

# Guardian ad Litem Employees Recognized for Outstanding Performance

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At the volunteer conference this year in addition to recognizing our volunteers we began a new tradition of recognizing Guardian ad Litem employees for outstanding performance.

Please join me in congratulating the winners:

**Child's Hero:** The key element for this award is that the activities leading to the nomination must involve specific actions relating to advocacy for children. Each winner's performance must have been exceptional and must have assisted the GAL Program in attaining its goals, either locally or statewide, and must have significantly aided the Program in fulfilling its mission.

1. Sharon Morten-6<sup>th</sup> circuit
2. Jann Tucker-Pettway-2<sup>nd</sup> circuit
3. Marion Brown-17<sup>th</sup> circuit
4. Mary Stone-5<sup>th</sup> circuit
5. Carlos McCluskey-17<sup>th</sup> circuit

**Leadership:** Nominees must have at least 3 years of continuous service with the GAL and be a member of the circuit or statewide management team. Their performance should clearly demonstrate strong leadership qualities to include, but not limited to leadership, integrity and innovation while attaining GAL goals and objectives.

1. Suzanne Parker- 13<sup>th</sup> circuit

**Excellence in Legal Representation:** Nominees for this award must demonstrate their knowledge of the law and rules of court as well as DCF policy and procedures to promote each child's interests.

1. Teresa Goodson-14<sup>th</sup> circuit
2. Mercedes Scopetta- State Office

**Excellence in Recruiting Award:** Nominee must have achieved a significant degree of excellence in recruiting new volunteers for the GAL Program.

1. Drew Korenvaes-17<sup>th</sup> circuit
2. John Zucker-6<sup>th</sup> circuit

**Community Partner Award:** Nominees must have demonstrated visible results in promoting team work within the community and/or have effectively educated the public through presentations which have garnered support, awareness and respect from the community.

1. Charlotte Thomas-1<sup>st</sup> circuit

**Executive Director's Award:** This is the GAL Program's top award for employee performance. Nominee's performance must have been exceptional, and must have assisted the GAL Program in attaining its goals, either locally or statewide, and must have significantly aided the Program in fulfilling its mission.

1. Sonia Ferrer- 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit

2. Dawn-Marie Farmer- State Office

These employees' hard work and dedication serves as an example to us all in these difficult times and I thank them for their contribution to the GAL program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis W. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis W. Moore  
Interim Executive Director/General Counsel