

**MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN  
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**COMCAST AWARDS \$10,000 GRANT TO  
THE MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Sept. 28, 2011) – The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](#), has received a \$10,000 grant from Comcast to fund [Speak Up Be Safe™](#), the foundation's safety and child abuse prevention program taught in elementary schools in the Northeast Florida area and throughout Florida. This is the second consecutive year that the organization has received the annually-distributed grant, bringing Comcast's total funding support to \$30,000 to help prevent child abuse in Northeast Florida.

“The Monique Burr Foundation for Children is an inspiring organization devoted to child abuse prevention and education in Florida,” said Ann Murphy, Comcast Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations. “Comcast is thrilled to award this grant to the organization for a second year and we look forward to supporting its mission to provide hope in the life of a child.”

In 2010, the Monique Burr Foundation reached more than 19,000 children in Northeast Florida and the Tampa Bay area, addressing safety from all forms of child abuse, bullying and internet dangers and providing tools for parents and school personnel. The program is in the process of expanding state-wide as a collaborative effort with the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, the State Department of

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Education, the State Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Ounce of Prevention and other sponsors and partners. The \$10,000 grant is a significant contribution to the foundation's ability to continue its mission providing necessary operations funds and the financial resources needed to continue the program's expansion.

"We are honored that Comcast has chosen our foundation to receive a grant for the second consecutive year," said Lynn Layton, executive director for the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. "We could not accomplish our goals without the support of local businesses like Comcast that value the importance of keeping all children safe."

The Monique Burr Foundation recently launched the [Speak Up Be Safe Florida](#) blog, which provides timely and relevant information regarding the foundation, its programs and general child safety news and information.

For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation, visit [www.moniqueburrfoundation.org](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org). Information is also available on Facebook.com by searching for the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc. and on Twitter.com @MBFjax.

### **About the Monique Burr Foundation for Children**

The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](#) is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 with a mission to give hope in the life of a child by providing child abuse prevention education throughout the state of Florida. Since its inception, the foundation has contributed more than \$2 million to child-serving agencies in the region.

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In 2010, the foundation reached more than 19,000 children in Northeast Florida and the Tampa Bay area with [Speak Up Be Safe™](#), a child abuse prevention education program that addresses safety from all forms of child abuse, bullying and internet dangers, as well as including tools for parents and school personnel. The program is in the process of expanding state-wide as a collaborative effort with the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children, Families and Ounce of Prevention and other sponsors and partners.

For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, call (904) 642-0210 or visit [www.moniqueburrfoundation.org](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org).

**Photography:**



- 1) From left to right: Monique Burr Foundation for Children Executive Director Lynn Layton, Program Director Stacy Pendarvis and Communications & Development Manager Callie Criser

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