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### **Abused Kids Get Help through Community Foundation Grant**

Fort Myers, FL (June 9, 2010) – The Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF) recently provided a \$5,000 grant to Voices for Kids. This local nonprofit ensures that abused and neglected children in Southwest Florida receive a court-appointed *Guardian ad Litem* volunteer and certain financial assistance to meet their unique needs.

According to Julia East, SWFLCF's President and CEO, "This grant will help Voices for Kids by providing part-time office support and *Guardian ad Litem* training for their Hendry County and Glades County operations. The real winners, however, are the kids who, through no fault of their own, come to depend on us in the community for their advocacy in the child welfare system. Voices for Kids is working to meet that need and the Community Foundation is glad that we can help."

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation awards grants to many local nonprofit agencies through annual grant cycles and in response to community issues that affect all Southwest Floridians. For more information about Voices for Kids, visit their website at [www.voicesforkids.org](http://www.voicesforkids.org). The Southwest Florida Community Foundation website address is [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).

*The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties through endowed funds for over 33 years. With 331 endowed funds, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$46 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. For more information, please call 239-274-5900, or visit their web site at [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).*

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