Celebrating 15 Years
voices for children of Broward County

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2025–2026 Gratitude Report

Showing Up Together



A Note of *Gratitude* and Impact

As we reflect on this past year, one feeling rises above everything else: *gratitude*.

This year, Voices for Children of Broward County proudly launched our 15th anniversary year at the Soaring for Children Gala, celebrating a milestone made possible by a community that continues to believe in our mission and show up for children in foster care. That celebration will continue throughout the year as we honor how far we have come and look ahead to the next 15 years of impact.



Because of you, Voices can continue to be a trusted safety net for children in foster care, showing up with *care, dignity, urgency, and follow-through*. Your support helps ensure that every child has a consistent advocate, a stronger voice, and greater hope for what comes next.

Fifteen years of impact are reflected in thousands of individual moments: essential needs met, barriers removed, meaningful opportunities created, and children given the chance to experience joy, belonging, and the everyday moments of childhood. Those moments are possible because people like you choose to be part of this work.

As we look toward the next chapter, we are grateful for how far we have come and excited about what we can continue to accomplish together.

Thank you for believing in our mission, for walking alongside us, and for making a lasting difference in the lives of the children we serve.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Erica

Erica Herman
President & CEO

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Rich Pruitt
Chairman of the Board

Our *Mission*

Voices for Children of Broward County works to ensure every child in foster care has the resources and support they need for health, education, and social well-being.

A safety net for children in foster care.



Meet tangible needs

Clothing, hygiene items, baby items, food support, and everyday essentials help children feel cared for and supported.



Support stability

Practical support helps caregivers create safe, stable homes and reduces barriers that can disrupt a child's life.



Create childhood moments

Meaningful experiences, enrichment opportunities, and everyday moments of childhood help children build joy, confidence, connection, and belonging.



Stay connected

We work alongside caregivers, the courts, child welfare partners, and community providers so children are not lost in the process.

Because of you, children in foster care can feel seen, supported, and able to experience the childhood they deserve.

A Year of *Impact*

Because of you, children in foster care received timely support, tangible resources, and meaningful experiences throughout the year.

1,300+
children served in FY 2025–26

1,382
hours of case management, advocacy, navigation, referrals, and follow-through

504
children served through Hope Haven

507
children served through Emergency & Normalcy Needs

168
children participated in Dream BIG Days

94
children supported through Food & Wellness

Within 24 Hours

Voices responds when an urgent need is identified.

A Year of *Milestones*

Stronger partnerships, expanded reach, and new opportunities for the children we serve.

Soaring for Children Gala launched our 15th anniversary year

This year, Soaring for Children entered a new chapter as our first-ever Gala, launching Voices' 15th anniversary year and creating a special evening to celebrate our impact, our community, and what comes next.



Expanded court and child welfare partnerships

Voices deepened its court-connected presence and expanded its partnership with ChildNet, creating more opportunities to identify urgent needs, remove barriers, and follow through so children receive timely support with care, dignity, and urgency.

Continued growth across Voices

Throughout the year, Voices continued to grow in reach and responsiveness, creating more pathways to stability, belonging, and opportunity for children in foster care and the adults caring for them.

> **Because of you, Voices continued to grow, strengthen partnerships, and show up where it mattered most.**

How You Helped Us *Show Up*

Because of you, children in foster care had support when it mattered most. Your generosity helped us meet urgent needs, remove barriers, create joyful experiences, and help children feel seen and valued.



EMERGENCY & NORMALCY NEEDS

WHAT WE DO

Provides tangible support that helps meet children's urgent and everyday needs while restoring stability and normalcy.

WHY IT MATTERS

When a child enters care or experiences a disruption, immediate practical needs can become barriers to stability. Quick, responsive support helps children feel safe, prepared, and not lost in the process.



HOPE HAVEN

WHAT WE DO

Provides access to essential resources and tangible items through our resource center and community pop-up events.

WHY IT MATTERS

Clothing, hygiene products, baby gear, comfort items, toys, and teen-focused supplies can make transitions less overwhelming and help caregivers respond with dignity and care.



DREAM BIG DAYS

WHAT WE DO

Offers children in foster care unique experiences designed to create core memories and foster joy, exploration, and connection.

WHY IT MATTERS

Enriching experiences broaden horizons, build confidence, and create the kinds of joyful memories every childhood should include.



FOOD & WELLNESS

WHAT WE DO

Bridges the gap for children in foster care by providing nutritious meals, wellness activities, and essential support during out-of-school time.

WHY IT MATTERS

When school breaks disrupt routines and access to school-based meals, food assistance, wellness activities, and practical resources help children remain healthy, active, and supported.



FOSTERING HOPE

WHAT WE DO

Supports youth ages 15 to 22 as they prepare to transition out of foster care and toward independent living.

WHY IT MATTERS

Guidance around education, employment, housing, and life skills helps young people build confidence, strengthen stability, and move forward with support.



COURT-CONNECTED SUPPORT & NAVIGATION

WHAT WE DO

Works closely with the courts and community partners to identify needs and respond in real time through direct assistance, advocacy, referrals, resource navigation, family-strengthening support, and coordinated follow-through.

WHY IT MATTERS

Timely follow-through helps remove barriers so children and families can move closer to safety, stability, reunification, and permanency.

Meet *Sophia*

Hope. Creativity. Possibility.



Sophia was nine when she was removed from her home after witnessing domestic violence. As she adjusted to a new home while carrying grief and uncertainty, Voices was there to meet her immediate needs and help create a sense of safety and stability. As we got to know Sophia, we also discovered how much she loved to sing, perform, and create.

EMERGENCY & ESSENTIAL NEEDS

When Sophia entered her new placement, she arrived without many of the essentials she needed. Voices provided clothing, hygiene products, and a new bed and bedding in her favorite color to help her new space feel more like her own.

OPPORTUNITIES TO INSPIRE

Sophia's love of performing became an important part of how we supported her. Through the Linda Saraniti Fine Arts Fund, Sophia began theater and voice lessons, giving her a creative way to express herself and build confidence. Dream BIG Days also gave her opportunities to experience live performances, including Cirque du Soleil.

> **Because of you, Sophia found comfort, confidence, and opportunities to discover her voice and imagine what else might be possible.**

Meet *Jacob*

Finding Confidence, Community & Joy

At thirteen, Jacob entered foster care after his mother's struggle with addiction made it unsafe for him to remain at home. As he adjusted to a new environment and so many changes at once, he needed more than just the basics. Voices stepped in to meet his immediate needs and help him stay connected to the things he loved, giving him opportunities to begin feeling like himself again.



EMERGENCY & ESSENTIAL NEEDS

During a difficult transition, Jacob received emergency and essential items he needed, including clothing, hygiene items, and other basic necessities, helping him feel safe, prepared, and supported.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND BELONG

When Jacob entered foster care and moved to a new home, he lost access to basketball, something he loved and wanted to continue. Through the Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund, Voices helped him get back on the court. We also learned about his passion for drawing and provided art supplies, giving him a healthy outlet to express what he was feeling during a difficult time.

> **Because of you, Jacob had the essentials he needed, opportunities to keep doing what he loved, and the support to begin feeling like himself again.**

In Their *Words*

Behind every number is a child and a story. Here are a few of the voices that remind us why this work matters.



"I got to pick out my own stuff. I was so excited!"

CHILD IN FOSTER CARE



"He was so excited about his new backpack and shoes. He couldn't wait to use them."

CAREGIVER

"You always come through when we need help most."

CAREGIVER



"He had the best time. He hasn't stopped talking about it!"

CAREGIVER





"I was so happy I could keep playing basketball. Thank you for helping me do something I love."

YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



"We didn't have a car seat for her, and you made sure we had one right away."

CAREGIVER

Moments You Made *Possible*

From everyday essentials to moments of joy and belonging, your support helped children experience more of the childhood they deserve.













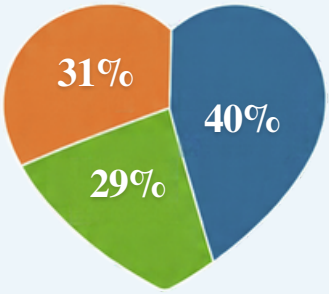


Because childhood is made up of moments,
and every child deserves more of the good ones.

Fiscal *Stewardship*

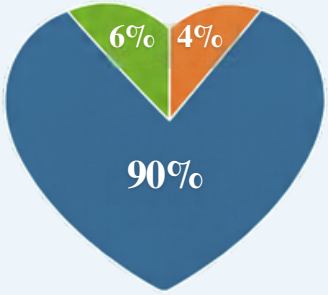
We are committed to using every resource responsibly and effectively so your support can make the greatest impact for the children we serve.

Revenue



- 40% Government
- 29% Gifts, Foundations, Contributions, & In-Kind
- 31% Special Events

Expenses



- 90% Program Services
- 6% Management & General
- 4% Fundraising, Events & In-Kind Expenses

With *Gratitude*

This work is made possible because of you. *Thank you* to our donors, community partners, volunteers, and everyone who believes in the children we serve.

DONORS
Your generosity helps meet needs and create opportunities for children.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Your collaboration helps us reach more children and remove barriers.

VOLUNTEERS
Your time and compassion help us show up for children in meaningful ways.

OUR COMMUNITY
Your continued involvement helps ensure we can keep showing up for children.

The Leadership *Behind the Mission*

Our Board's guidance and commitment help strengthen the safety net for the children we serve. We are deeply grateful for the time, care, and stewardship they bring to Voices.

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The Next *Chapter*

After 15 years of showing up for children in foster care, we are proud of how far Voices has come and even more hopeful about what lies ahead.

As the needs of children continue to evolve, so will our work. We will continue strengthening the safety net, deepening our court-connected and community partnerships, creating meaningful opportunities for children, and responding with care, dignity, urgency, and follow-through.

The next chapter is about building on what we have learned, reaching more children, removing more barriers, and continuing to make sure children have the support they need when it matters most.



STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY NET

Expand our reach and responsiveness to meet immediate needs, remove barriers, and provide practical support that helps children and families find greater stability.



DEEPEN OUR COURT-CONNECTED WORK & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Grow our presence and partnerships within the courts and across the child welfare community so needs are identified earlier, barriers are addressed, and children receive timely support and follow-through.



CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Expand opportunities for children to experience joy, build confidence, create belonging, and explore new interests and possibilities.



SUPPORT FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Strengthen access to resources, navigation, and practical support so foster and adoptive parents have what they need to care for children with stability and confidence.



CENTER YOUTH VOICE

Elevate the voices of young people with lived experience and use their perspectives to help shape our programs, priorities, and how we show up for children and teens.



REMAIN READY TO RESPOND

Be flexible, innovative, and prepared to meet new and emerging needs, ensuring we can continue to be a trusted safety net for the children we serve.

THANK YOU

Because of *You*

Children in foster care
feel seen, supported, and able to experience
the childhood they deserve.

Children receive support when it matters most.
Needs are met, barriers are removed, and young people know someone is listening.

Children have opportunities to experience joy, belonging, and the everyday moments of childhood they deserve.

Thank you for being part of the safety net.

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Thank you for *showing up*

Because of you, Voices can continue to be part of the safety net for children, responding with care, dignity, and urgency when it matters most.

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