

## RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

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Dear Guardian ad Litem:

To the more than 10,000 dedicated volunteers of the Guardian ad Litem Program, thank you for giving a voice to Florida's most vulnerable children.

All children deserve to have someone they can trust, who will listen to them, mentor them, and most importantly, be a constant adult figure in their lives. As a Guardian ad Litem, you are a consistent adult presence in a child's life.

Our Florida First budget builds on my commitment to protecting Florida's most vulnerable children by investing \$46 million, an increase of \$2.8 million over last year, in the statewide Guardian ad Litem program. This increase in funding will provide legal representation to thousands of children in court cases throughout Florida.

As a father and a grandfather, I know how important it is for every child to live in a healthy and safe home. Thank you for all you are doing to provide support to children who need it most.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott Governor