



2020 Gratitude Report ~ July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Letter from Leadership

The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment and joy, despite this year's unprecedented challenges. Thank **you** for making this year truly incredible. We can't help but feel gratitude for the tremendous contributions made by our board members, donors, volunteers, and team members who work tirelessly for our community's most vulnerable youth.

Because of **you**, Voices served 3,570 children through our unique programs- 2,700 healthy and nutritious meals were delivered to children during school vacation breaks, 2,953 children received resources for emergency, life essentials, and normalcy needs, 267 children enjoyed a day of worry-free fun through our Dream BIG Days, and 300 community leaders were recruited and trained as volunteer Guardians ad Litem.

However, it's the stories behind these numbers that paint the real picture. It's the story of a 5 year-old girl that was removed from their home in the middle of the night because of ongoing physical abuse. Her physical scars eventually will heal, but she's left with the emotional scars that will forever follow her. Or it's the 12 year-old boy that experienced sexual assault by a member of his family and was placed into a group home where he had struggled to adapt to a setting that's completely foreign to him. But because of people like **you**, these children and so many others like them, are provided with their essential needs, help to make them feel cared about and have their voice heard, and give them opportunities to be a kid again. **You** not only change the course of one child's life, but **you** also impact future generations.

This 2019-2020 Gratitude Report is a testament to the strength of our collective impact in creating a long-lasting change so that the children not only survive, but thrive.

Our promise to **you** is that we will continue to work each day, with a renewed energy and passion, to transform the blessing of your support into increased opportunities for our community's most vulnerable youth. Together, we invest in their potential and the promise for a brighter future.

With gratitude,



Erica Herman
President & CEO



Arielle Capuano
Chair of Board of Directors



Emergency & Normalcy Needs Program

Provides children with their essential needs and ensures that they have the social experiences they deserve. This often includes hygiene products, clothing, baby needs, school essentials, and participation in everyday childhood activities.



611

Children received financial resources for individual, health, educational, and social needs



School Break Food Program

Bridges the gap in nutrition during the Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks by providing nutritious meals when school is not in session. This program is designed to reduce barriers of accessing nutritious food during a school break.



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Our Work

Voices for Children of Broward County works to ensure that every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Broward County has a court-appointed Guardian ad Litem and that financial resources are available for each child's accompanying health, educational, and social needs.



267

Children enjoyed a day of worry-free fun through our Dream BIG Days

Dream Big Days

Provides opportunities for children to experience enriching venues, cultural institutions, and events throughout the year. Past days this year have included Walt Disney World, Lion Country Safari, Aladdin the Broadway Musical, a Miami Heat Game, and Cirque du Soleil.

2,700 meals



50 children



thank you

for **your** belief in our work and your support in helping to change their stories



Meet Sofia

"Music is my most favorite thing! I love playing with my violin with my new friends!"

Thanks to a special donor, 8 year-old Sofia was able to live out her dream to learn to play violin. She's been in foster care for 2 years after her parents' rights were terminated and has had multiple placements. The investment from this donor allowed Sofia to join the Florida Youth Orchestra, where she felt an increase sense of self and boost in confidence.



Meet Kyle & John

"John is my best friend and helps me feel safe. But now I'm brave and we even started our own super hero club."

Kyle, 7 years-old, and John, 11 years-old, happened to be placed into the same group home on the very same day! While they may have experienced different reasons for entering foster care, they quickly bonded over the love of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Thanks to you, they now have a full collection of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to enjoy together.



Meet Hannah

"Thank you for my ballet lessons! I love to twirl and spin. It makes me feel like I'm floating in the air."

Ten year-old Hannah was removed from her home after suffering years of physical abuse by various family members. Because of the Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund, Hannah is able to be the beautiful ballerina that she always knew she was on the inside. Now she's able to express herself through a positive and creative outlet.



Meet Damien

"Man, I can't believe this is really happening. My dream is coming true. Thank you so much for this!"

After being separated from his siblings four years ago following mental health issues with his parents, 13 year-old Damien sought to channel his feelings and energy through sports. Thanks to the Miami Heat, Damien was able to attend his very first Heat game last year and even visited the center court with his favorite players.



Meet Asha & Maya

"We've never seen animals up close and loved being able to feed the giraffes. Thank you for this amazing day."

Asha and Maya are sisters that were separated and live in different foster care homes. The 17 and 15 year-olds have been in the foster care system for over 10 years after losing their mother. Thanks to the Dream BIG Day donors, these sisters were able to enjoy a worry-free day at Lion Country Safari together and create ever-lasting memories.



Meet Cruz

"Thank you for helping Cruz. Since coming to my home, he has been nothing but smiles and giggles."

Cruz, 15 months old, was born addicted to opioids, which resulted in immediate removal from his mother. He stayed in the hospital for 4 months before being placed with a caregiver. Since the caregiver was on a fixed income, she was in need of assistance. Because of donors like you, Cruz was able to receive essential items, such as a new high chair.



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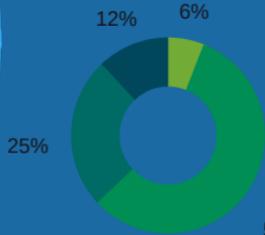
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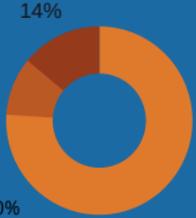
Financials

Revenue



- Government Grants: 6%
- Gifts, Corporations & Foundations: 57%
- Special Events: 25%
- In-Kind Donation: 12%

Expenses



- Programs Services Expenses: 76%
- Fundraising, Events, & In-Kind Expenses: 10%
- Management & General Expenses: 14%

76%

"Our Dream BIG Day at Disney World is one of my favorite days of the year. It is truly a magical day for the most deserving children, at the happiest place on earth! I am thankful for the generous donors and partners that enable us to bring some normalcy and joy to the lives of the children we serve. Our Dream BIG Days are often the only exposure to enriching experiences many of our kids will have - experiences which are vital to a child's development, self esteem, and overall wellness. The implementation of this life-changing work allows our most vulnerable children to feel seen, heard, and supported, so they can thrive."

~Arielle, Board Chair



"I support Voices for Children of Broward County because they genuinely care about the well-being and development of children in foster care. And, thanks to you, we are able to continue to impact more and more children every year. I truly believe that the investment of donors, both financially and through service, not only makes you feel good but also changes the course of a child's life. Thank you for standing with us and helping to change their stories."

~ Desiree, Board Member



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