



StandUp For Kids-Ft.Lauderdale

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Most homeless kids are on the streets because they have been forced by circumstances that cause them to think that they are safer there than in any home they once knew.
-Jewel

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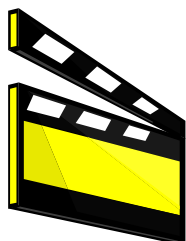
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LIGHTS CAMERA ... ACTION!

StandUp For Kids- Ft. Lauderdale welcomes you to join us on **October 17th from 5pm-8pm** for movie night! A \$5 donation includes a movie ticket to see the 'Soloist' starring Jamie Fox, and Robert Downey Jr., popcorn and a drink!

We will be collecting cash donations, gift cards, used cell phones and electronic devices, travel size non-perishable food and hygiene products, bottled water, back packs, ponchos, bus passes, school supplies, adult size clothing and undergarments all to support our homeless youth!

Come on out and meet the volunteers of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter and learn more about StandUp For Kids and how you can help the Homeless Youth in Broward County!



Invite your family, friends & co-workers to join in on the fun!

Seating is limited so please RSVP to

Ftlauderdale@standupforkids.org



We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING ORIENTATION & TRAINING SESSIONS

STANDUP FOR KIDS would like to invite you to join our program!! We are looking for volunteers in a diverse range of positions depending on your desired level of involvement, commitment and previous experience. If you think this could be of interest to you, we welcome you to join us at our next orientation session, followed by our basic training & outreach session.

Orientation: 10/14/09 - 7:00p-9:00p

The orientation session will provide information about SU4K and the Ft. Lauderdale program to all prospective volunteers who are interested in knowing more about the organization. For those who are interested in volunteering, this session will inform you of the various ways to get involved such as outreach, prevention, mentoring, advocacy, fundraising, behind-the-scenes support, and leadership roles.

Basic Training/Outreach Training: 10/17/09 - 12n-4pm

Basic & Outreach Training is available for those who have attended an orientation session and desire to become active volunteers in the local chapter. This training provides participants with in-depth knowledge about the status of homeless and street youth, as well as the methods StandUp For Kids uses to reach them. You will learn what it takes to become an outreach counselor. You must attend an orientation session to attend basic training.

Please RSVP to ftlauderdale@standupforkids.org.



DANCE MARATHON!



StandUp For Kids - Ft. Lauderdale

would like to invite you to join us for the experience of a lifetime!

What might that be, you ask? Well, we plan to 'Dance Awareness into their Hearts' with our first Dance Marathon taking place *November 20th - 21st!*

As you may have heard, November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month and we want to raise awareness about youth homelessness, while showing everyone who we are!

Before we get to November, and the weekend of the Dance Marathon, there is a lot of work to do!

To kick-off the event we will have an informational meeting on **Saturday, 10/3 from 3:30pm - 5:00pm** in which we will provide you with details about getting involved, whether it be fundraising, signing up to dance or volunteering as part of the planning committee.



Meeting Location:

DHL Cornerstone II

San Francisco Room

1210 S. Pine Island Road

Plantation, FL 33324

If you are not able to make it to this meeting, there will be additional meetings throughout the coming months for those who are interested in participating. This is also a great opportunity for students who need volunteer hours! So, put your dance shoes on, & join us for lots of fun as we work together to fight youth homelessness!



For more information, to join the team or to RSVP, please contact:

Kendra at Kendras@standupforkids.org

or

ftlauderdale@standupforkids.org.



Members Corner ...

Meet Danielle! StandUp For Kids—Ft. Lauderdale, Executive Director.
Each month, we will introduce another volunteer of StandUp For Kids.

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I manage a Trucking Operation as my full time job, go to school part time and volunteer with StandUp For Kids and PEARR (an auxiliary of Women in Distress) in my free time. I relocated to South Florida for my job a little more than three years ago. I made several good friends right away, I still enjoy spending time with them - mostly at the beach and exploring the fun opportunities that this tropical paradise has to offer, but a part of me still felt unfulfilled at which time I found StandUp For Kids.

2. What keeps you coming back to StandUp For Kids?

Working with StandUp For Kids has given me the opportunity to step into a world that I fortunately never have had to live in but unfortunately I, like most others, also never took the time to understand. Learning what so many of our children have to endure, that they are so utterly alone, forgotten and disrespected is more than enough, actually too much inspiration to keep me involved with StandUp.

3. What have you learned from working with StandUp For Kids?

Working with StandUp For Kids I have learned about the entire homeless community. I have learned how immensely important it is just to acknowledge those who you encounter in your day to day life. I have learned to be smart, stay safe but not to judge someone simply by how they look, smell or how "scary" they appear. The most important thing I have learned is that by just smiling at someone and saying hello I have the power to make a huge positive impact on a strangers life.

4. What is the hardest thing you've had to come to realize?

The hardest thing that I have come to realize while working with StandUp For Kids is that while we strive to do everything that we can to help rehabilitate a damaged kids life, the many small advances that we make very possibly will never "fix" the destruction that has previously occurred. I have to focus on what I as an individual working for the StandUp For Kids program can do to help within my means. I can only do my part and educate and advocate to as many others as I can in hopes that they will step up to be part of the solution as well.

5. What's one thing you wish to see for the Ft Lauderdale Chapter, or StandUp For Kids in general?

What I wish to see for the Ft. Lauderdale chapter is a strong, thriving and consistent volunteer team.

6. Anything else you wish to add?

One of the most important aspects of StandUp For Kids is that it is an all-volunteer program. It is the sacrifice and dedication of everyday people all across the country that care enough to make a difference in the lives of kids whose parents, family, government and all other sources of love and support have abandoned them. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers - past, present, ongoing and periodic who care enough to make a difference.

Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.

- David Thomas





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OTHER WAYS TO HELP!

SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH!

EVENT PLANNER—Like to plan events? We are looking for creative minds that want help with event planning. For more info, please contact us via email.

PRINTING SERVICES—We are in dire need of printing services for materials such as brochures, pamphlets, training materials, etc. If you can help in this regard, it would be much appreciated!

CALLING AN END TO YOUTH HOMELESSNESS!

**Have old cell phones just sitting around?
Want to make a difference?
Donate them to StandUp For Kids!**



Or



**Take a step above & beyond!
Conduct a cell phone drive at work, school
or church! This is a great opportunity for
kids who need volunteer hours!**



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For more information contact us at:

ftlauderdale@standupforkids.org

Proceeds from the resale of used cell phones enables StandUp For Kids to continually expand its fundraising efforts and also provide Street Kids a means of obtaining an inexpensive cell phone to look for jobs. Reuse reduces the depletion of our Earth's finite resources. Older used cell phones that cannot be reused, and thus do not have any economic value, are recycled by Recellular in accordance with state and federal EPA guidelines.