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**VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION TO RECOGNIZE CHILD  
ADVOCATES AT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON**

September 26, 2007-Miami, FL- Voices For Children Foundation, the fundraising arm of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program, has announced that its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Luncheon, presented by Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A, will take place on October 12, 2007 at Jungle Island. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$125 and tables of ten are \$1,250. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

The Annual Halloween Luncheon recognizes the organization's Most Valuable Protectors (MVPs), those individuals, corporations, and organizations that have made a significant contribution in the area of child abuse and neglect in Miami-Dade County. This year, Voices For Children is proud to welcome Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. as the Luncheon's presenting sponsor, welcoming the firm as supporter to the organization and its commitment to making a difference in the lives of the abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Miami-Dade. "Stearns Weaver Miller is proud to support Voices For Children and applauds the critical role it plays in our community to protect the most vulnerable and the most valuable: our children, our future," said the company's Managing Director, Richard E. Schatz.

This year, the Luncheon will be emceed by Judge David Young. Judge Young brings his own brand of justice to a national television audience with the launch of the new half-hour syndicated courtroom series, JUDGE DAVID YOUNG, debuting on September 10th of this year. Judge Young is known for his sharp sense of humor, occasional bursts into song from the bench, and his provocative sentencing. He first came into the public spotlight when he presided over the American West drunken pilots case in his Miami-Dade courtroom.

The recipients of Voices For Children 2007 MVPs are:

- Advocate Award  
Dave Barry
  
- Philanthropy Award  
Pavarini Construction Company

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## **Voices For Children to recognize (page 2)-**

- Leadership Award  
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
- Voices For Children Award  
The Miami Herald Media Company
- The Phillip Hamersmith Award  
Laurie Jennings.

For ticketing or sponsorship information, contact Lindsay Cameron, Events Manager at 305. 324.5678 ext. 14 or visit [www.voices4.org](http://www.voices4.org) .

The mission of Voices For Children Foundation is to raise funds to ensure that every abused, abandoned, and neglected child in Miami-Dade County has a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem to represent their best interests in court and that financial assistance and other resources are available to meet their needs. There are over 4,000 children in court proceedings who need representation, with the Guardian Ad Litem advocating for nearly 72% of them at any given time. Be a Voice, visit [www.voices4.org](http://www.voices4.org).

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While we are proud of the landmark legal victories achieved for our clients, we are equally proud of our *pro bono* efforts on behalf of those unable to afford counsel. We are also dedicated to community-based charitable organizations and provide regular contributions of time and financial resources to those in need.

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