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For A Bright Future.*

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## **Camelot's Independent Living Teens Travel to Washington, D.C.**



Camelot's Independent Living Services (ILS) is responsible for the coordination and implementation of Independent Living Services to young people in the foster care system, as they turn 18 years old and prepare to live independently.

Through the generous support of The Spurlino Family Foundation, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, nine young people from the ILS Program traveled to Washington, D.C.,

to learn about federal legislation impacting foster youth and to hold high level meetings with Congressional and White House leaders. The group focused on using their voice to impact services for foster children in the years to come.

After spending a day learning about federal initiatives for foster youth, the group conducted a briefing for the Senate Foster Care Caucus with more than 35 policy makers in attendance. Our young people advocated for keeping siblings together, better placement resources for foster youth with individualized needs, and the need to support foster youth as they turn 18. The policy leaders in attendance followed with more than hour of questions to learn more about the needs of foster youth.

Later in the day, the group traveled to the White House to meet with The First Lady's Policy Director as well as a Special Assistant to the President in the

Domestic Policy Council. Here, the young people were able to educate senior policy makers about the needs of foster youth.

The group of teens and young people not only saw our nation's capital for the first time, they experienced the legislative system first-hand, had their voices heard, built confidence and explored future opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about Camelot's Independent Living Services and how you can support, please contact Lauren Castro at [LCastro@camelotcommunitycare.org](mailto:LCastro@camelotcommunitycare.org).



## **KICKBALL FOR KIDDOS-PALM BEACH**

This October, Camelot Community Care Palm Beach will be hosting its inaugural kickball tournament – Kickball for Kiddos! Teams consist of 10 or more players, sign up is free, however all participants are encouraged to FUNdraise. Top fundraisers will be eligible for prizes, awards, and bragging rights. All dollars raised will be used to help the children and families of Palm Beach realize their fullest potential by stopping the cycle of abuse and neglect in families - no child should have to recover from their childhood.

Join us at the 2018 Kickball for Kiddos Tournament, have some fun while making a difference in your community, keeping children safe. Show your competition how you *roll*, or just *kick it* with some friends! To learn more about how to sign up for the Kickball for Kiddos Tournament and how your participation will help Camelot's programs and services, please contact Lauren Castro at [LCastro@camelotcommunitycare.org](mailto:LCastro@camelotcommunitycare.org) - see you on the field!

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