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**Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz partners with LCALP
to donate school supplies to Guardian ad Litem for children in need**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Aug. 20, 2010) – The employees of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A., in partnership with the Lee County Alliance of Legal Professionals, recently donated school supplies to children in the Guardian ad Litem Program, which serves abused and neglected children in the court system throughout Lee, Collier, Hendy, Glades and Charlotte counties.

This year's donations will provide supplies for nearly 200 elementary students in the Lee County program, according to Raelyn Means, operations manager for Guardian ad Litem. "We were extremely pleased with the amount of school supplies donated at Goldstein, Buckley on behalf of LCALP," said Means. "Many of our children are living outside of their homes under a foster parent's guardianship and will most likely start school this year in a different location than the year before. These donations will certainly help ease the transition for many of the children this school year."

The law firm's downtown Fort Myers office served as the collection point for the second consecutive year, said Charmaine O'Neill, legal secretary at Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz and current president of LCALP. "Our employees are so generous and really stuffed our donation boxes again this year with all types of supplies," she said. "These children have enough challenges – having the supplies they need to be successful at school shouldn't be one of them. It's truly our privilege to help."

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The State of Florida Guardian ad Litem Program is a network of professional staff and community advocates, partnering to provide a strong voice in court and positive systemic change on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children. Lee County has the largest program in the state and currently represents 550 children through 250 volunteers. To make a donation, call 239-533-KIDS. For more information on the Guardian ad Litem Program and volunteer opportunities, visit www.guardianadlitem.org.