

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
19-28 AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 19-28

IN RE: JURY - JURY SERVICE COMPENSATION DONATION PROGRAM

Whereas, section 40.24(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes each judicial circuit to make an election allowing jurors to irrevocably donate their jury service compensation to either a 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization specified by the Guardian Ad Litem Program or a domestic violence shelter specified by the Clerk of the Court upon the conclusion of their service; and

Whereas, section 40.24(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Clerk of the Court to specify a domestic violence shelter on an annual rotating basis; and

Whereas, section 40.24(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Guardian Ad Litem Program to specify a 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization that expends moneys on services for children for whom Guardians Ad Litem have been appointed; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the citizens of Brevard and Seminole Counties to allow jurors to contribute their juror payments toward the Guardian Ad Litem Program and domestic violence shelters, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

1. The Brevard Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (“GAL”) program specifies Friends of Children of Brevard County, Inc. as the designated 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization to receive donated jury service fees on behalf of the GAL Program in Brevard County.
The Seminole Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (“GAL”) program specifies Seminole County Friends of Abused Children, Inc. of Seminole County, Inc., as the designated 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization to receive donated jury service fees on behalf of the GAL Program in Seminole County.
2. The Clerk of Court shall maintain a list of no more than five domestic violence shelters located in Brevard County, Safe House of Seminole is the only domestic violence shelter located in Seminole County, which shall benefit from the donated juror compensation on a rotating annual basis.
3. On October 1 of each year, the Clerk shall designate and provide notice to the Chief Judge of the recipient of that year’s donated juror compensation.

4. The Clerk shall provide each juror with written notice of the option to irrevocably donate the juror's entire compensation to either the designated GAL Program organization or domestic violence shelter and that the designated GAL Program organization or domestic violence shelter shall receive all of the funds donated by the juror.
5. The written notice shall be provided at the conclusion of the juror's service.
6. Each juror that elects to donate their juror compensation shall affirmatively acknowledge such by a method adopted and maintained by the Clerk.
7. The Clerk shall disburse funds by check to the appropriate GAL Program organization or domestic violence shelter on a quarterly basis.

DONE and ORDERED this 8th day of July, 2019.

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CHIEF JUDGE

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