FFCR thanks our amazing Citizen Review Panel volunteers

Did you know? April is National Volunteer Month! Volunteers are the heartbeat of FFCR – without their dedication and commitment, there would be no Citizen Review Panel Program. This month, FFCR is hosting a delicious lunch for each of our 14 panels to recognize the dedication of our 60 active Citizen Review Panel (CRP) volunteers.

Said Executive Director Candice L. Maze, "Our volunteers are an inspiration to all of us who work at FFCR. They give so generously of their time and talent to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in our community. The true impact of their involvement is clear when a Citizen Review Panel issues recommendations that help ensure a child's needs are met or catalyze more aggressive efforts to seek an adoptive family. As the voice of the community, they bring to the table an independent perspective that allows them to act as an important safety net. They are a real force for good, and we are so grateful to them."

Candice, FFCR staff, and several board members visited with the volunteers during luncheons earlier this month. Everyone munched on delicious sandwiches and desserts from Which Wich's downtown location, and each volunteer received a Starbucks gift card to thank them "a latte" for their time and dedication.

Jodi Hessel, a CRP volunteer for five years, summed it up: "For all of my adult life I have been volunteering for various organizations, and I must say that the staff at FFCR truly go out of their way to ensure that we [volunteers] have the information and support to do a good job for children. They do not miss an opportunity to acknowledge the value of our time and effort, which makes me want to worker harder and do even more. It is a privilege to serve this exceptional organization and hopefully, change the life of a child, and perhaps an entire family along the way."

[CLICK HERE](#) for photos of all the lunches – updated as they happen!

Are you interested in volunteering? Don't wait – [sign up today](#)!