

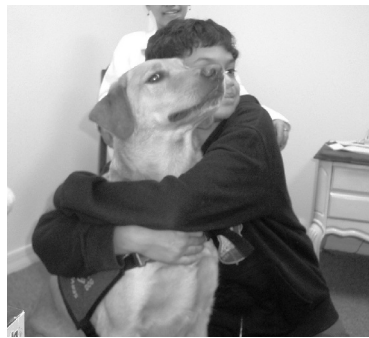


FLA Four Legged Advocates, Inc.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Areas We Assist In:

- ★ Serve as advocates & accompaniment for victims
- ★ Counsel victims as to available resources, referrals & information
- ★ Court support: attend depositions and court hearings
- ★ Assist in victim impact statements
- ★ Support the victim whenever possible
- ★ Public awareness activities



Benefits of FLA FLA:

- ★ Provides comfort, encourages trust & calms the victim
- ★ Establishes a trusting relationship to those who have been victimized
- ★ Helps protect the victim's rights during the process
- ★ A hopeful conviction of the criminal
- ★ Vindication of the victim
- ★ Empowers victims
- ★ Creates a feeling of closure so that the victim can become a survivor

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

FLA Four Legged Advocates, Inc. (FLA FLA) is a charitable organization using an innovative method with Victim Assistance Coordinators and canine partners to provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or other crimes. Our unique method of partnering with trained Service and Therapy dogs is to provide comfort, encourage trust and to calm the victim at a very difficult time. Through our advocacy, accompaniment and resource referral we promote victim empowerment, help eliminate discrimination and prejudice of the victim and foster the defense of the victim's civil rights. FLA FLA also provides community welfare activities, programs and visitations at nursing homes & civic organizations, educational visits for schools and other public awareness activities.

We will "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

FLA FLA Warmly Thanks:

- ★ Governor Jeb Bush
- ★ Polk County Sheriff Office
- ★ Winter Haven Police Department
- ★ Florida Attorney General's Office
- ★ State Attorney's Office, Jerry Hill
- ★ Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
- ★ CyberLink1
- ★ Lockhart & Associates, Inc.
- ★ Cypress Gardens Rotary Club
- ★ First Presbyterian Church of Lake Alfred
- ★ Carden & Associates
- ★ Steven R. Wright & Co, CPA
- ★ Cheri J. Wright, Attorney
- ★ Rita Princivalli & Friends at SEGDI
- ★ Mr. And Mrs. Conley Thornhill & family
- ★ Mr. & Mrs. Hank Campbell & family
- ★ Mrs. Arva Carter
- ★ Bob Bell Automotive
- ★ Mr. & Mrs. Bill Johnson
- ★ Angie Hibbard
- ★ Dunham Animal Hospital
- ★ Orchid Springs Animal Clinic
- ★ Sharon Trudeau
- ★ All FLA FLA Volunteers

Ways to Help FLA FLA?

If you are interested in helping out FLA FLA, there are a couple of ways you can help. FLA FLA is recognized through IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. If you would like to help FLA FLA make a difference to victims of crime, please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.

You can visit our website and download our partner form to make your donation today! You may download our "Adopt-A-Canine" form online or swing by the office and pick one up! Or you can become a member of Igive.com and they will donate a small percent of your online purchases automatically in your name, for free!

Please make checks payable to FLA FOUR LEGGED ADVOCATES, INC. For more information please see the contact us section of the website, give us a call or send us an email. We will be glad to answer any questions or comments!

How can we help you??

Need a guest speaker at a civic function, an event, or business meeting? Would you like to see a sexual assault prevention presentation given for children? A FLA Advocate or representative is available to speak about FLA's services, how to help prevent or what to do after a crime for any event or engagement. Please call the office at (863) 299-9115 or email Andrea (andrea@fla-fla.org) for more information or to schedule a presentation today!



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FLA FLA in the Community

FLA FLA has been blessed with a caring and supportive local community! We have received support from the members of the community, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement, the State Attorney's Office and even Gov. Jeb Bush! However, over the past several months FLA FLA's support system has expanded nationwide! Our Executive Director recently received a scholarship and attended the National Organization for Victim Assistance Conference in Atlanta, GA where she met victim advocates from across our great nation! They were thrilled with our unique program. We had several inquiries for satellite offices from a Child Advocacy Center and a Solicitor General's office, both in Georgia as well as Victim Witness Service in Nebraska!



Our Advocates also received another scholarship to attend at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape National Conference! They were asked to present a workshop on their innovative program and include the benefits of our canine partners in Victim Advocacy. The workshop was a huge success! We had so many sign up for the presentation we ended up with a great room on the river with a panoramic view of the city of Pittsburgh. There, too, we received requests for satellite offices.

We are both complimented and honored for the satellite requests. We are working diligently on ways to fulfill those requests. However, we are still in need of securing substantial funding to enable us to grow and expand here in Polk County as well as nationally. We are a Polk County program, and hope to make our own home proud!

Photo Top Left: Squiggly and partner Andrea visit with Polk Sheriff's Office's Loyd Stewart

Photo Top Right: Andrea and Squiggly educate Garden Grove student about FLA FLA services

Photo Below Center: On the flight from Pittsburgh, Squiggly was asked to join the crew in First Class...what great fun she had!

Photo Below(left/right): Halloween: Abbey was a Florida Gator football player and Squiggly was Snow White!

They enjoyed visiting, unfortunately no candy was involved...for the dogs!



We're Moving Soon!

On August 17, 2005, FLA FLA and Lockhart & Associates, Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony celebrate the beginning of construction on our new office, as well as blessing the construction and all those who are involved! We are excited to be moving into our new office in January of 2006! Stop by soon to see our new office up and running! We will even have a "kid-friendly" meeting room for meetings with children and those who are children at heart!



**Our New Office is located at:
826 First Street South in Winter Haven**

Thanks again to Steve Lockhart and Lockhart & Assoc., Inc. who graciously donated the FLA suite for their services to victims of crime!

Photo (left): The canine partners were happy to take part in the groundbreaking ceremony, however as you can see they had no need for shovels!



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July 27, 2005

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Dear Friends:

Over the past several years I have had the opportunity to meet many people striving to make Florida a better place. Volunteerism has improved many communities and lives throughout this great state. The Florida Four Legged Advocates exemplifies this spirit of service and benevolence.

The Four Legged Advocates provide crucial therapeutic assistance during times of crisis. Their mission to provide support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes makes a significant difference in the lives of those in unfortunate circumstance.

The dedication of the Florida Four Legged Advocates is a benefit to their community and the entire state. I commend you for your hard work and devotion to a worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush

We at FLA Four Legged Advocates, Inc have a special announcement to make: We have received support from our Governor, Mr. Jeb Bush! On a Saturday afternoon, Jeb left a voicemail at the FLA FLA office. We thought someone was playing a prank, but we called back the number anyway, it was a good thing we did! After our Executive Director went through the line of questioning from the secret service, she was on the phone with the Governor. Mr. Bush had heard about what a wonderful job the FLA Advocates and their canine partners were doing and wanted to commend them for a job well done! He stated that we need more programs and people in the community like FLA FLA! He offered his support to FLA FLA! About a week later, (as seen to the right) we received a wonderful letter commending FLA!

"Adopt a Canine" Program

You can help FLA Four Legged Advocates, Inc. "Make a Difference" to child victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and other crimes by adopting a canine friend through the "Adopt-A-Canine" Program!

For a donation of \$10 or more
(Plus shipping if necessary)

YOU can adopt a "stuffed" Four Legged Advocate!

Keep it for yourself, give it as a gift or ask an advocate to give your "Canine" to a child who has been a victim of crime to help give the child continuous comfort throughout this very difficult time!

All proceeds go to FLA Four Legged Advocates, Inc.



Adoptions can be made by stopping by, calling the office, or filling out the form online!