

## Forms 990 / 990-EZ Return Summary

For calendar year 2011, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

52-2372998

**Florida's Children First, Inc.**

<b>Net Asset / Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>		<u>636,629</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	<u>970,671</u>	
Program service revenue	<u>277</u>	
Investment income	_____	
Capital gain / loss	_____	
Special events:		
Gross revenue	_____	
Direct expenses	_____	
Net income	_____	
Other income	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>970,948</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	<u>954,223</u>	
Management and general	<u>33,148</u>	
Fundraising	<u>48,507</u>	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<u>1,035,878</u>
<b>Excess / (deficit)</b>		<u>-64,930</u>
Other changes		<u>-5,665</u>
<b>Net Asset / Fund Balance at End of Year</b>		<u>566,034</u>

Reconciliation of Revenue	
Total revenue per financial statements	<u>970,948</u>
Less:	
Unrealized gains	_____
Donated services	_____
Recoveries	_____
Other	_____
Plus:	
Investment expenses	_____
Other	_____
<b>Total revenue per return</b>	<u>970,948</u>

Reconciliation of Expenses	
Total expenses per financial statements	<u>1,035,878</u>
Less:	
Donated services	_____
Prior year adjustments	_____
Losses	_____
Other	_____
Plus:	
Investment expenses	_____
Other	_____
<b>Total expenses per return</b>	<u>1,035,878</u>

Balance Sheet			
	Beginning	Ending	Differences
Assets	<u>662,796</u>	<u>577,809</u>	
Liabilities	<u>26,167</u>	<u>11,775</u>	
Net assets	<u>636,629</u>	<u>566,034</u>	<u>-70,595</u>

**Miscellaneous Information**

Amended return \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return / extended due date 05/15/12  
 Failure to file penalty \_\_\_\_\_

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)  
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <p align="center"><b>Florida's Children First, Inc.</b></p> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <p align="center"><b>1801 University Drive</b></p> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <p align="center"><b>Coral Springs FL 33071-8920</b></p>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number <p align="center"><b>52-2372998</b></p>
	<b>E</b> Telephone number <p align="center"><b>954-796-0860</b></p>		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>970,948</b>
	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer:		
	<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)		
	<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number <b>u</b>		
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) <b>t</b> (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			

**J** Website: **u** [floridaschildrenfirst.org](http://floridaschildrenfirst.org) **H(c)** Group exemption number **u**

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other **u** **L** Year of formation: **2002** **M** State of legal domicile: **FL**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <p align="center"><b>See Schedule O</b></p>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> <b>u</b> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>330</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	871,737	970,671
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	277
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	12,728	0
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	884,465	970,948
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	427,913	388,145
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>u</b>	48,507	
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	535,193	647,733
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	963,106	1,035,878	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-78,641	-64,930	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	662,796	577,809
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	26,167	11,775
		636,629	566,034

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer _____	Date _____
	Type or print name and title _____	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>Maureen S. Fengler</b>	Preparer's signature _____	Date <b>02/20/13</b>	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P01270054</b>
	Firm's name } <b>Sullivan &amp; Fengler</b>	Firm's EIN } <b>65-0002115</b>			
	Firm's address } <b>3031 NE 22nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305-1825</b>	Phone no. <b>954-561-2826</b>			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**See Schedule O**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **531,808** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**Improving General Child Welfare**

FCF continued its progressive work on improving the system of child welfare to enhance the lives of our most vulnerable children and youth in foster care on the local and statewide level. This is accomplished by engaging in multi-forum work with child advocates, state and local agencies and community stakeholders. The Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Youth SHINE members sat on many statewide committees and workgroups that tackle a variety of systemic issues including the 2011 Independent Living Services Advisory Council and the Child Protection Transformation Advisory Board. Furthermore, FCF has been consistently involved in analyzing issues and

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **422,415** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**Improving Outcomes for Older Youth:**

FCF continued to expand its youth empowerment efforts by increasing Florida Youth SHINE ("FYS"), a youth empowerment project for current and former foster care youth. During 2011, our expansion of this leading group of youth advocates increased from 8 to 11 chapters and increased its membership from 80 members to over 150 members.

Florida Youth SHINE youth led chapters now exist in, Broward, Hillsborough, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach, Pensacola, Pinellas/Pasco,

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses u **954,223**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O		X

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>u</b> See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	<b>24</b>		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	<b>22</b>		
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
<b>10b</b>			
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>X</b>	
<b>12c</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>X</b>	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>X</b>	
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>X</b>	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
<b>16b</b>			

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <b>u</b> <b>FL</b>
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input type="checkbox"/> Upon request
<b>19</b>	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: <b>u</b> <b>Christina L. Spudeas</b> <b>1801 University Drive</b> <b>Coral Springs</b> <b>FL 33071</b> <b>954-796-0860</b>

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) David Bazerman Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(2) Rebecca Bell Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(3) Theodore Babbitt Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(4) Dick Batchelor Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(5) Walter Campbell Jr Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) Bob Dillinger Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) Richard Filson Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Nathan Cook Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) Denise Manning Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Carlos Martinez Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) Bernard Perlmutter Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) Diana Ragbeer Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) Julie Talenfeld Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) Jesse Diner Director	4.00	X					0	0	0	



**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) <b>Christina Zawisza</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(16) <b>Teresita Chavez Pedrosa</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(17) <b>Gerald Reiss</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(18) <b>Veronica Robinson</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(19) <b>Jodi Seitlin</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(20) <b>Richard Slawson</b> Director	4.00	X						0	0	0
(21) <b>Jay Kassack</b> Secretary	4.00			X				0	0	0
(22) <b>Gloria Fletcher</b> Vice President	4.00			X				0	0	0
(23) <b>Melissa Lader Barnhardt</b> Treasurer	4.00			X				0	0	0
(24) <b>Christina Spudeas</b> Executive Director	40.00				X			103,700	0	10,857
(25) <b>Clearence McKee</b> Consultant	0.00					X		12,000	0	0
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....								<b>115,700</b>		<b>10,857</b>
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....								<b>115,700</b>		<b>10,857</b>

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **u 1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....	<b>X</b>	
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....		<b>X</b>
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person .....		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **u 0**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	<b>970,671</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		<b>411,019</b>				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....	<b>u</b>		<b>970,671</b>			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Other .....	<b>Busn. Code</b>		<b>277</b>	<b>277</b>		
	<b>b</b> .....						
	<b>c</b> .....						
	<b>d</b> .....						
	<b>e</b> .....						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....	<b>u</b>		<b>277</b>			
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....	<b>u</b>				
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>5</b> Royalties .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>6a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.							
<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)							
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.							
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)							
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....		<b>u</b>					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....	<b>u</b>						
Miscellaneous Revenue		<b>Busn. Code</b>					
<b>11a</b> .....							
<b>b</b> .....							
<b>c</b> .....							
<b>d</b> All other revenue .....							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....	<b>u</b>						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....	<b>u</b>		<b>970,948</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	<b>319,630</b>	<b>281,823</b>	<b>18,236</b>	<b>19,571</b>
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	<b>9,798</b>	<b>9,798</b>		
10 Payroll taxes	<b>58,717</b>	<b>51,979</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,488</b>
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	<b>343,256</b>	<b>343,256</b>		
c Accounting	<b>9,600</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,400</b>
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	<b>55,840</b>	<b>55,840</b>		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	<b>27,295</b>	<b>17,633</b>	<b>5,681</b>	<b>3,981</b>
14 Information technology	<b>30,536</b>	<b>27,480</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,528</b>
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	<b>18,954</b>	<b>17,058</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>948</b>
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	<b>30,553</b>	<b>29,027</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>763</b>
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>Public awareness/educat</b>	<b>66,181</b>	<b>66,181</b>		
b <b>Special events</b>	<b>59,183</b>	<b>43,478</b>		<b>15,705</b>
c <b>Training</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>3,663</b>		
d <b>Dues/fees/licenses</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>63</b>
e All other expenses	<b>1,203</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>1,035,878</b>	<b>954,223</b>	<b>33,148</b>	<b>48,507</b>
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	200	1	200
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	652,188	2	67,218
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	3,010
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	8,514	9	11,233
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 27,300		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 25,960	10c	1,340
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	494,808
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	662,796	16	577,809	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,167	17	11,775
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	26,167	26	11,775
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	460,341	27	404,004
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	176,288	28	162,030
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	636,629	33	566,034	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	662,796	34	577,809	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	970,948
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,035,878
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-64,930
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	636,629
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-5,665
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	566,034

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. u See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Florida's Children First, Inc.**

Employer identification number

**52-2372998**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: .....
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.  
 a  Type I    b  Type II    c  Type III—Functionally integrated    d  Type III—Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

**h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).**

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	597,665	1,451,710	1,152,000	871,737	970,671	5,043,783
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	597,665	1,451,710	1,152,000	871,737	970,671	5,043,783
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,043,783

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	597,665	1,451,710	1,152,000	871,737	970,671	5,043,783
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						5,043,783

<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)	12	277
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	100.00 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.09 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2011.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions



**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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**Schedule B**  
**(Form 990, 990-EZ,**  
**or 990-PF)**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**  
 Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

<b>Name of the organization</b>  <b>Florida's Children First, Inc.</b>	<b>Employer identification number</b>  <b>52-2372998</b>
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**Organization type** (check one):

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Filers of:</b>  | <b>Section:</b>   |
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( <b>3</b> ) (enter number) organization                        |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <b>not</b> treated as a private foundation |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization   |
| Form 990-PF        | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation            |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation   |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

- For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ .....

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2, of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization <b>Florida's Children First, Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>52-2372998</b>
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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Jessica Rae 1201 Huntington Lane Safety Harbor FL 34695	\$ 24,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky, Aba 100 SE 3rd Avenue Fort Lauderdale FL 33394	\$ 117,400	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	Boardroom Communications 1775 N Pine Island Rd Plantation FL 33322	\$ 24,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	Holland & Knight 50 North Laura Street Tampa FL 33601	\$ 113,240	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	Florida Bar Foundation 250 South Orange Ave Suite 600P Orlando FL 32801	\$ 242,378	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	The Eckerd Family Foundation 3000 Bayport Drive Suite 560 Tampa FL 33607	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	Gloria Fletcher 4510 NW 6 Place Gainesville FL 32607	\$ 21,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	Peterson & Myers 225 Easr Lemon Street Lakeland FL 33802	\$ 31,800	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
9	Rebecca Bell 100 East Madison Street Suite 301 Tampa FL 33602	\$ 31,250	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
10	Melissa Lader Barnhardt 90 South 7 Street Minneapolis MN 55479	\$ 24,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
11	Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3 Avenue Fort Lauderdale FL 33316	\$ 42,873	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	Legal services	\$ 24,000	12/31/11
2	Legal services	\$ 87,400	12/31/11
3	Public relations work	\$ 24,000	12/31/11
4	Legal services	\$ 113,240	12/31/11
7	Legal services	\$ 16,500	12/31/11
8	Legal services	\$ 31,800	12/31/11

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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
9	Legal Services	\$ 31,250	12/31/11
10	Legal Services	\$ 8,000	12/31/11
		\$ .....	
		\$ .....	
		\$ .....	
		\$ .....	
		\$ .....	

**SCHEDULE C  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**  
 u Complete if the organization is described below. u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
 u See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

**Florida's Children First, Inc.**

Employer identification number

**52-2372998**

**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ..... u \$
- 3 Volunteer hours .....

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... u \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... u \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... u \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... u \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... u \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					



**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?	<b>X</b>		
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	<b>X</b>		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?		<b>X</b>	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		<b>X</b>	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		<b>X</b>	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		<b>X</b>	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	<b>X</b>		<b>36,090</b>
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		<b>X</b>	
<b>i</b> Other activities?		<b>X</b>	
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			<b>36,090</b>
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) if Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A; and Part II-B, line

1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1**

Florida's Children First, Inc. (FCF) hired a consultant the duties of which included in some part the attempt to influence legislation that in the opinion of the organization would improve child welfare services by contacting individual legislators. FCF staff and Florida Youth Shine members are sometimes asked questions, provide information, testify at

**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

hearings and educate on the subject of a bill.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. u Attach to Form 990. u See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors... Yes No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes No.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements (checkboxes for public use, natural habitat, open space, historically important land area, certified historic structure), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06... 3 Number of conservation easements modified... 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located... 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring... Yes No, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring... u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring... u \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B) (i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No, 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements...

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition... 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition... (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other .....

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance .....	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year .....	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year .....	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance .....	<b>1f</b>

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....					

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** %
  - b** Permanent endowment **u** %
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u** %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
<b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations .....	<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>(ii)</b> related organizations .....	<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? .....	<b>3b</b>	

**4** Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....		<b>27,300</b>	<b>25,960</b>	<b>1,340</b>
<b>e</b> Other .....				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) **u** **1,340**

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	<b>u</b>	

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)	<b>u</b>	

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	<b>u</b>

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
(11)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	<b>u</b>	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

<b>Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements</b>			
<b>1</b>	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>970,948</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>1,035,878</b>
<b>3</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>-64,930</b>
<b>4</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Investment expenses	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	<b>10</b>	<b>-64,930</b>

<b>Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return</b>			
<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	<b>970,948</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>970,948</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	<b>5</b>	<b>970,948</b>

<b>Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return</b>			
<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	<b>1,035,878</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,035,878</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	<b>5</b>	<b>1,035,878</b>

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 23.

u Attach to Form 990. u See separate instructions.

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		
<b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?		
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director. Explain in Part III.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		X
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		X
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		X
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
<b>Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5–9.</b>		
<b>5</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
<b>a</b> The organization?		X
<b>b</b> Any related organization?		X
If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
<b>6</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
<b>a</b> The organization?		X
<b>b</b> Any related organization?		X
If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
<b>7</b> For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		X
<b>8</b> Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		X
<b>9</b> If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) 2011



**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
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**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

*(This area contains horizontal dotted lines for supplemental information.)*

**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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Complete if the organization answered  
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,  
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... **u \$** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... **u \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)										
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										

**Total** ..... **u \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of org. revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) <b>McKee Communications</b>	<b>Board Member</b>		<b>Consulting</b>		<b>X</b>
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
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**Part V Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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**U** Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form  
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.  
**U** Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other <b>u</b> ( )	<b>X</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>411,019</b>	
26 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
27 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
28 Other <b>u</b> ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

<b>29</b>		
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	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		<b>X</b>
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		<b>X</b>
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		<b>X</b>
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**Form 990 - Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities****Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities**

Florida's Children First, Inc. (FCF) is a statewide child advocacy organization that fights for Florida's most vulnerable children. FCF focuses on children who are at-risk or who are in the state systems of care, with a primary emphasis on improving the child welfare system. We also work to improve outcomes for older youth who are about to leave the foster care system, and to help young adults who have already "aged out" of that system. Our advocacy is done by using a range of strategies including public policy development, on-going training and technical assistance, legislative and judicial education, publications, media advocacy, and where necessary, strategic litigation.

In 2011, FCF continued to provide technical assistance and training to over 1000 professionals across Florida on current issues in foster care, e.g. Child on Child Sexual Assault, Youth in Court, Counsel for Foster Youth, Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Teens in Foster Care, among other topics. FCF has also continued its youth empowerment work through Florida Youth SHINE, a group of current and former foster youth who learn leadership and advocacy skills. Throughout the years, FCF has published several resource guides and technical assistance papers. In 2011, we published a financial guide for foster youth (Know Your Rights - Money) and currently an Adult Adoption Guide which includes the detailed process and forms for adults formerly in foster care to be adopted and have a permanent family. FCF also

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continued its role as a state support organization for Children's Legal Services Grantees of The Florida Bar Foundation, and FCF Staff as well as several Florida Youth SHINE members continue to serve on several statewide committees/councils.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Accomplishment

presenting challenges and solutions concerning the Road to Independence funding.

Media advocacy is another method that FCF has successfully employed during the year. FCF, through its staff, Board, volunteers, and supporters maintained and developed excellent use of media so that the public would be better informed of the issues facing foster youth and would understand their problems, issues, and concerns. There were many TV news spots and newspaper articles featuring the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Board President, and many foster youth, sharing with the public the problems within the child welfare system. Throughout the year, FCF crucial issues affecting children and assisted in the change of policies or practices needed to obtain services for children.

Furthermore, FCF continued in its mission to secure legal representation for children for whom DCF, the Guardian Ad Litem or others, identified unmet legal needs. FCF continued the pro bono project called JFFY-LAST (Justice For Foster Youth - Lawyers Assisting Successful Transition), in which attorneys donated their time to review the civil legal needs of young people who aged out of foster care. Furthermore, FCF began another pro bono project called The Tracey McPharlin Initiative. This Initiative was



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started in Broward County in partnership with the Broward Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section and Broward Legal Aid, where FCF designed and implemented a training program for lawyers to learn the basics of representing children in their dependency proceedings.

Florida's Children First also provided Amicus Briefs in pending appeals (State and Federal) where its expertise on child welfare and children's issues was recognized.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Accomplishment

Sarasota, Tallahassee, and Vero Beach under the direction of a Statewide Coordinator. Each chapter has its own leadership structure, holds monthly meetings, reports to the statewide group on a monthly conference call, and shares issues, ideas, and concerns with the other chapters. Often these issues become focus points for an area where the opportunity for systemic improvement in the child welfare system exists. FYS works to be solution based, presenting a problem and offering a solution. In this way they "reach back" to help those still in foster care.

Florida Youth SHINE will continue in the next year to increase membership and to actively recruit younger youth to be a voice for those left in the system. FCF annually arranges to have Florida Youth SHINE members attend 4 leadership meetings, including one 5-day meeting during Children's Week in Tallahassee where the youth meet with the many state legislators and other key decision makers. FYS again also gave their youth advocacy training for over 100 children during Children's Week during the 2011 Florida legislative session in Tallahassee. Also, at the Dependency Summit in

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Orlando, Florida, FYS conducted panel discussions to over 200 child welfare professionals on the topic of "Call for Help, not 911" to encourage therapeutic intervention rather than a call for arrest when a child in foster care is exhibiting difficult behavior. Another panel presented by FYS was "Kids Can't Have Too Many People Who Love Them" to encourage families who adopt children from foster care to allow for continued contact and communication with their blood relatives. The third panel discussion, "So You've Come to Take Us Away, Now What?" centered on how youth are affected by the trauma of being removed from their family and from foster homes when they are made to live from place to place.

FCF and FYS also authored "Adult Adoption - Creating a Lifelong Bond and Legal Connection. This publication was printed and distributed to child welfare professionals across Florida. Another publication, "Know Your Rights - Money" was also published and distributed across Florida and is a guide for foster youth and former foster youth, as well as for professionals, to learn about how to prepare for making financial decisions in adulthood.

Florida Youth SHINE has grown substantially, and with this growth they have become a credible source of information for the public and the child welfare system. They are called upon to serve on local and statewide committees, to give speeches at events, to present training to professionals, to speak to the news media and to help with other community activities. Through their efforts, issues facing foster children and those who age out of foster care are becoming much more known to the general publi

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers

Howard Talenfeld

Julie Talenfeld

President

Director

Married

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The board is provided with a copy of the 990 prior to being filed.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

Annual review of policies by operations committee and the full Board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

Annual review by the operations committee and the full board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

Annual review by the operations committee and the full board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

No documents available to the public

**Federal Statements****Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)**

<u>Description</u>		<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Program Service</u>	<u>Management &amp; General</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>
Professional	Other	\$ 33,504	\$ 33,504	\$	\$
Professional	Other	22,336	22,336		
Total		<u>\$ 55,840</u>	<u>\$ 55,840</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

**Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses**

<u>Description</u>		<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Program Service</u>	<u>Management &amp; General</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>
Depreciation		\$ 1,203	\$ 1,083	\$ 60	\$ 60
Total		<u>\$ 1,203</u>	<u>\$ 1,083</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>

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### Schedule A, Part II, Line 12

Description	Amount
Other	\$ 277
Total	\$ 277