

November 2017

Dear Circuit 7 GAL Advocates,

As this most challenging year draws to a close, your Foundation Board of Directors wants to take a moment to bow our heads in acknowledgement of the vital, dynamic advocacy and mentorship displayed by you all! So many of you protected and guarded your GAL kids with the same vigilance you so freely gave your own as hurricane Irma blew into our counties.

You and your sincerely focused attention is the one and only absolute factor determining whether a child endures or thrives the traumas of the legal dependency process—not money, not legal maneuvers, not the “right” school—YOU! You are the adult with a supportive arm around young shoulders bearing a load not theirs to bear; the adult who listens without an agenda. You are the adult whose eyes light up when the child appears in view; the adult representing the “way out” through encouraging social activities and interactions which lift and validate the self-esteem and social value of this little soul. You are the decisive element.

Your Foundation was created by GALs (just like you) to elevate and support the advocacy of fellow Guardians ad Litem. Normalcy events and activities—tutoring, sports, field trips, art exposure/lessons, therapeutic horse camp, swimming and golf, Pop Warner Ball, driver’s training...the list grows with each concerned Advocate’s request for their child. Normalcy activities and your advocacy/mentorship will provide the spring board from dependency survival skills to solid social interaction and success!

It is your Foundation’s ultimate goal to eliminate generational dependency, one child at a time. For 2017, our financial commitment to that goal has been expenditures of over \$15,000.00.

The year-end brings a chance to share your passion and your advocacy with your friends and neighbors. There have been catastrophic events and enormous social challenges this year. So many families and communities challenged with life and death events, its over-whelming.

Page 1 Please remember, all funding requests must be approved in advance of purchase.

Your Foundation was created by GALs to help one child at a time and so we ask that to be your focus this year as you fundraise for our kids. You are the face of the Foundation in our community. Share what you do and why you do it. Share your passion! Ask your family and friends to give—send one child to camp, teach one teen to drive, send one kid to Washington, D.C. on a special field trip. One child at a time, let’s raise the funds to be an effective force for 2018.

Your Foundation will be sending you all a fun and easy opportunity to share your volunteer activities with those around you at the end of the month. Your support is much appreciated!

May the coming holiday season be a time of rest and renewal for our weary world and a time of quiet joy for you and yours.

Sincerely,



President Beverly Naylor on behalf of  
GAL7 Foundation, Inc.

On October 4, the GAL7 Foundation, Inc. gave a presentation to the Rotarians at the St. Augustine Yacht Club. Lunch was served, the talk was well received and the members donated a bag of books to the Early Learning Coalition of St. Johns County in the Foundation’s name.



Left to right: Peggy Fleming, Deb Dunning,,  
Todd Grant, Sarah Carrigan

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### Christmas will be here before we know it!

Everyone is very generous with the younger children. This year let's make sure the older young people don't get left out. Shoeboxes for the approximately 290 teens in the four counties seemed possible.



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| Jewelry                       | Sports Equipment               |
| Earrings                      | Basketballs                    |
| Necklaces                     | Footballs                      |
| Bracelets                     | Soccer balls                   |
| Watches                       | Skateboards                    |
| Art Supplies                  | Sports Themed Items            |
| Art supply kits               | Journals/Diaries               |
| Detailed/Adult Coloring Books | Notebooks/Cool school supplies |
| Drawing Supplies              | colorful pens/pencils          |
| Sketch paper                  | Posters                        |
| Paint supplies                | Movie Passes                   |
| Colored Pencils               | Board games                    |
| Tech Savvy Accessories        | Card games                     |
| Chargers                      | Books                          |
| Ear buds                      | Travel mugs/Water bottles      |
| Headphones                    | Change                         |
| Cell phone stands             | Purse/wallets/purses/          |
| Speakers                      | Makeup bags                    |
| Phone cases                   | Makeup                         |
| MP3 Player                    | Moisturizers/Acne              |
| Bath & Beauty                 | Lotions/Deodorants             |
| Scented shower gels           | Bath sets                      |
| Perfume                       | Manicure                       |
| Cologne                       | accessories/nail               |
| Axe Body Spray                | polish/nail art/               |
| Shaving equipment             | Hair Products                  |
| Hair product                  |                                |
| Brush/combs                   |                                |
| Hair clips/hair ties          |                                |
| Hair straightening rinse      |                                |
| Curling Irons                 |                                |

Please drop filled plastic shoeboxes to your county GAL office or Hammock First Baptist Church by December 3. Contact us if you need someone to pick up your shoebox. Project Coordinator: LaJuana McKay 386-405-2820

**Thinking of purchasing a Honey Baked Ham for the holidays?** By using this link

[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Help\\_send\\_kids\\_to\\_camp](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Help_send_kids_to_camp) the GAL7 Foundation, Inc. will receive 20% from each gift certificate purchased. Use your Gift card for in store or online purchases and we all win.

**A fun time for all!**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00-4:00 pm European Village --Your \$5 donation includes a 4 x 6 photo**



Have your pets told Santa what they want for Christmas this year?



Have your pet's picture taken with Santa and support  
The GAL7 Foundation, Inc. (We Stand for Kids)  
Children also welcome!



Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
12:00pm – 4:00pm  
European Village, 101 Palm Harbor Parkway  
Palm Coast, Florida 32137  
\$5.00 donation includes 4x6 photo



Photos  
with  
Santa

For more information,  
call 845-853-4467  
or email  
bhagedorn10@gmail.com



**Welcome to the Team: Our newest Board members Demi Bentley, Sarah Carrigan, & Lisa Hogan.**

**Demi** is the owner of Bentley Home Services, a carpet and tile cleaning service in Palm Coast. She was a director of finance in local government for 20 years, She will be the Flagler Liaison. **Sarah** is a professional artist who started her own business, Sarah Carrigan Designs, LLC in 2014. She has been a St. Johns GAL since 2015 and has vast non-profit foundation and board experience. **Lisa** moved to Palm Coast in Feb. 2017 from Gainesville, FL. Originally from Tifton, GA where she was a middle school teacher and counselor for 23 years. Lisa is now co-owner of Tim Hogan State Farm in Palm Coast. Visit our website [www.GAL7Foundation.org](http://www.GAL7Foundation.org) for full Board of Director biographies.

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**ATTENTION VOLUSIA!**

**What child doesn't love Santa and Pancakes?**

Tickets still available for "Pancakes and Photos with Santa" on **Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 8:30 am-10:30 am at Rosie's Café, 136 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, Florida.** Santa, with authentic white beard, is ready to make each child feel special as he listens to their Christmas wishes. Be sure to bring your camera. There will be wonderful photo opportunities. Tickets are \$5.00 each if purchased in advance. (\$6.00 at the door). Please call 845-853-4467 or email [bhagedorn10@gmail.com](mailto:bhagedorn10@gmail.com) for tickets.

All children and families are welcome.

Some **FREE** tickets have been made available for children and all family members. **Save the date and get your tickets NOW!**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT.**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILDREN  
IN VOLUSIA COUNTY**

**GAL7 Foundation, Inc (We Stand for Kids) hosts:**

# PANCAKES & Photos with Santa

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**  
8:30am to 10:30am  
Rosie's Café  
136 W. Granada Blvd.  
Ormond Beach, Florida

Tickets \$5.00 each when purchased in advance, \$6.00 at the door

Photo Opportunities Available. Please bring your own camera.

All proceeds benefit foster children in Volusia County, served by the Guardian ad Litem program. For tickets, call 845-853-4457, or email [bhagedorn10@gmail.com](mailto:bhagedorn10@gmail.com). Can't attend?... sponsor a child for \$5.00. All are welcome!

**Fort Menendez**  
At Old Florida Museum

Home  
Public Tours  
Educational Field Trips  
• Timucua Indian  
• Spanish / Colonial  
• Florida Cracker  
• Civil Detectives  
• Ships & Sailors  
• Freedom Seekers  
• Home Schoolers  
Museum Special Events  
Gift Shop  
Directions  
The Pioneer Barn  
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Contact Us

"This place is fascinating!"

Museum Hours  
10:00am - 3:30pm  
Monday—Saturday

Gift Shoppe Hours  
9:30am - 4:00pm  
Monday—Saturday

Bring your GAL ID and Just tell them "Bill sent me"

~ ~ **CLOSED SUNDAYS** ~ ~  
800-813-3208 - 904-824-8874

Thank you to: Bill Pitzalis, owner of the Old Florida Museum in St. Augustine, for gladly waiving all entrance fees for Guardians and the children they serve until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

- Call ahead to check tour availability,
- Don't bring a large group (2 adults and 5 kids, for example is good),
- Bring GAL badge

Just say, "Bill Pitzalis okayed it!" Questions? Contact Deborah Dunning at: [debunning@hotmail.com](mailto:debunning@hotmail.com) or at 812-369-1554.

Due to the nature of the museum, we have school field trips booked throughout the school season and are closed to the general public during these heavy tour dates..Please check our website for up to date closure information. Call 904-824-8874 for more information.