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**Julie Valentine Center presents the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office with the 2011
Community Partner Agency of the Year Award**

On Thursday July 21, 2011, the Julie Valentine Center held their annual volunteer banquet to show their gratitude and appreciation to all of the individuals, board members and community partners who support and provide services to the Center throughout the year. During the banquet, Executive Director Shauna Galloway-Williams presented the Community Partner Agency of the Year Award to the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office. Present to receive the award were several members of the Solicitor's Office, many of which are members of the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit. The Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit is a specialized unit within the Violent Crimes Unit that Solicitor Walt Wilkins implemented upon his arrival in office. The focus of the Unit is on the prosecution of sexual assault and abuse cases. Additionally, the Unit works in collaboration with several community agencies and law enforcement departments to ensure the best result for those cases. Solicitor Wilkins comments, "We are honored and humbled by this award. We deal with difficult and unimaginable material while prosecuting these types of cases, and we are extremely grateful to have access to the staff and resources that the members of the Julie Valentine Center provide."