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Formstack Submission For: **2021-22 Holidays All Year Long/Community Service**

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Event Name:

Holidays in July

**Estimated
Event Cost:**

5500

**Estimated
Young
Lawyer
Attendance :**

50

**Dollar
amount**

requesting
from the
Young
Lawyers
Division of
The Florida
Bar:

500

**Event
Description:**

Our annual Holidays in July event has become an anticipated event both among local foster children/foster homes/group homes and among our young lawyers, who really enjoy shopping for the gifts and interacting with the children on the day of the event. Prior to the event, we send invitations to all area foster families, group homes, and case manager organizations (like Eckerd Youth Alternatives and Guardian Ad Litem) and invite them to attend with their foster children. We take RSVPs so that we will have an idea of the general number of toys we need, by gender and age group. Then our YLS shops for toys and solicits toy donations to meet these needs.

Our Holidays in July event is held at Sunrise Lanes Bowling Alley in St. Petersburg. The day starts at 11:00 a.m., when the children and their foster parents/group home supervisors begin to arrive and check in. As each group arrives, we have YLS volunteers take the children to get their bowling shoes and then guide the children to a bowling lane, where they help them put on their shoes, select a ball, set up their scoring, etc. Typically, the children bowl for the next hour to hour and a half. The bowling alley has fun music and fluorescent lights, so it is a party-like atmosphere. If the children get bored with bowling, each child is given an allotment of tokens for the game room where they can play games and win tickets, which can then be exchanged for additional prizes.

During the time that the children are bowling or are in the game room, we usually have an appearance by Phinley, the mascot for the Clearwater Threshers (the minor league baseball team for the Philadelphia Phillies).

Around noon, the YLS volunteers begin taking their lanes, one at a time, to the snack area to get their lunches. After eating, the children can resume bowling or visit the game room.

After everyone has been served lunch, we begin, by lane, to allow the children to enter the gift area. The

YLS has purchased (or has had donated) new gifts, which we divide into four areas by age group. YLS volunteers take each child to the proper age group and assist him or her in selecting a gift. As the children leave the gift area, their foster parents/group homes are given additional gifts/donations from the community - examples would be Tampa Bay Rays baseball tickets, free ice cream cones, etc. After gift selection, the children can continue bowling until the event ends at 2 p.m.

This format has worked very well for us in past years, and we anticipate we few changes in our event for 2021.

Will alcohol be served at the event?:

No

Will any monies received from the YLD be used to purchase alcohol, travel expenses, or attorney house?:

No

How will the YLD funds be utilized?:

YLD funds will be utilized to cover a portion of the expenses for the facility rental, including lunch, volunteer t-shirts, and gifts.

How does your event fit into the parameters of the Grant?:

Holidays in July is specifically a hands-on, community service event, with interaction between the young lawyer affiliates and children in foster care.

Will your event benefit any other groups?:

The event is intended to benefit foster children.

In which Judicial

Circuit will your event occur?:	6th Circuit
In which County will your event occur?:	Pinellas
Will your event be held via Zoom (or other online web platform), in-person, or a combination of the two?:	In-person
Proposed date of event (must be within one year from application deadline):	7012022
Describe how you will recognize The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division for its support of your event.:	We will thank the YLD, post the event on the Find an Affiliate website and use the hashtag #flayld in all social media posts related to the event.
Please attach an event budget.:	View File

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