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For 35 years, we have been driven by the belief that every child deserves to have a nurturing family, a safe place to call home, and the opportunity to reach their full potential. To achieve this vision, FFCR delivers innovative programs and services to fill in the gaps for children and young adults impacted by foster care. Our experienced team works collaboratively with our dedicated volunteers and steadfast community partners to connect vulnerable children with caring families, committed adults and critical services.



Candice L. Maze, JD
Executive Director

Our success relies on your generosity; together, we are making a positive and lasting impact for hundreds of youth every year.

We are grateful to the many individuals, corporations, agencies and foundations who are sponsoring and supporting today's event. Your investment in our important work helps ensure that children receive the care and resources they need to thrive.

We are especially thankful for this year's two Champion Sponsors – Lisa & John Chidsey and Kaisa & Doug Levine. Their unwavering generosity and extraordinary commitment to championing FFCR's critical mission is truly inspirational.

We also sincerely appreciate the judges, community organizations, child welfare stakeholders and funders for their steadfast partnership in our work. We could not do this without you!

Last, but not least, we want to thank our dedicated volunteers, engaged Board members and incredible Host Committee members for selflessly contributing their time, talent and treasure to help realize our collective vision for children and families in our community.

With admiration & gratitude,

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

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."



Florida Foster Care Review's **volunteers** generously contribute their **time, talent and treasure** to help children and young adults in foster care!

FY 2023-2024

71

active volunteers



2,045

hours served



1,350

training hours completed

\$136,000

of donated time

FEATURED SPEAKER



MELISSA TAYLOR

PERMANENCY ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM & PREVENTION DIRECTOR
Florida Foster Care Review

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FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW ENSURES CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE RECEIVE THE SUPPORT, TOOLS AND RESOURCES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

Our professional team works with trained volunteers and our community partners to connect youth to caring families, committed adults and critical services.



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OUR IMPACT

422

**CHILDREN &
YOUNG ADULTS
HELPED**



100%

**OF YOUTH
WHO NEEDED
A COMMUNITY
RESOURCE WERE
OFFERED ONE**

100%

**OF RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY FFCR'S
VOLUNTEERS WERE
ACCEPTED BY THE
COURT**



FY 2023-2024

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.

402

**CITIZEN
REVIEW PANEL
HEARINGS
CONDUCTED**



“I like my reviews because I get to speak for myself and get to know what’s going on with my case.” - Young Adult in Foster Care



3,204

**UNMET NEEDS
IDENTIFIED &
ADDRESSED**

1,108

**PERMANENCY
ROUNDTABLES
FACILITATED**



“It is so refreshing and helpful to be part of this team where we can share information and work together to achieve success for the children and families we serve.” -Guardian ad Litem



82%

**OF CHILDREN WERE CONNECTED TO
A FAMILY OR PARENT-LIKE ADULT
BEFORE EXITING FOSTER CARE**

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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*Thank you
for all you do!*

Lisa *&* John Chidsey

To the
STAFF &
VOLUNTEERS of

FLORIDA FOSTER
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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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In Memory of

Judith Bash



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.

Thank You

FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW 

We are **proud to support** you
& the **19th Annual Claws For Kids Luncheon!**

Ruth & Adam Behlman



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IT IS AN HONOR TO CELEBRATE FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW, AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CREATE SAFER, BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR SOUTH FLORIDA'S FOSTER CHILDREN. SINCE 1989, THEIR TEAM HAS PROVIDED CRITICAL SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, CONNECTING THEM WITH ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND ADVOCATING FOR LONG-TERM FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN COMMENDING FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW FOR THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH.

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on a successful

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and for more than 35 years of engaging community volunteers to advance the safety, stability and success of children in foster care.



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dedicated volunteers!



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for all that you do for our community's youth!



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