

Press Release

For Immediate Release
September 8, 2022

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Voices for Children of Broward County announces new center and kickoff of its Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign

Today, Voices for Children of Broward County (Voices) is excited to announce The Mimi Center of Hope as the new home for Voices and the kickoff for the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign.

Since 2011, Voices for Children of Broward County ("Voices") has served as the primary non-profit partner to the 17th Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program. Voices works to ensure that every child victim of abuse, neglect, and abandonment in Broward County has a court-appointed volunteer Guardian ad Litem and that services are available for each child's accompanying health, educational, and social needs. During the last 11 years, Voices has served more than 10,000 foster care children in our community.

While we are proud of the strides made on behalf of the foster care children we serve thus far, we recognize there is still much to be done. In reflection on the number of children served in recent years, watching current case trends, the uptick of child abuse, and the immense future growth in our community, additional children entering the foster care system are inevitable. "Meeting the needs of foster care kids in the South Florida in our current space has been an ever-increasing challenge", states President & CEO, Erica Herman. "Due to the physical capacity of the current space coupled with the consistent growth over the years, we have been in pursuit of a new location that can adequately serve us and pleased to announce The Mimi Center of Hope and the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign."

The Campaign hopes to raise \$25,000 to support the growing needs our community and efforts will focus on expanding physical capacity to increase services and support programs for foster care children, creating a space for growing partnerships and collaborations to provide higher quality programs and services for foster care children, and updating technology needs to better serve more complex cases, improve data collection, provide quality assurance, and demonstrate the impact we have on our community's most vulnerable youth.

The Campaign is structured so that the community can contribute through recognition and naming opportunities. Voices is so grateful for the outpouring support we have already received from our community and thank the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Founding Members - Donna & Jim Inglis, Lammy Askar, Arielle Capuano & Cary Levinson, Rachel & Charlie Davant / Davant Law, PA, The DeBrito Family, Emily & Aaron Dmiszewicki, Lisa & Matthew Golden, Amy Goldin & Brian Strelitz, Erica Herman, Myrna & Bob Kopf, Jackie & Raymond Powell, Margy & Rich Pruitt, Luz Reveiz & Ana Rohrer, and Deborah Steiner. Financial pledges have been received.....but much more is needed to reach the goal.

For more information or to donate to the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign, contact President & CEO Erica Herman at 954.367.9185 or erica@voicesbroward.org, or visit <https://voicesbroward.org/hearts-of-hope/>.

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Voices for Children of Broward County announces Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for The Mimi Center of Hope

*Voices for Children of Broward County (Voices) invites the community attend the
official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for its new center.*

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will celebrate the opening of the Voices' new 1,400 square foot center with a ribbon cutting and tour. In addition, the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will honor the generosity of the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign Founding Members. The new center has been made possible by a lead naming gift from Donna and Jim Inglis and in recognition of their gift the center has been named The Mimi Center of Hope.

Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Details:

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: 2903 NW 28th Street, Building #6, Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony guests will be invited to enjoy light refreshments and offered the opportunity to tour the center.

For more information or to RSVP, contact President & CEO Erica Herman at 954.367.9185 or erica@voicesbroward.org, or visit <https://voicesbroward.org/hearts-of-hope/>.

About The Mimi Center of Hope

The new center and the collaborative, community-oriented work that goes on within it will allow for expanding and streamlining of programs as well as serving as an anchor for foster care children for years to come. The Mimi Center of Hope was named by a lead naming gift from Donna and Jim Inglis. Donna and Jim chose the name The Mimi Center of Hope to bring comfort and hope to the many children Voices serves. The word "Mimi" often conveys the feelings of love, nurture, and comfort, it serves as the perfect name for the work and impact Voices does for so many foster care children in the community. Donna and Jim have long history of significant philanthropic support to local, state, national, and international charities. Donna and Jim have been instrumental to Voices since its inception in 2011 and believed so much in the mission that they became the Founding Voice supporter for the organization. Donna serves as a key member of the board of directors and has been a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for over 15 years. Jim has been instrumental in the design and implementation of The Mimi Center of Hope. They make supporting vulnerable youth a priority in their lives to ensure that the organizations they support are successful in fulfilling their missions. Donna and Jim personify leadership giving.

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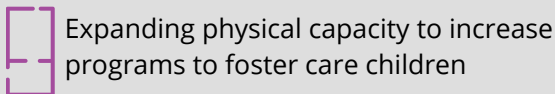
About the Center

- ♥ 2903 NW 28th Street, Building #6
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311
- ♥ Opening Summer 2022
- ♥ 1,400 Square Feet
- ♥ Serving nearly 2,000 foster youth a year

Total Campaign Goal

\$25,000

Project Features



Expanding physical capacity to increase programs to foster care children



Accessibility to all areas of South Florida



Strengthening partnerships and collaborations



Upgraded technology to better serve foster care children

To Make a Donation

- ♥ Visit
<https://voicesbroward.org/hearts-of-hope>

- ♥ Scan QR Code



- ♥ Mail a check payable to:
Voices for Children of Broward County
401 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ste 130-301
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Our Story

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The Project

Our team has done amazing work in small, temporary sites, but we have now outgrown our current space. Thankfully, we have found and leased a new location. This new space allows for us to streamline our services and programs as well as serving as an anchor for foster care children for years to come.

Your Impact

Your support helps close a critical gap, so we can ensure children in foster care not only survive, but thrive. With your gift you are helping to make the foster care experience better for our community's children. 100% of all funds raised through the Hearts of Hope: Building a Future Campaign directly support our services and programs. Together, we will be able to provide hope, experiences, and opportunities to our community's most vulnerable youth.

Our Heartfelt Thanks to our Founding Supporters

Donna and Jim Inglis

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All contributions over \$500 to the campaign will be prominently acknowledged on the heartfelt gratitude wall, Voices' website and campaign materials. Additionally, naming opportunities are available for select spaces.

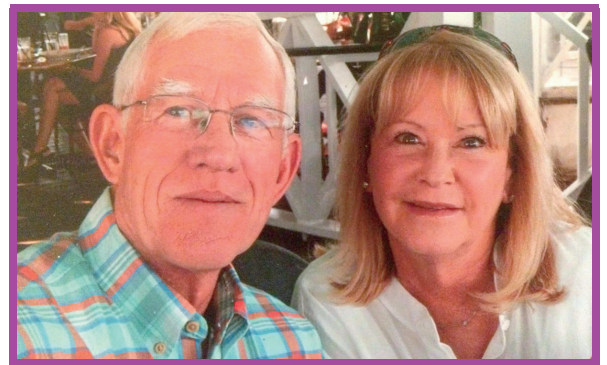


Building a Future Campaign

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Longtime supporters of Voices for Children of Broward County (Voices), Donna and Jim have provided the lead naming gift for the organization's 2022 Hearts of Hope: Building a Future. The new center and the collaborative, community-oriented work that goes on within it will allow for expanding and streamlining of programs as well as serving as an anchor for foster care children for years to come.

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Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Please join us for the unveiling of

The Mimi Center *of Hope*

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6:00 P.M. Ribbon Cutting

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Email externalaffairs@voicesbroward.org or scan the QR code to RSVP

