



## Associates Board Newsletter

### Welcome From the Associates Board Chair

The fall season is here, and despite its notoriously brief length in Chicago, it gives us a chance to see change all around: leaves are turning color, kids are shifting from Summer fun to school work, elections are in full-swing and the Voices for Illinois Children Associates Board continues to grow! I sincerely thank all of you who have helped to make the third quarter of 2010 an incredible success and welcome all of our new members.

During the third quarter, Associates Board members contributed their time, talents and resources to exciting projects and events.



Kids from the Excellence Academy taking photos in Chicago's Englewood community with Voices for Service volunteers.

In September, Associates Board members worked together with the support of Voices' dedicated staff to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids at Heart FUNdraiser, a fantastic event that raised awareness about the needs of Illinois' foster children and raised \$12,000, nearly double the amount we raised last year!

Associates Board members also gave of their time, volunteering at the

Voices' Kids Count Awards Dinner. Volunteers had the opportunity to mingle with Voices' Board of Trustees and learn more about the impactful work of Voices for Illinois Children. We also got to see Kathy Ryg don a Superman cape while giving a superpower speech about the need for supportive services for kids during the afterschool hours.

Looking ahead, the Associates Board will be holding our second **Voices Around Town** speaker series event focusing on the impact of the elections on children and families. We hope that all Associates Board members will get involved with these events and help support the amazing work of Voices for Illinois Children. I look forward to working with you all in the fourth quarter!

*-Brittany Beagley,  
Associates Board Chair*

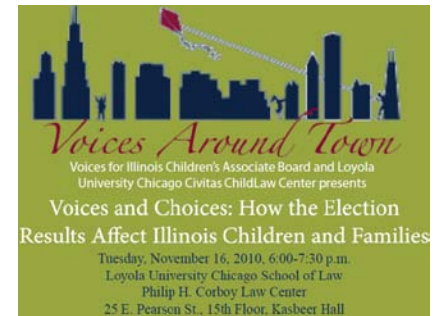
### Education and Outreach Committee Update

The Voices Education and Outreach Committee is thrilled to be hosting our second **Voices Around Town** event: **Voices and Choices: How the Election Results affect Illinois Children and Families.** [Register Now!](#)

This event, co-sponsored by Loyola University Civitas ChildLaw Center will be held **Tuesday, November 16, 2010 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 25 E. Pearson, Chicago; 15th Floor, Kasbeer Hall.**

Presenters will include **Dick Simpson** – professor and head of the Department of Political Science, University of Illinois Chicago; former Chicago alderman, **Anita Weinberg** – clinical professor and director, ChildLaw Policy and Legislative Programs, Loyola University; and

**Kathy Ryg** – president, Voices for Illinois Children. This panel of experts will tell us about how Election Day outcomes could affect children, their families and the essential services they need at the state and federal levels. The panel will also preview Chicago's upcoming mayoral race and what it could mean for vital programs in that city. Light refreshments will be served from 5:30pm-6:00pm and there is a suggested donation of \$5. [Click Here](#) to register now and please pass this event onto your friends and colleagues!



If you are interested in learning more about the Education and Outreach Committee, please contact Niti Dhaliwal at [dhaliwal@gmail.com](mailto:dhaliwal@gmail.com) or Jessica Besser-Rosenberg at [besserrosenberg@gmail.com](mailto:besserrosenberg@gmail.com).

### Social and Fundraising Committee Update

September 25, a crisp Autumn evening, marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids at Heart: a FUNdraiser benefiting Voices for Illinois Children, hosted by the Voices Associates Board. More than 120 guests attended the event, helping to raise over \$12,000 for Voices—doubling proceeds from last year's event. With just \$2,000 in expenses, Kids at Heart netted \$10,000 and took Voices a big step



closer to meeting its \$25,000 challenge grant.



Jess Wisner, Jessica Isaacs, Maddy Read, Ella Washburn at the 2010 Kids at Heart FUNdraiser.

Attendees enjoyed bites from Wishbone and D'Agostinos's Pizza and Pub; the signature cocktail, a Grown Up Shirley Temple; and raffle and silent auction packages that featured donors such as moto restaurant, WineStyles, Thrive Integrative Medical Spa, The Seneca Hotel & Suites, the Chicago Cubs and more. Photographs taken during the July 2010 Voices for Service event with Children's Home + Aid's Excellence Academy were also auctioned off. The silent auction garnered \$2,700. The raffle raised \$1,150, sponsorship and contributions accounted for \$3,900 of the proceeds and \$4,450 were made off of ticket sales and registration. We are deeply grateful for the generous donations from Presenting Sponsor Will & Julie Hobert, Heart Sponsor David Lewis, Voices Sponsor Alvin Dodek & Linda Schwartz, and Voices Friends Adam & Brittany Beagley, Hannah Bloom and Instant Technology.

A very special thank you goes out to the dedicated event team and the enthusiastic day-of volunteers: Yassi Baharloo, Anna Bashline, Brittany Beagley, Jessica Besser-Rosenberg, Hannah Bloom, Ed Bogle, Marissa Bogle, Lenny Cannata, Jon Coleman, Sarah Cross, Abbie Davis, Kendala

Davis, Niti Dhaliwal, Lissa Domoracki, Tiffany Gholston, Jessica Issacs, Angela Kawalski, Manya Khan, Shahab Khan, Lisa Krueger-Gavin, Alex Lambopoulos, Monica Lee, Kelley Menzano, Gena Miller, Josh Serlin, Maria Trakas, and Jennifer Van Ee. Our gratitude also extends to the members of the Host Committee: Brittany Beagley, Jessica Isaacs, Angela Kawalski, Monica Lee, Isaac McCoy, Beth Shandles, Kate Sheridan, Jennifer Van Ee, and Host Committee Chair Kelley Menzano. Voices also appreciates the many other individuals whose contributions made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids at Heart FUNdraiser a smashing success.

Upcoming Social and Fundraising Committee events include the Voices Associates Board Holiday Party. If you are interested in helping out and getting involved, please contact Shawn Gavin at [sgavin@voices4kids.org](mailto:sgavin@voices4kids.org).

### Voices For Service

On the afternoon of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Voices for Illinois Children Associates Board members along with friends and supporters of Voices participated in a Voices for Service Volunteering Event at The Greater Chicago Food Depository.



We joined about 50 other volunteers from various nonprofits and school groups to repack donated food and other products for families in need

throughout the Cook County region. In all, we repacked over 4,000 bags of food and had a great time working together to help in the fight against hunger in Cook County!



Are you on **facebook**?

If you are, please join the Voices Associates Board Facebook group! Joining the group can help you stay informed of Associates Board activities and network with other members.

Just search Facebook for "Voices for Illinois Children Associates Board."

### Upcoming Events

- Voices Around Town: Voices and Choices (November 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Holiday Party (December 2010)

**For more information or to join the Associates Board, please contact:**

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