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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW'S
18TH ANNUAL CLAWS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON!

Whether you are a long-time sponsor or a new friend, we deeply value your investment in our mission to advance the safety, stability and success of children and young adults in Miami's foster care system. Your support will transform the lives of these vulnerable, resilient youth by ensuring they receive critical services, have access to life-changing opportunities and, most importantly, grow up with the love and care of a permanent family.



Candice L. Maze, JD
Executive Director

No individual or organization can succeed alone. Our success relies on your generous support, and we are extremely grateful to every individual, corporation, agency and foundation that is sponsoring this event and supporting our important work.

We would especially like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to this year's Champion Sponsors who are so meaningfully connected to FFCR through their longtime volunteerism. We are humbled and inspired by your generosity and extraordinary commitment to championing the needs of children.

We would also like to express our appreciation to FFCR's wonderful volunteers, including our incredible Host Committee members, who donate their time, talent and treasure to help realize our collective vision.

As the saying goes, "Each one of us can make a difference. Together, we can make a change!" Your support makes a difference, and we are honored to partner with you to change children's lives for the better.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candice".

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Florida Foster Care Review advances the safety, stability and success of children and young adults in foster care by connecting them to forever families, critical services and the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

413

**CHILDREN &
YOUNG ADULTS
HELPED**



2132

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS
DONATED**

"It's been hard, but you guys make everything easier for me, and for that I am truly and forever grateful." - Youth served by FFCR

FY 2022-2023

3007

**UNMET NEEDS
IDENTIFIED &
ADDRESSED**



1288

**PERMANENCY
ROUNDTABLES
FACILITATED**

403

**CITIZEN REVIEW
PANEL HEARINGS
CONDUCTED**



Our **Citizen Review Panel Program (CRP)** trains and supports volunteers who conduct in-depth review hearings to identify and address the unmet needs of children and young adults in foster care.

"I like my [Citizen Review Panel] JR reviews because I get to speak for myself and get to know what's going on with my case."

- Young adult served by FFCR



76%

of the issues identified by FFCR's
Citizen Review Panel Program
were resolved within 6 months

86%

of youth who exited the
PRT Program achieved permanency

"I appreciate you. I know you and the PRT team have been an amazing support system to me. I am glad that you guys have been with me and haven't given up."

- Youth served by FFCR



Our Permanency Roundtable Program (PRT) convenes and facilitates action-oriented, highly accountable teams that develop and pursue creative strategies to ensure youth exit foster care with the support of a forever family or a committed, supportive adult.

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In Memory of
Judi Bash

June 23, 1936 – February 4, 2023



Judi Bash was a loving Mother, devoted Wife, passionate Child Advocate and steadfast Friend. She worked tirelessly to make a difference for children. Her personal connection to Florida Foster Care Review's mission deeply influenced her volunteer service with FFCR's Citizen Review Panel Program. She even recruited her husband, Albert, to volunteer with FFCR. Judi adored her daughters, Helene and Denise. Helene, who passed away January 12, 2017, was kind and smart, and an incredible big sister to Denise. Both Judi and Helene believed in treating everyone with kindness, love and respect. By supporting FFCR's work, our family honors their beautiful lives and extends Judi's legacy as a Champion for Children.



To the **STAFF &** **VOLUNTEERS** of

FLORIDA FOSTER
CARE REVIEW



Thank you

*for your hard work, dedication and countless hours to help
foster youth in our area. We know how much you all care.
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a difference.*

Kaisa & Doug Levine

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Ruth & Adam Behlman



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Florida Foster Care Review helping youth rise to their potential

MaryAnne Lukacs and Maria Bures



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TO THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE
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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

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Congratulations on over 30 years
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& the 18th Annual
Claws for Kids Luncheon



*Thank you
for all you do!*
Lisa & John Chidsey

Congratulations ON YOUR
18th ANNUAL CLAWS FOR KIDS



Thank you and the volunteers of
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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

– Elizabeth Andrew



Florida Foster Care Review's **volunteers** are the **heartbeat** of our organization. Thank you for generously sharing your **time, talent and treasure** with children and young adults in foster care!

FY 2022-2023

63

active volunteers



845

hours of continuing education

2132

hours served



\$180,000

of donated time

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REMEMBERING GREG MUZII



1966 - 2023

This year, we lost our friend and dedicated Florida Foster Care Review Board Member, Greg Muzii. Greg was an adoring father, devoted husband, avid sports enthusiast, gifted CPA with Kaufman Rossin for 23 years, and played an important role in the lives of so many. Florida Foster Care Review's board and staff were the fortunate beneficiaries of Greg's intelligence, insight, keen wit and guidance during the time he served on the board. We will always remember him as a positive person who cared deeply about his family, our community and, of course, kittens. May his generosity and kind spirit be an inspiration to us all.

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