judge accepted all the CRP's recommendations. Further, the judge ordered Children's Legal Services to file a termination of parental rights petition within two months. FFCR is optimistic that when the case comes before the CRP in June, the children will be up-to-date with their medical visits and therapy and in the process of being adopted into a loving, lifelong family.

## Helping older youth transition to adulthood...

David's case came before the CRP for review two months before his 18th birthday. When asked about his post-18 plans he explained, "I am not going into EFC [Extended Foster Care]. I want to get my GED and live on my own. I have a job. I've raised myself and will continue to do so. I've been in foster care since I was four...I've lived in medical foster homes, foster homes and group homes. I'm tired."

It was clear that the system had failed David, and he wanted to be independent. However, after several more minutes of discussion, the panel realized that David misunderstood the EFC program and the other options available to him once he turned 18. FFCR's Review Specialist explained the options to him. She told him he could live independently while continuing to receive financial and case management support from the system and could receive financial assistance for college as well. David's face lit up. He thought that EFC meant he would have to live in a foster home until age 21.

At the end of the review, David shook the hand of each panel member and thanked them. He looked at the Review Specialist and said, "Thank you for explaining things to me. I just want to make the right decision and have a real life." It was clear from David's feedback that the information he'd learned during the CRP review process will help him do just that.



# VOLUNTEERS

## 20 to 25 YEARS

Judy Webb  
Ann Swaner  
Michael Milton

Peter Forrest  
Robert Rosen

## 15 to 19 YEARS

Oscar Resek  
Frances Moore  
Nadine Johnson

Roberta Ehrenreich  
Glenda Whatley  
Edith Hudson

## 10 to 14 YEARS

Danielle Selem  
Lisa Pittman  
Claire Jordi  
Renee Jones

Amy Halsey  
Dianne Peterson  
Ines Neuhaus

## 5 to 9 YEARS

Beatriz Baldan  
Cindy Kimbrough  
Doris Maya  
Monica Ferrari  
Barbara Eroncig  
Belinda Muniz  
Eda Valero  
Linda Burton  
Lois Danis  
Mindy Finkleman  
Ana Maria Litcher

Carole Bernstein  
Dorothee Rubin  
Lucia Estrella  
Susan Davila  
Antoinette McBurney  
Michael Kutell  
Zoila Perez  
Bonnie Webman  
Margaret Kunitz  
Nancy Spencer

## 0 to 4 YEARS

Anne Bacall  
Janice Barefoot  
Kaisa Levine  
Lynne Kafka  
Marsha German  
Michele Kabat  
Stanley Zamor  
Stephanie Rosen  
Susan Birriel  
Alyssa Dragnich  
Annie Bensuski  
Christopher Barovich

Goddy Cruz  
Jennifer Gross  
Josette Hagel  
Kate Callahan  
Ellen Helman  
Kathleen Redmond  
Lauren Kahn-Uzarek  
Pearlie Paramore  
Antonia Mysorewala  
Jodi Hessel  
Natalie Sims  
Rachel Meadors

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# VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS



**JUDY WEBB**  
20 YEARS

FFCR has been lucky to count Judy Webb among our valued volunteers for 20 years. Judy began giving back in the child welfare arena in 1993 as a Guardian ad Litem volunteer. In 1995, she joined FFCR as a Citizen Review Panel volunteer and became a panel chair soon thereafter. For many years, she even chaired two review panels.

"Volunteering at FFCR has been the most rewarding work I've done, and I'm very proud of it," says Judy. "In my time with FFCR, I have met and volunteered with the most amazing people. From FFCR staff, I have learned unbelievable passion for the welfare of children. I will be forever grateful for the time I have invested. It has been an awesome journey."

When she's not serving on a panel, Judy loves cooking, spending time in the Keys, fishing, gardening and being with family and friends. We salute you, Judy, for two decades of dedication, leadership and service! Thank you and congratulations!

**OSCAR RESEK**  
15 YEARS

Oscar Resek is celebrating 15 years as an FFCR volunteer, and we are very happy to celebrate with him!

Says Oscar, "I always wanted to help children in some way and when I saw an article in the newspaper where they detailed what FFCR volunteers do to help kids in foster care, I knew it was the right place for me."

What keeps Oscar volunteering year after year is the opportunity to give back to kids who are going through very difficult situations and the feeling he gets from making a difference in children's lives. Oscar notes that the relationships he's forged with his fellow volunteers have been very positive and satisfying, and that the FFCR staff are among the most dedicated, caring and empathetic people with whom he has ever had the privilege to work.

When he's not volunteering, Oscar works as a realtor, which he has done for over 24 years. Thank you, Oscar, for your many years of service to Miami's foster children.



**LISA PITTMAN**  
10 YEARS

This year, Lisa Pittman completes a decade as an FFCR volunteer. Lisa originally signed up with the Citizen Review Panel Program after reading through volunteer opportunities listed in *The Miami Herald*.

"The difference one person can make in a child's life makes me think of the Dr. Seuss quote, 'To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.' Ultimately, what keeps me volunteering at FFCR is the possibility that my actions may make a world of difference for one child," says Lisa.

Lisa remembers a young teen, Sara\*, who, after her mother's death overseas, came to Miami expecting that her uncle would meet her at the airport and take her in. He never did. Sara was eventually settled with a foster mother with whom she remained close until the foster mother's death. The last time Lisa saw Sara was at a CRP review just prior to her 18th birthday. Against all odds, Sara had graduated from high school, had a part-time job, and was enrolled in college for the fall. She was warm, engaging and full of gratitude.

Lisa wants to help create more of these outcomes possible for children in care. Outside of her volunteer activities, Lisa works as research and evaluation analyst at The Children's Trust. She finds that her volunteer efforts help inform her work endeavors and vice versa. Lisa is grateful that The Trust has provided her the flexibility to continue volunteering all these years – we are too!

Thank you Lisa!

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**BEATRIZ BALDAN**  
5 YEARS

Beatriz Baldan is celebrating five years with FFCR. Her journey began when, as a recent transplant to Miami, she was looking for ways to get involved in her new community. She met former FFCR Executive Director Ana Pozo, who introduced her to FFCR's work and encouraged her to volunteer. Beatriz's subsequent years serving on citizen review panels have made her aware of all that children in foster care endure through no fault of their own.

"It breaks my heart," says Beatriz. "I would like to have a magic wand to make everything all right. For me, that's what FFCR is...the volunteers' commitment, the relentless dedication and professionalism of the staff and board of directors... these are my magic wand!" In Beatriz's eyes, it's a success every time the pane helps a child move closer to having a loving, permanent home, whether through adoption or reunification.

Beatriz is also a member of FFCR's Board of Directors. When not volunteering, Beatriz is an architect presently developing sustainable single-family homes in Cutler Bay. Beatriz, you and your fellow volunteers help make better futures possible for vulnerable children. Thank you!





**MONICA FERRARI**  
5 YEARS

This year, Monica Ferrari achieved five years as a volunteer with FFCR. Monica began volunteering after her three children grew older and she had more available time.

Monica was motivated to volunteer for FFCR because she wanted to give back to other children in whatever way she could. She firmly believes children are humanity's future. Seeing the continuous needs of the children whose cases are reviewed keeps Monica coming back as a volunteer. She is inspired by FFCR's mission and all that it's staff do to achieve it.

Monica has worked for twenty years as a real estate agent in Miami, her home city for over 35 years.

Thank you, Monica, for all you do for our community's most vulnerable children.

**CINDY KIMBROUGH**  
5 YEARS

Cindy Kimbrough is marking five years this year as an FFCR volunteer. In 2002, when Cindy was living in Miami but in the process of moving to Los Angeles, she read a story about a foster child who was lost in the system and eventually died. Cindy vowed then that if she ever moved back to Miami, she would become part of the solution to ensuring the safety of kids in foster care.

Cindy has also been touched by the stories of individual children whose cases she has reviewed: "I remember two brothers.... They had been through so much but they were doing well in school. One was learning Mandarin and the other studying the violin – not what you would expect given the challenges they've faced." Cindy adds, "I'm also always so inspired when children



When not volunteering, Cindy is busy with her own marketing agency, Kimbrough Entertainment Marketing, where she focuses on helping emerging brands achieve more brand awareness and build sales through their association with entertainment content.

Cindy shared that she has learned much from FFCR staff. We too have learned a lot from you, Cindy. Congratulations and thank you!



**DORIS MAYA**  
5 YEARS

FFCR salutes Doris Maya's completion of five years as an FFCR volunteer. Doris' interest in promoting child welfare was and continues to be inspired by former FFCR board member Maxine Thurston-Fischer, PhD, who sadly passed away last year. Dr. Thurston-Fischer hired Doris straight out of graduate school.

Doris herself worked as a social worker at the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services Shelter for five years. Doris also cites as inspiration everyone with the Guardian ad Litem Program and specifically Joni Goodman, whom FFCR honored last year with the Douglas M. Halsey Award for Community Service.

"My heart has stayed forever with our community's displaced and foster and delinquent youth," says Doris. "FFCR has empowered me by keeping me trained and able to effect change. I am grateful for the opportunity and take it seriously."

We take your work as a volunteer very seriously too, Doris, and thank you for it.

To all our FFCR volunteers,



On behalf of the  
Staff & Board of Directors



To the Florida Foster Care Review Board,  
we appreciate all your support!

The FFCR Staff

To the Kids  
and  
Everyone Who Helped Me Help Them  
Thank You!



## 2015 DOUGLAS M. HALSEY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE Marielle Gomez-Kaifer, PhD



In 2000, Florida Foster Care Review created the Douglas M. Halsey Award for Community Services in tribute to Doug Halsey, a founding Board member, former Board president and FFCR's Legacy Board chair. Doug has dedicated more than 25 years to improving the systems that serve abused, neglected and vulnerable children. FFCR gives this award to an advocate whose leadership, dedication, generosity and commitment improve the lives of children every day. This year, it is FFCR's honor to present this award to Marielle Gomez-Kaifer.

Marielle is a native Miamian who began embracing the spirit of volunteerism in high school. After finishing a PhD in Physical Chemistry in 1997 at the University of Miami, Marielle volunteered as a project coordinator for Hands on Miami, where she initiated a weekly Tuesday project involving games or arts and crafts at the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services Shelter. It was here, after touching encounters with a youth, that her long-time interest in child welfare was reignited.

Marielle trained to become a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in late 2002 and took her first cases in 2003. Since then, she has served more than 85 children in full or limited appointments, recommending their best interests to the Dependency Court. In 2007, Marielle accepted the case of a non-verbal autistic youth for whom she later became plenary guardian. In 2010 she took on a second guardianship for a youth who was intellectually disabled, schizophrenic and who had a long history of biological and adoptive family sexual abuse. In 2012 Marielle became a professional guardian under Florida Statute 744 in order to assume

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- Steve Kellner - 2002
- Anne Sheeran - 2003
- Linda Heintl - 2004
- MaryAnne Lukacs - 2005
- Dr. Walter Lambert - 2006
- Octavio Verdeja - 2007
- David Lawrence - 2008
- Judge Cindy Lederman - 2009
- Kathy Ezell - 2011
- Berta Blecke - 2012
- Bunchy Gertner - 2013
- Joni Goodman - 2014

Awareness of the plight of developmentally disabled youth aging out of care led Marielle to join others in founding the Guardianship Dependency Work Group, a partnership between FFCR, the GAL Program, Dade Legal Aid and OurKids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. She has presented information about the need for guardianships to key players in Miami-Dade County's child welfare arena and has talked to policymakers at the state level. Marielle has also actively participated in the boards of Research and Reform for Children in Court, the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services and Florida's Children First.

Over the years, Marielle has shared with FFCR her expertise on the needs of youth with disabilities who are aging out of care. Thanks in large part to her influence, FFCR developed the Transitioning Youth with Disabilities Initiative, helping to ensure a seamless transition for disabled youth exiting care, address individual and systemic issues to improve youth outcomes, and increase community awareness about disabled youth exiting foster care. FFCR also facilitated a work group among system stakeholders serving foster youth with disabilities to promote cross-systems knowledge. Marielle's insights changed the CRP process for the better; youth ages 15 to 17 are now routinely assessed for the need for disability-related services and/or a future guardianship.

Marielle – we salute you for your well-informed advocacy, your selfless dedication and your unfaltering determination to improve the lives of not only the children you serve, but all children served by the child welfare system. You are an inspiration to us all!

**Holland & Knight is proud to honor Florida Foster Care Review and all of its volunteers for their outstanding work toward improving the lives of youth in foster care.**

Congratulations to Marielle Gomez-Kaifer, PhD, on receiving the Douglas M. Halsey Award for Community Service.

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Generously contributing more than \$10,000 worth of pro bono services to FFCR, Holland & Knight has assisted FFCR with its name change and related administrative issues. The firm has provided guidance on topics such as public records requests and issues surrounding social media campaigns. The attorneys involved have often answered a call for assistance with little advance notice and have worked under tight deadlines. Holland & Knight is also supportive of Partner Brett Alan Barfield's service on the FFCR Board of Directors.

Holland & Knight has a long tradition of public service. Chesterfield Smith (1917-2003), the firm's founder and chairman emeritus, led the firm's commitment to pro bono work. Mr. Smith imbued Holland & Knight with a sense of community purpose and the recognition that the firm has a duty to provide free legal services to people in need as well as the organizations that assist them. Through the firm's Public and Charitable Service Department, global pro bono, community service and charitable giving initiatives are carried out across communities in need.

Holland & Knight annually contributes an amount of time equal to at least three percent of the firm's billable hours to pro bono legal service. In 2014 the firm handled 1,254 pro bono matters and contributed 43,956 hours of community service to more than 90 nonprofit associations.

FFCR has been a direct beneficiary of Holland & Knight's ongoing commitment to corporate social responsibility and public service. By supporting FFCR, Holland & Knight has played a key role in improving our capacity to positively impact the lives of the vulnerable children and youth we serve.

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## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

### Jean M. Bell

The President's Award recipient is selected by the sitting President of Florida Foster Care Review's Board of Directors and awarded to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in his or her service to FFCR. We are very pleased to honor FFCR's Immediate Past President, Jean M. Bell, with this award.

Jean joined FFCR's Board of Directors in 2010. She served as FFCR's Vice President from January 2011 to January 2013 and President from January 2013 until January 2015. Under Jean's leadership, FFCR developed a new strategic plan and began turning that plan into reality. Major organizational developments under her leadership included implementation of the new Permanency Roundtable Program and a more powerful Child Watch database, along with improvements to internal and quality assurance procedures and a significant increase in funding.



In her professional life, Jean is Bank of America Merrill Lynch's Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Products Manager for Commercial Banking in South Florida, which serves companies with annual revenues in excess of \$50 million. Jean manages a team of credit professionals and underwriters who are responsible for advising, structuring, underwriting and negotiating credit solutions for the bank's clients.

Jean joined Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 1988 and has held numerous roles within the Global Commercial Bank. In May of 2007, she was named Senior Credit Products Manager. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She is a FINRA Registered Principal with Series 7, 24 and 63 securities licenses.

In addition to serving on the board of FFCR, Jean has held leadership positions with the University of Florida MBA Program (2004 – Present); United Way of Miami, Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc., and the Robert Morris Associates (RMA), Miami/Dade County Group (1994-1995). She is a 1994 graduate of Leadership Miami.

Jean and her husband Kenny live in Miami and have two children.

Thank you Jean for all you have done – and continue to do - to propel Florida Foster Care Review forward. Your leadership has ensured that abused and neglected children in our community have a secure safety net for years to come.

## Congratulations

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# Jean Bell

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**Congratulations  
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of volunteer service with  
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I want to thank all of the FFCR volunteers for helping Miami-Dade County's children in foster care. The service you provide to the Judiciary is truly

invaluable. When reviewing the court file, the first thing I look for is your report. I want each of you to know that you are helping our children and I encourage you to help recruit other community partners to get involved in our continuing efforts to improve the lives of our children in foster care.

Thank you,

General Magistrate Steven Lieberman  
11th Judicial Circuit, Juvenile Division

"Thank you FFCR staff and volunteers for your great work."

Jeanne Luis, Board Member



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