

Spirit of Giving Network Celebrates Successful Collaboration Benefiting South Florida's Abused and Neglected Children

The Spirit of Giving Network is thrilled to announce that more children in Palm Beach and Broward counties are being better served through the mutually beneficial collaboration between 4KIDS of South Florida and The Jacob S. Zweig Foundation (In Jacob's Shoes) connection facilitated by the nonprofit.



At a tour of SafePlace 4KIDS recently, representatives from the three nonprofits celebrated the synergy of their connection which will better serve children entering and those already navigating the government foster care system in South Florida.

"It is because of Spirit of Giving that In Jacob's Shoes was introduced to 4KIDS and learned of the needs at SafePlace," says Harlene Zweig, who founded the nonprofit, In Jacob's Shoes, in memory of her son, Jacob. The foundation recently made a large cash donation to 4KIDS which allowed foster care teens to attend summer camps, provided 100 pairs of new and as-new shoes, and 100 fully stocked backpacks for school to SafePlace, which serves more than 2,500 children in the foster care system each year.

"At Spirit of Giving, we are all about strengthening the community through strategic connections for sharing information and resources, as well as needs," says Karen Krumholtz, executive director at Spirit of Giving Network. "We're community matchmakers in that we can connect charities with resources and visa versa."

In the case of 4KIDS, the foster care agency is in constant need of funds, clothing, and shoes, as they serve the ever-growing foster child population.

"We are so grateful to have met Harlene through the Spirit of Giving Network," says Sharon Ellington, the community and business initiatives director at 4KIDS of South Florida. "They have truly helped us meet the needs of kids in crisis by providing the forum through which we could work together."

This kind of synergistic service to our community is exactly what inspired Barbara Schmidt to start connecting area nonprofits over a decade ago, and it continues to motivate the Spirit of Giving Network in a relentless drive to improve community collaboration through mutually beneficial matches.

About Spirit of Giving Network

The Spirit of Giving Network is a collaborative, nonprofit organization with a focus on children and families in South Palm Beach County. It is a forum where

nonprofits and community supporters share information, resources and best practices. Currently, there are more than 60 nonprofit member organizations meeting on a monthly basis. The group's objective is to streamline the delivery of services to the community by working collaboratively to solve issues and improve operations through internal and external partnerships. For more information, visit: <http://sognetwork.com/>

About The Jacob S. Zweig Foundation (In Jacob's Shoes)

In Jacob's Shoes provides new and gently used shoes, school supplies, and athletic shoes and equipment to economically disadvantaged youth. Scholarships are also awarded to children and teens for camp, athletics, education, travel, after school care, and extra-curricular programs. For more information, visit: <http://injacobsshoes.org/>

About 4KIDS of South Florida

Partnering with corporations, foundations, individuals, government, and the faith community, 4KIDS operates six programs—SafePlace 4KIDS, Safe Families, foster care, family-style homes, transitional independent living for youth, and His Caring Place for single teens experiencing a crisis pregnancy—to provide a home and hope for every child in crisis. For more information, visit: <http://www.4kidsofsfl.org/>