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Thank you for your record-breaking show of support! Your investment in our mission allows Florida Foster Care Review to connect youth to lifelong relationships, forever families, essential services and opportunities to explore their interests. We could not be successful without your partnership, and we are grateful.

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# FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW



## CONNECTING children and young adults in foster care to what they need to thrive



Forever families and supportive relationships

Specialized services and resources



New experiences and opportunities

## TRANSFORMING children's lives through effective programs & practices



**2500+**

unmet needs identified & addressed by FFCR's Citizen Review Panel Program annually

**70-75%**

of children exit FFCR's Permanency Roundtable Program connected to a forever family or parent-like adult



**150+**

children & young adults receive extra advocacy from FFCR every year

# Doing things DIFFERENTLY to achieve positive outcomes

We leverage community resources and engage trained volunteers



We collaborate with private and community-based organizations

We innovate solutions to intractable problems



We diversify revenue streams and use cost-effective program models

**350-400**  
**children & young adults**  
**served annually**



**55**

**Volunteers**

**25**

**Staff**

Every child connected to a forever family or supportive adult builds resilience, promotes overall well-being and results in about \$300k in future savings over the child's lifetime.\*

\*"Cost Avoidance: The Business Case for Investing in Youth Aging Out of Care," Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2013.

# OUR IMPACT

Florida Foster Care Review was founded in 1989 to advance the safety and well-being of youth in Miami's child welfare system. More than thirty years later, our **Citizen Review Panel Program** continues to engage volunteers who are trained and guided by our expert staff to conduct in-depth review hearings in order to identify the unmet needs of children and young adults in foster care and recommend solutions to the court.

Josie\* is 1 ½ years old and lives with her aunt outside of Miami-Dade County. While preparing for Josie's Citizen Review Panel (CRP) hearing, the panel discovered a four month old entry by the out-of-county "courtesy" case manager describing an incident in which Josie's aunt had to seek emergency medical care for her after she found the baby listless and non-responsive.



Josie's aunt participated in the CRP review hearing via videoconference and explained that none of the physicians could pinpoint the cause of this episode. The panel learned that Josie had been referred to four different specialists. Josie's aunt was struggling to make the appointments due to language barriers, scheduling conflicts and poor provider follow through. As of the CRP review hearing, Josie still had not seen a single specialist and the Miami case worker acknowledged that this was the first time she had heard about Josie's emergency room visit and she was not aware of the doctors' recommendations.

Due to grave concerns about the baby's health, within 24-hours of the CRP hearing, FFCR had alerted the parties and lead agency (CFCN) regarding Josie's time-sensitive medical issues. FFCR also set a Post Judicial Review hearing before the judge in charge of Josie's case so he could quickly address compliance with the panel's recommendations.

This proved to be an effective strategy and by the time of the Post Judicial Review hearing, all of the specialist appointments had been scheduled. The Judge also decided to hold regular hearings so he could more closely monitor Josie's healthcare and overall well-being. Thanks to the thorough, detail-oriented process of FFCR's CRP Program and our targeted advocacy efforts, Josie is receiving the treatment she needs and she is on the path to a healthy future.

\*Names and identifying details changed to protect privacy





Florida Foster Care Review's **Permanency Roundtable Program** convenes and facilitates action-oriented teams that connect youth in foster care to forever families and lifelong, supportive adults.

Antonio\* entered foster care when he was 12 years old. His parents struggled with substance abuse and eventually the court terminated their parental rights. Three years later, after a number of potential adoptions had fallen through, Antonio was referred to FFCR's PRT Program. He felt rejected and unwanted and had resigned to aging out of foster care when he turned 18. However, his PRT team refused to give up, and Antonio agreed to keep trying as long as he could actively participate in picking potential families.

Antonio settled on a family of 4 who were interested in adopting a teenager. Acting as an intermediary, our PRT Specialist and the team met with the family. After hearing their feedback, Antonio agreed to meet them via zoom. Happily, they clicked almost immediately! After several months of visits, the team facilitated Antonio's transition to his new family.

To ensure that the adoption would be successful, during the transition process, the PRT team met monthly with Antonio and his adoptive family to address issues, provide assistance with services and documentation, and coordinate visits with his brother who had recently aged out of foster care. FFCR's PRT Specialist facilitated a number of family discussions between Antonio and his adoptive family to help them work through challenges Antonio was having with new routines, pressures in school and new family rules and expectations.

Antonio feared that his wonderful adoptive family would change their minds. His therapist worked with him to manage this fear, and the PRT Specialist involved the therapist in the family meetings. Over time, the family demonstrated to Antonio that, no matter what he did, they were sticking by his side, and he began to trust that things would work out. Thanks to the tireless and hands on efforts of his PRT Specialist and team, Antonio finally has what every child deserves - the unconditional love and support of a family.

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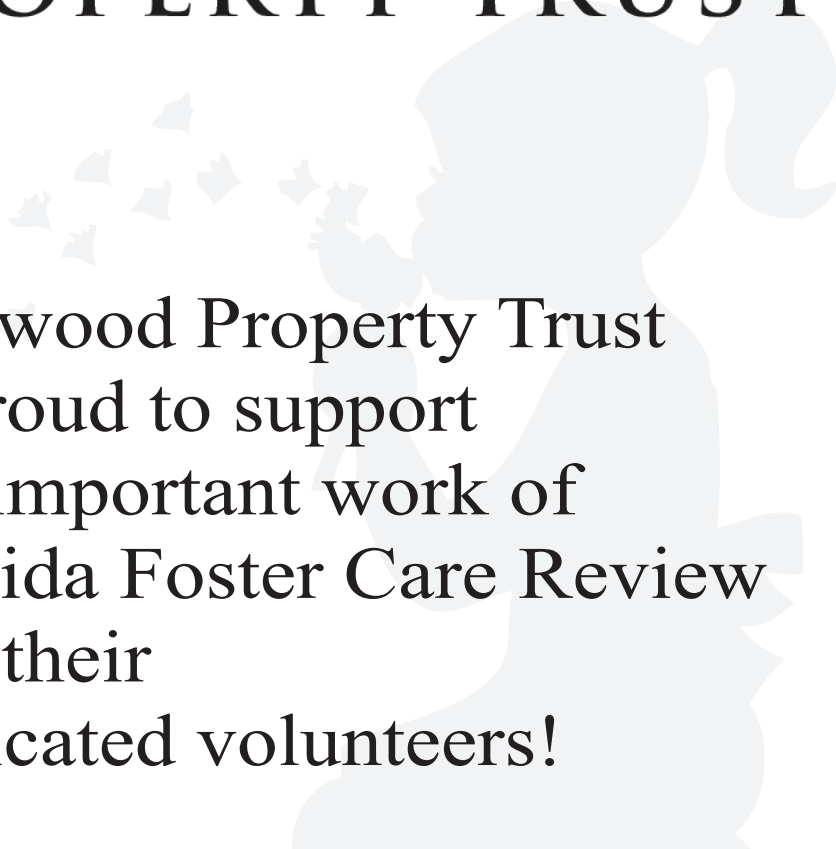
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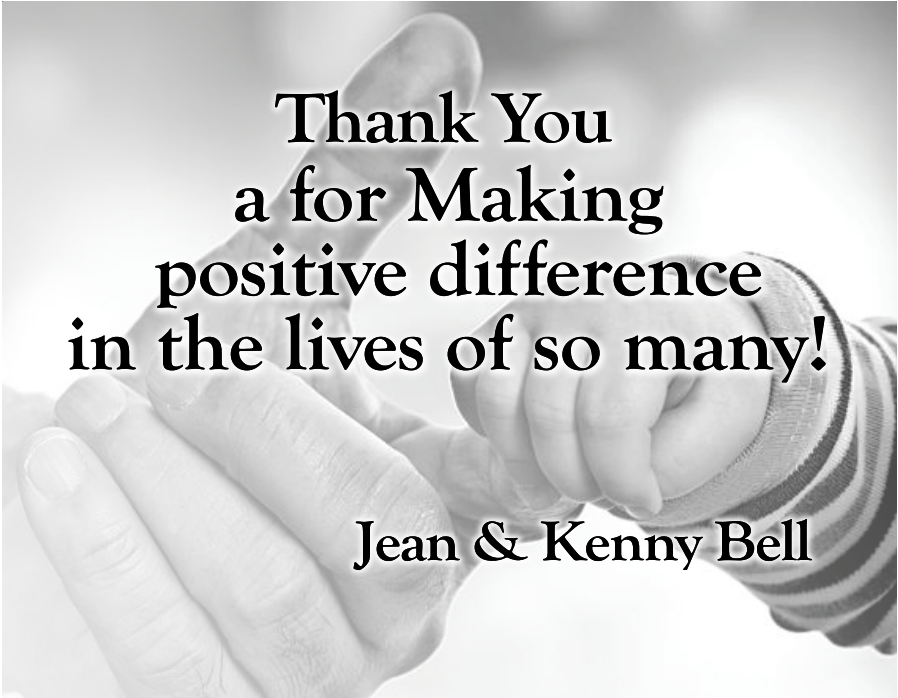
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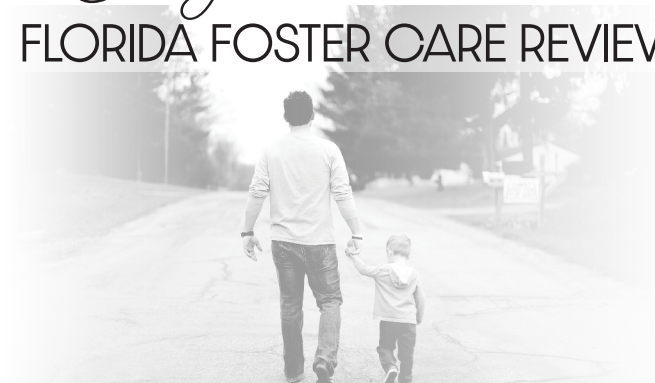
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