



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Carolina Schwarz
Voices For Children Foundation
Tel: 305.324.5678
Email: cschwarz@voices4.org

Voices For Children Foundation welcomes Nelson F. Hincapie as its new President & CEO

May 28, 2009-Miami, FL-Voices For Children Foundation, the fundraising arm of the 11th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program, announced the appointment of Nelson F. Hincapie as its new President & Chief Executive Officer. Hincapie's appointment comes as the organization celebrates its Silver Anniversary and the many accomplishments achieved. Since its inception in 1984, Voices has grown from a grassroots organization to one with a current annual budget of approximately \$3 million, allowing the GAL Program to represent 25,000 abused, abandoned, and neglected children in dependency court proceedings.

The Board of Directors of Voices For Children Foundation has announced the appointment of Nelson Hincapie as the organization's new President & Chief Executive Officer. In his position, Hincapie will be responsible for the organization's continuous strategic development as well as solicitation within the diverse socio-economic sectors of South Florida's philanthropic community in order to allow the Foundation to better serve the needs of the abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Miami-Dade County. In 2008 alone, Voices' support to the GAL Program represented over 40% of their total operating budget, allowing it to achieve 100% representation for the over 3,100 children in the dependency system in December of that year.

Additionally, Hincapie will be responsible for effectively directing, delivering, and managing Voices' programs, services, and related activities as the face of the organization to the external community. "A few months ago, I had lunch with a foster kid who looked me straight in the eye and with his eyes almost watering told me 'I never thought I would make it to 18,' said Hincapie. "I am honored to have been selected to lead this wonderful organization. I know that with the team we have we will be able to continue being the voice for every abused, abandoned, and neglected child in Miami-Dade County," he concluded. His ten-plus years' experience in fundraising, management, public administration, and public policy put him at the forefront to lead the organization in its mission of achieving 100% representation for all of the children in foster care and strategically positioning Voices for continuous growth.

The new President & CEO will allow the organization to refocus its efforts towards an aggressive fundraising campaign, looking to offset the impact of the current economy and prepare the organization for future expansion. "I feel that Nelson's experience in fundraising and background in public policy make him the ideal person to lead Voices For Children at this time. He is charismatic, well-recognized and well-liked throughout our diverse social service and philanthropic communities. The Board of Directors looks forward to working with Nelson to continue to raise the funds necessary to provide EVERY child in foster care with a Guardian Ad Litem: A VOICE," said Dr. Michael N. Rosenberg, Chairman of Voices For Children's Board of Directors.

In 2009, Voices celebrates 25 years of being the one, big difference in the lives of abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Be a part of it, visit www.voices4.org.

Voices For Children Foundation is a not for profit organization that raises funds to ensure that every abused, abandoned, and neglected child in Miami-Dade County has a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem and that financial assistance and other resources are available for their accompanying health, educational, and social needs. Guardians Ad Litem are trained, court-appointed adults who serve as the representative voice for abused, abandoned, and neglected children involved in dependency court proceedings. Be a Voice.

####