

Accountability and Governance

Suncoast Voices for Children Foundation, Inc., was granted the [non-profit 'public charity' status of 501 \(c\)\(3\) by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service](#) in 2004. What does this mean for financial supporters? Consult your financial advisor or accountant, but your contributions are deductible to the [full extent of the law and IRS Codes](#). For an informative review of the Tax Benefits of Giving, visit [Charity Navigator](#).

We have been assigned the EIN/TIN of 20-1133518 . The EIN, or Employer Identification Number, is also known as a federal Tax Identification Number (TIN), and is used to identify a business or nonprofit entity. An EIN is a unique 9-digit number, similar to a Social Security Number for an individual. This number will be included in receipts for your contributions, for your tax filing purposes.

We are committed to maintaining very low expenses, as reflected in our [IRS tax filings](#). You will notice that the latest return posted is for fiscal year 2013. We have recently concluded our Annual Audit of fiscal year 2014, and these documents will be available here as soon as they are certified and accepted.

Suncoast Voices for Children is led by an all-volunteer Board of Directors of 16 people from different backgrounds but with a common interest in preventing abuse and neglect, protecting at-risk children and providing for the unmet needs of these children. Directors come from the Guardian ad Litem program of the Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit, the School System, other child-related non-profits and local businesses. These generous supporters do not officially represent their organizations, but give of their personal time and energy. The Presiding Officer (usually the President) is required to poll all Directors for any potential conflict of interest prior to the start of any meeting. Each potential Director must agree to policies of strict, conservative governance as laid out in the [Code of Conduct and Disclosure form](#). The Guiding Principles of this document are:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Suncoast Voices for Children is committed to maintaining the highest level of integrity and the highest standards of ethical conduct in all of its activities and dealings. Members of the Board and employees share these core values:

- Honesty and rigor in all pursuits;
- Respect for diversity and all individuals regardless of position;
- Accountability for resources and relationships;
- Transparency and integrity in decision-making;
- Leadership through shared governance

We hope you will also consider remembering us in your will. Please consult your financial advisor for specific information on your circumstances. We thank you for your support of the displaced children in Pinellas and Pasco who have been removed from their home because of founded allegations of abuse and/or neglect.

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