

EVERY STEP *of the way*

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Walking alongside
children today.
Opening doors
for their tomorrow.



BRIGHT FUTURES



WELL BEING



EDUCATION



SAFETY AND STABILITY



BASIC NEEDS

*Because every child deserves someone *beside them* for their journey.*



A LETTER FROM

Our President and Executive Director

Every day, children and young adults face circumstances no child should have to navigate alone. This past year, Suncoast Voices for Children was there to make sure they had someone beside them, providing the essentials, stability, and opportunities they needed to move forward.

Because of you, we supported more than **6,800 children and young adults**, fulfilling **individual needs totaling nearly \$700,000**. We provided more than 1,200 beds, cribs, and Pack-n-Plays to help create safe and stable homes and more than 1,000 children received clothing and essential items through our Style Voiced Clothing Closets, while emergency food and educational support helped families meet immediate needs and children stay on track.

Just as importantly, we **helped prevent unnecessary foster care placements by supporting relative and non-relative caregivers who step forward when a child needs a safe place to go**. These are the aunts, uncles, grandparents, family friends, and other caring adults who often say "yes" without having the resources or preparation to take on a child overnight. By providing this support, we help make it possible for children to remain connected to people they know and trust.

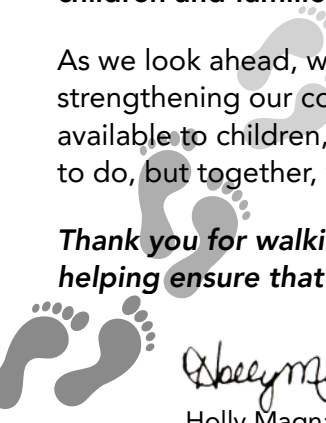
We also continued investing in brighter futures. **One hundred young adults** completed Opportunity Passport®, gaining financial knowledge, coaching, and matched savings to build confidence and greater independence.

But behind every number is a child with a story. A child with a bed of their own. A young person with clothing and shoes. A caregiver who can say "yes" because they know they will not have to do it alone. A student gaining confidence through tutoring. A young adult taking the first steps toward financial independence. These are the moments your generosity makes possible.

None of this happens alone. Our volunteers, community partners, board, staff, and donors each play an essential role in ensuring children feel safe, supported, and valued. **Your generosity allows us to say yes when children and families need us most.**

As we look ahead, we remain committed to meeting growing needs, strengthening our community partnerships, and expanding the resources available to children, families, and young adults. There is still much work to do, but together, we can continue to prevent, protect, and provide.

Thank you for walking beside children every step of the way and helping ensure that no child walks alone.

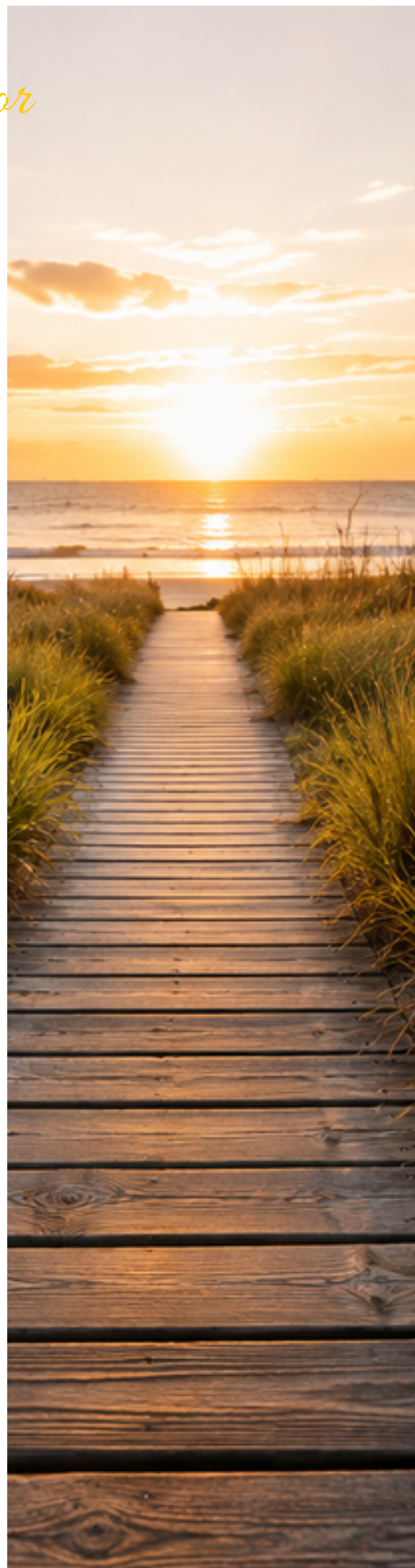


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THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

Our History

Founded in 2004 by Guardians ad Litem who saw children falling through the gaps of the child welfare system, Suncoast Voices for Children provides critical support to children and families across Florida's Sixth Judicial Circuit.

We respond quickly when children and families face crisis, meeting urgent needs that fall outside the resources available through the child welfare system. Our goal is to step in early, whenever possible, helping stabilize families before foster care is needed and supporting children when it is.

Every step of the way, we work to ensure children are safe, supported, and given the opportunity to heal, grow, and thrive.

Our Mission

To provide for the unmet physical, psychological, educational and social needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

Our Vision

We want to see every child in Pinellas and Pasco Counties enjoy a childhood free from fear and deprivation.

Our Motto

Prevent. Protect. Provide.

It's Who We Are. It's What We Do.

Our Work

At Suncoast Voices, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to grow up safe, valued, and surrounded by people who care. Whenever possible, we help keep children out of foster care by supporting placements with relatives, friends, and other trusted caregivers while families work toward stability. That may mean providing beds, car seats, and other essentials needed to create a safe, approved home.

When foster care is necessary, we continue to walk alongside children, providing critical safety and licensing needs while creating opportunities for normal childhood experiences through sports, summer camps, music, and other activities. We also provide academic support, including tutoring, to help children stay on track despite the disruptions they may face.

There is much work to do, but together, we can ease the challenges children face and give them the opportunity to thrive. ***Every step of the way, your support makes that possible.***



Our Leadership

Suncoast Voices for Children is guided by a dedicated Board of Directors who generously contribute their time and expertise to support abused and neglected children in our community. With skills spanning finance, operations, education, social work, public health, and more, they help ensure our programs are effective, sustainable, and impactful.

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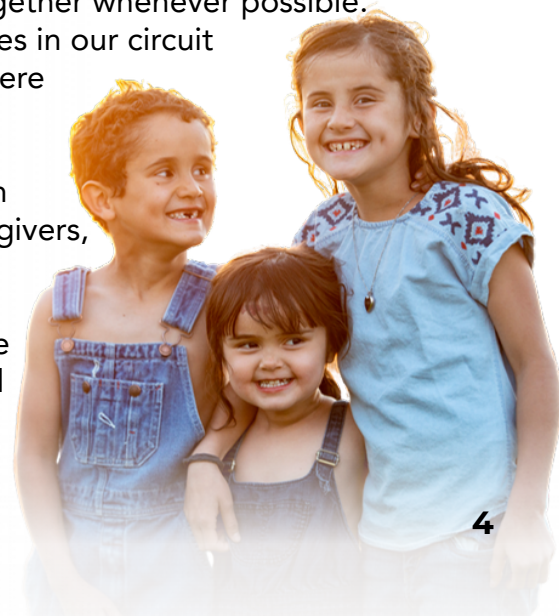
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Our Why

Every child deserves to feel safe, valued and cared for, especially during the most uncertain moments of their lives. In 2025, our Sixth Judicial Circuit received more than 10,000 reports of child abuse. In Pasco County, substance abuse, inadequate supervision, and environmental hazards were the leading reasons children were removed from their homes. In Pinellas County, inadequate supervision, household violence, and substance misuse topped the list. Behind every statistic is a child whose life has been disrupted and a family navigating circumstances that can be overwhelming.

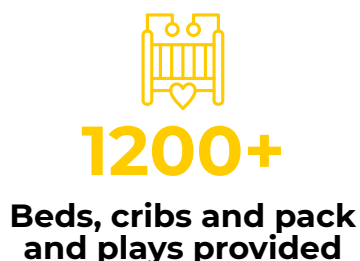
We know that keeping children safe often means keeping families together whenever possible. Last year approximately 35% of the children removed from their homes in our circuit were part of sibling groups, and, on average, 65% of those siblings were able to remain together.

Our work reaches children across the spectrum of the child welfare system, with parents participating in diversion and family preservation services, as well as children placed with relative and non-relative caregivers, representing our largest categories of children served. We step in to provide the essentials that help children feel secure and caregivers feel supported, because meeting a child's immediate needs can make an important difference in their ability to heal, remain connected, and move forward.

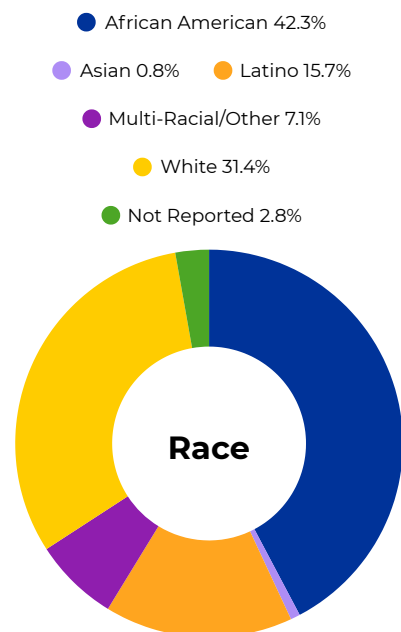
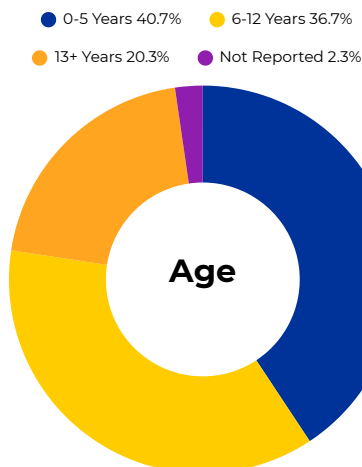
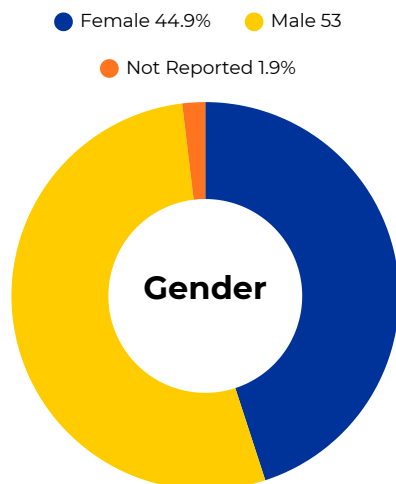


OUR IMPACT *at a Glance*

Because of you, thousands of children and young adults had the resources, opportunities and support they needed to take their next step forward.



Children Served: Demographic Snapshot



MEETING *Children's Needs* ♥

Our Children's Needs Program responds to urgent requests from Child Protection Investigators, case managers, other organizational partners and kinship caregivers providing essential items that the state does not cover.

6,871

Individual Needs served
through requests

\$558,980

Invested in fulfilling
unmet needs



Beds, Cribs,
Pack and Plays
and Bedding



Hygiene
Essentials



Emergency
Food



Car Seats,
Strollers,
Bikes, Bike
Helmets



Laptops and
other school
supplies



Safety Items
and help
with Level I
Licensing for
Relative
Caregivers



Clothing,
Shoes and
School Uniforms



Activities such
as sports,
camps, music
lessons, prom,
school field
trips and more



Cleaning
Supplies

By meeting both immediate and long-term needs, the Children's Needs Program helps ensure vulnerable children are safe, supported, and given the opportunity to heal, thrive, and build brighter futures.

STYLE VOICED

Clothing Closets ♥

When children are removed from their homes because of unsafe circumstances, they often leave suddenly with only the clothes they are wearing. The Style Voiced Clothing Program provides immediate access to clean, age-appropriate clothing, toiletries, and personal essentials for children entering foster care or at risk of doing so.

Located within Child Protective Investigation and Family Support Services offices across Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Style Voiced Closets ensure children have what they need when they need it most.

Made possible by generous individuals, businesses, and community partners, the program keeps closets stocked with new and like-new essentials, providing children with more than necessities. It gives them dignity, comfort, and a reminder that they are seen, valued, and cared for during an incredibly difficult time.



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Clothing Closet
Locations



Sizes 2T
through
Teen XL



1026
Children Served in
2025-2026



\$62,267
in Essential
Items Provided

OPPORTUNITY Passport®



100 NEW YOUNG ADULTS
COMPLETED THE
PROGRAM IN 2025-2026

2025-26 Impact Highlights

155 Participants | 64 participants matched for a total of \$76,557



\$40,202
Vehicles



\$11,757
Credit Building



\$20,117
Housing



\$9,86
Small Business



\$3,495
Education,
Medical and Other

Survey Results

85% of active participants, 187 participants responded to the Annual Voices Opportunity Passport Survey.

They reported the following achievements since entering the program:

- 59% opened a bank account
- 82% saved at least \$500 in an account
- 72% increased their credit score

Real stories. Real impact. Real hope for the future.



Jayden, 3, and Micah, 1, were removed from their home after being exposed to domestic violence and an unsafe environment. Their parents had been unable to demonstrate the protective capacities needed to safely care for the children, and ongoing concerns include domestic violence and substance misuse and were placed with a relative caregiver. After working through her case plan, the kids were reunited with their mom however the mother is currently unemployed and struggling to meet the children's basic needs, including food and clothing. Suncoast Voices helped provide clothing, diapers and wipes, emergency food and a safety railing to ensure Jayden and Micah have the essentials they need to feel safe, secure, and cared for while their family works toward stability.



When Kaleb entered foster care in January 2024, he was carrying the effects of abandonment, domestic violence, instability, and unmet basic needs. He was nearly three grade levels behind academically, reading and doing math at a third-grade level and ranking in just the 24th percentile for his age. Suncoast Voices stepped in to provide targeted summer tutoring in reading and math, giving Kaleb the support he needed to strengthen foundational skills, rebuild his confidence, and experience success in a safe, supportive environment. For Kaleb, this was about more than catching up in school. It was about restoring stability, believing in his potential, and giving him the tools to move forward with confidence.



Gabe entered foster care while he was still in high school and ultimately aged out of the system, facing the transition to adulthood without the traditional support system many young people rely on. Through Suncoast Voices' Opportunity Passport® program, Gabe gained the financial knowledge, coaching, and matched savings he needed to begin building a future of independence. He used his match funds to invest in his own business, helping it grow faster than he expected while putting into practice the skills he learned around budgeting, saving, credit, banking, and making thoughtful financial decisions. More than a financial resource, Opportunity Passport® gave Gabe the confidence, discipline, and tools to invest in himself and create long-term stability for his future.



Caregiver Tiana, 22, recently took custody of her two younger sisters, Courtney, 12, and Mikaela, 7, due to domestic violence between their mother and her paramour. Tiana lives with her boyfriend and their nearly two-year-old son in a two-bedroom apartment. When the girls arrived in her care, they were sleeping on the couches because they did not have beds of their own and were also in need of basic essentials, including clothing and shoes. Suncoast Voices provided a bunk bed and two mattresses, giving Courtney and Mikaela comfortable, permanent beds and a space of their own. This support provided much-needed stability, privacy, and a sense of belonging during a significant transition in their lives, while the clothing and shoes helped ensure they had the essentials they needed for everyday life.

THANK YOU DONORS

Every step of the way, our donors and sponsors stand beside us, helping ensure children have the support, resources, and opportunities they need to move forward. Their generosity and trust make our work possible and create brighter paths for the children we serve. We are deeply grateful to every donor, sponsor, and community partner who walks this journey with us, including the following major contributors.

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SUNCOAST STORY



Nine-year-old Charlie recently entered foster care after experiencing instability and ongoing family challenges, marking the third time he has been removed from his home. With so much disruption and uncertainty at such a young age, his foster caregiver requested support for summer camp to provide him with consistency and positive experiences during the summer.

Through the help of our donors, Charlie will have the opportunity to build friendships, stay active, learn new skills, and simply enjoy being a child while adjusting to his new living situation.

VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the children, and with tremendous gratitude - we thank you!

While our Board works tirelessly, Suncoast Voices could not serve children without the dedication of countless volunteers who give of their time to help with donation drives, fundraising events, mentoring, social media, event planning, community outreach, and more. Their commitment, along with the generosity of our donors, makes it possible to meet the needs of abused, abandoned, and neglected children in our community.

We are also deeply grateful for our partnerships with other local nonprofits. By working together toward the shared goal of supporting children, we are able to make a far greater impact.

2025 VOICES OF THE YEAR



DUKE ENERGY EMPLOYEES

Since 2013, Duke Energy has been a dedicated partner, bringing its “We put the FUN in fundraising” spirit to support local children and families. Through creative employee events like chili cookoffs, Amazing Race competitions, silent auctions, and other activities, Duke Energy employees raise funds, volunteer their time, and engage their colleagues in our mission. While committee members have changed over the years, their commitment remains the same: spread the word, support the kids, and make a difference together.



GFWC NORTH PINELLAS

A steadfast champion for children, GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club has partnered with Suncoast Voices since 2014, contributing thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours to our mission. Their commitment began with monthly volunteer support of the local clothing closet and continues today through Style Voiced. Named GFWC Florida Outstanding Club of the Year 11 times, including eight consecutive years, GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club exemplifies leadership, generosity, and an unwavering commitment to strengthening our community.



NORM BUNGARD

Norm Bungard has dedicated decades to making a difference in the lives of others, embodying a spirit of service that is truly extraordinary. A Guardian ad Litem since 2008 and former Suncoast Voices for Children board member, Norm has devoted his time and talents to strengthening children, families, and our community. His impact reaches across generations. His wisdom, generosity, and unwavering commitment to service have touched countless lives, including the children and families he continues to advocate for.

COMMUNITY Partners

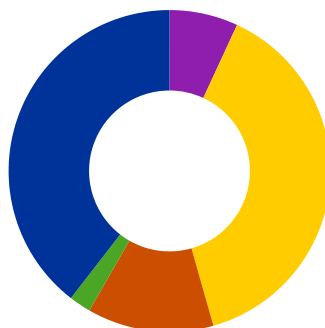
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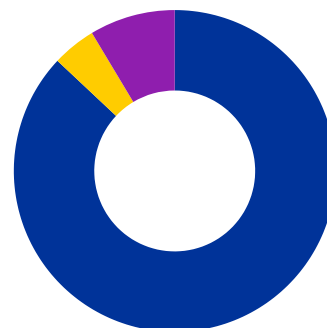
FINANCIAL Stewardship

We are committed to responsible stewardship and maximizing every dollar to meet the needs of the children.

- Gifts and Contributions 6.9%
- Grants and Foundations 38.7%
- In-Kind Gifts 12.7%
- Investment Income 2.2%
- Special Events 39.5%
- Programs 87%
- Management & General 4.4%...
- Fundraising 8.6%



2025 REVENUE
\$1,771,372



2025 EXPENSES
\$1,277,343

LOOKING Ahead

We remain focused on our mission to prevent abuse, protect the children and provide for the unmet needs.

-  Expand resources to meet growing needs.
-  Grow our network of donors and monthly givers.
-  Strengthen community partnerships.
-  Secure over \$1.5 million over the next three years to help program needs.



HOW YOU CAN BE A VOICE

-  **VOLUNTEER**
Share your time and talents to help with events, outreach, or behind-the-scenes support.
-  **DONATE ITEMS OR IN-KIND SUPPORT**
Provide needed goods, services, or professional expertise to support children and our organization.
-  **BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER**
Local businesses can partner with Suncoast Voices through sponsorships, fundraising events, or employee-led initiatives.
-  **ATTEND OR SPONSOR AN EVENT**
Participate in Suncoast Voices events to show your support while helping raise critical funds.
-  **HOST A FUNDRAISER OR EVENT**
Organize a walk, ride, giving tree, cookout, or creative event to raise funds and awareness in your community.
-  **BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR**
Join a giving circle to provide steady, reliable support that helps sustain our mission year-round.
-  **SHARE OUR MISSION**
Spread the word about Suncoast Voices through social media, word of mouth, or community networks. **LIKE US, LOVE US and SHARE US!**    

Together, we can ensure that no child walks alone.



THANK YOU

for every step. ♡

Because of you, children and young adults have hope, stability and brighter futures. Thank you for walking beside them - every step of the way.

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