



# The Voice

November 9<sup>th</sup>  
2011



## From the President:

Welcome to the first **Speak Up! For Kids** of Palm Beach County Newsletter to our Guardian ad Litem team. We are continuing to grow, adding new team members and talented individuals who are working hard to support all of your efforts. Many of them are Guardians too! We will be sending **THE VOICE** as often as necessary to keep you up-to-date on what is happening and ways we can all work together. We encourage your feedback and, as always, we are looking for additional resources!

*Ken Thomas, President*

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## Upcoming Events

### Annual Holiday Social with Santa

**Fri, December 2nd**

Tina's Café

215 N. Olive Street (across  
from PBC Courthouse)

5:00-9:00p, \$10 at door

**Children Welcome!**

Includes Chicken Marsala  
Dinner & Sodas

Cash Donation Bar:

\$2 Beer, \$3 Cocktails

Live Music, Door Prizes, Silent  
Auction, & More

RSVP: 561-389-7740

### Chris' Taverna All Day Fundraiser

**Tues, December 6th**

6338 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth

Chris donates back to SUFK a  
portion of his entire day's  
proceeds. Please say hello  
when you stop by!

## The New Speak UP! For Kids of Palm Beach County Website:

We are working diligently on our new website. Our goal is to go live before the end of the year. The new website will help tell our story and encourage people to become involved—for **Speak Up!**, as a GAL, or through their generous spirit of giving. The site will offer a variety of information including: information about upcoming events and fundraising, press and media coverage, highlights of ongoing projects, and where to go to find the goods and services you need. We are excited about this new venture and are confident that it will be the launching pad for many great things. Comments & suggestions are always welcome! Please contact Lynne Brown at [LBrown@SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org](mailto:LBrown@SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org).

### We are also entering the Social Media Age!

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

We are looking to build databases of contacts & those interested in our cause!

Like our Facebook Page!!!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Speak-Up-for-Kids-Palm-Beach-County/76531059704>

## Donated Goods and Services:

One area that we are working hard to develop is donations of goods and services. **We need to hear from you!**

Please email what types of goods and services you need for your families. We ask that you be specific. We will be posting “What We Need” and also “What We Have”. If you can help in sourcing any of the items needed, let us know! We cannot promise we will fill every request, but we want to try. We will only be as successful as the information and support of all of you. Please contact: Lynne Brown at [LBrown@SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org](mailto:LBrown@SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org).

## GAL Holiday Luncheon

Fri, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30a-2p  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room

More info & RSVP:

Ellen Kranzler

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## Open Positions:

With all of the new and exciting opportunities in front of us, we are looking for people to come and work with us. Do you know of someone who wants to help, but has limited time or feels a Guardian position is not for them? We have all kinds of positions available to fit the talents and time available. Here are a couple of immediate positions we have need for:

- **Administrative Assistant**
- **Solicitors—gift cards and raffle item donations**
- **Donation logistics coordinators**
- **Event volunteers**
- **Networking volunteers**
- **Recruiters**
- **Database support**
- **Social Media coordinator**
- **Grant Researcher/Writer**

This is a great opportunity. We will work with any and all people who want to join the cause. We will work around your schedule! It is fun and rewarding!

## From the Marketing Team:

### Fellow GALs—

That's right—some of us on the team are GALs! Thank you so much for taking the time to read **THE VOICE**. We want this newsletter to be a way to provide you with updates on what we are doing. But we also want this to be a way to connect with you and have you tell us what we can do to support the Guardian ad Litem Program. Please, take a moment and reach out to one of us.

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## Each One, Reach One

Thanks to all our wonderful GALs. But we still need more volunteers! If you know someone that would make a great GAL, please ask them to visit [www.galpbc.org](http://www.galpbc.org) or contact Peter Braun, our GAL Recruiter, at 561-355-6224.

## About Speak Up! For Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc. is the nonprofit support for the PBC Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program. GALs are court-appointed volunteers who advocate for children involved in dependency court due to alleged abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

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# Happy Holidays

## *Speak Up! for Kids' Annual Holiday Social*

\$10 per ticket (includes dinner & sodas)

Cash Donation Bar: \$2 beer & \$3 cocktails

Live Music, Door Prizes, Silent Auction & More

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Santa has RSVP'd that he'll be there

When: December 2nd, 2011  
5-9 pm

Where: Tina's Cafe  
215 N. Olive Ave.  
WPB, FL 33401

RSVP: 561-389-7740



*All proceeds benefit the Palm Beach County Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL) through its nonprofit: Speak Up! for Kids of PBC. GALs are volunteers who advocate for children involved in dependency court due to alleged abuse, abandonment, or neglect.*



**GAL HOLIDAY PARTY TIME**

FRIDAY, -DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011

**EVERYONE WILL BE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON**

**11:30 am - 2:00 pm - in the 5<sup>TH</sup> floor training room:**

**Don't be left out!**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO HELP SUPPLY THE FOOD**

We are all encouraged to bring Something Special;  
Something that can be shared with everyone.

Let's get together and welcome the holidays as Guardian ad Litem  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit working together and playing together.



RSVP TO GAL Volunteer ELLEN KRANZLER

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**ASAP - Let me know that you are coming and what you are bringing.**



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