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News and Information from **Family Resource Center of South Florida, Inc.**

A Non-profit Organization Dedicated to the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect

Summer 2014

18th Annual Bowling Tournament

On Saturday, June 7, supporters gathered at Bird Bowl in Miami to raise funds for Family Resource Center's programs for children who have suffered child abuse and neglect. More than 300 people attended this year's **Strike Against Child Abuse** Charity Bowling Tournament, generating just under \$30,000.



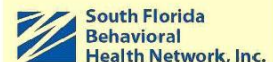
Sabadell United Bank - 1st Place Tournament Winner

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A special "**Thank You**" to all of our supporters this past fiscal year (July 2013- June 2014).

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City National Bank, 2nd Place Winner

USI Insurance, 3rd Place Winner

Sabadell United Bank made a smooth comeback and took home 1st place against its bowling rival, City National Bank, which came in a close 2nd. USI Insurance played a strong game and came in 3rd.

Eight bowling lanes were purchased and generously donated for the use of children in foster care. Close to 30 FRC children were able to come out and participate with their foster families.

A special **Thank You** goes out to our event sponsors ([Marcum](#), [Health Foundation of South Florida](#), [City National Bank](#), [TrialGraphix](#) and [Snap Happy Photos](#)), those companies and individuals who purchased lanes, and the many local businesses who contributed to the Silent Auction and Restaurant Raffle. You helped make this year's tournament one of the best yet.



Back to School Backpack Drive & Volunteer Day

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*2014 Back to School Backpack Drive
Volunteer Day*

Every year, Family Resource Center provides school-aged foster children with the resources they need for the upcoming school year. For the fourth straight year, we organized a Volunteer Day in order to put together more than 500 backpacks for our clients. On Saturday, July 19, 60 supporters were on hand to organize supplies and assemble backpacks for foster children in grades Kindergarten through grade 12.



In addition to the many donated items from individuals and organizations around Miami, **BJ's Charitable Foundation** provided a generous grant for the third straight year, allowing us to purchase backpacks and other school supplies for our clients. Because of the support of donors and volunteers alike, FRC's clients will be able to start the school year ready to learn! Thank you to all who participated this year.

[Click here](#) to see more photos from the Backpack Volunteer Day.

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Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic

Aloha and Mahalo! As part of National Foster Care Month, Family Resource Center hosted an annual appreciation event for our amazing foster families at Tropical Park on the 3rd of May. This year, FRC's families and staff enjoyed a Hawaiian themed luau with music, food, rides, games and a day full of fun! Everyone had the opportunity to win exciting raffle prizes generously donated by Macy's, and each mom was presented with a special rose for Mother's Day. A BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful foster families who provide safe and

loving homes for children in care and to Dr. Teri Wunderman for donating the roses.



[Click here](#) to see the full photo album of the Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, or about recruitment incentive programs, please visit www.ourkids.us.

Miami Dolphins Fundraiser Games

Family Resource Center and the Miami Dolphins have teamed up to provide discounted tickets to four upcoming home games at Sun Life Stadium.



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While enjoying the game and saving money, you're also benefiting FRC because a portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold will be donated back to the agency to support children in foster care.

Two ticket levels are available
 Upper Corner/End Zone Seats: \$35 per ticket
 Lower Corner/End Zone Seats: \$75 per ticket

[Click here to purchase your tickets today!](#)
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Coming This Fall!



For the Children's Hero Awards Gala!

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Children's Supporter Award

FRC's Launches Brand New Blog

Meet Valentino K.: A Resilient Foster Child Beating All Odds.

"...regardless of me being in [foster] care, I don't let the negative aspects of it become an impediment in my life. I simply catapult over obstacles that dare to become a hindrance in my life! Being in foster care actually motivates me to do well academically, so I can be something in Life".

-Valentino K.

In 2010, Valentino came down with a disease called MRSA, a type of staph infection that is potentially fatal. He was removed from his father's home due to medical neglect. He spent two months in the hospital and one month at a nursing home recovering. Upon release, Valentino transitioned to the home of a non-relative caretaker who was a friend of the family. Unfortunately, his caretaker was diagnosed with cancer and he had to leave her home. Currently, 17 year old Valentino is residing at a foster home, where he is thriving academically and maturing into a healthy, accomplished teenager. Follow him this summer as he embarks on a journey of self-discovery - where he takes his first trip out of Miami, volunteers overseas doing mission work and interns with a prominent Miami-Dade County Judge!

[Read PART ONE of Valentino's story...](#)

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Archie Bouie II
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Photo taken by Valentino K. before swim practice in Maui, HI.

Thanksgiving Preview

It may seem early, but we're already planning ahead for our **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive!** And for those out there who are looking for more ways to get involved, Thanksgiving can be a wonderful way to give back to your community. If you would like to participate you can:

- Contribute grocery store gift cards (\$25 - \$50) for families to purchase a turkey to go with their Food Basket. These can be mailed to our office Attn: Development, Family Resource Center 155 S. Miami Ave., Suite 400, Miami, FL 33130.
- Donate online at frcflorida.org/donate for the purchase of grocery store gift cards.
- Host a Food Basket Drive at your workplace, church or community organization, and collect food items such as canned goods, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie mix, etc. and create Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families for a hearty Thanksgiving meal.

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Please let us know how you plan to get involved.
Email Liza at lhernandez@frcflorida.org
by Monday, September 29.

All donated food baskets must be delivered to FRC on
November 17th, 18th or 19th.

Join Our Board

As we continue to grow our organization, Family Resource Center is looking for leaders who want to have a voice in child welfare. We are seeking individuals to join our Board of Directors in the fields not currently represented, including Retail, Banking, Travel/Leisure, and Hotel/Tourism.

Our organization works with over 1,200 children annually who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Our mission is to strengthen families and end the cycle of abuse through the provision of Family Support Services, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Parent Education Classes, and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling Services.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating on our board of directors, please email a resume/cv to dmatthews@frcflorida.org.

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