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WALTON COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM RECEIVES \$6,000 GRANT

WATERSOUND, Fla. (December 3, 2014) -- The St Joe Community Foundation (Foundation) provided a \$6,000 grant to the Guardian ad Litem Program to assist the 157 Walton County children in the program. This grant will allow the 49 volunteers appointed by the Courts to purchase items for the children who are in the program that may need shoes, coats, school supplies or school event fees.

“While the Foundation may be providing the funding, the true heroes are the volunteers that protect the abused or neglected children in the program,” said Janet Greeno, Executive Director for the Foundation. “Providing this grant supports the health, welfare and safety of the Walton County children in our community who have been placed in the Guardian ad Litem Program.”

The Northwest Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization with offices in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. The organization supports and enhances the First Judicial Court Guardian ad Litem Program through support, education and advocacy in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. All members of the Northwest Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation are volunteers.

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About the St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation has provided more than \$18 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. The Foundation provides charitable grants primarily in Bay and Walton Counties that embrace the arts, strengthen education, protect the environment and improve healthcare. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit www.stjcf.com.

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