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THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM CELEBRATES FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program joins the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, Volunteer Florida, sponsor of Florida Volunteer Month to celebrate volunteerism. Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet have designated April 2009 Florida Volunteer Month. National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2009 sponsored by Points of Light & Hands on Network.

For more than 29 years, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (Program) has represented abused and neglected children in court and the community. The Program operates with approximately 7,000 dedicated volunteers giving more than 27,000 abused and neglected children across Florida a voice in court. The Guardian ad Litem volunteers are critical to the Program and most importantly to abused and neglected children living through a confusing and frightening time in their lives. The Guardian ad Litem volunteers are paramount to the strength and long term vitality of the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program.

Theresa Flury, Executive Director of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program in Tallahassee says every Guardian ad Litem volunteer is “a true hero.” Ms. Flury hopes Florida Volunteer Month and National

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Volunteer Week will encourage everyone to consider volunteering. Guardians ad Litem speak on behalf of abused and neglected children. She hopes people will become volunteers and make a difference in the life of a child.

For more information on how to become a guardian ad litem, log onto our website at www.GuardianadLitem.org or call 1-866-341-1GAL.

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