



# Nonprofit Day in Tallahassee February 6-7, 2024

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In 2024, the Florida team prioritized advocacy and autism, with the Delicious Spoonful organization as our key participant, accompanied by a family of three, including their son, Adir, who has autism. The orientation encompassed training and a tour of the Capitol, spanning various floors, offices, and bridges. Then we commenced with the agenda distribution of Florida Association of Nonprofits Legislative Priorities to Senators or their Aides, totaling 40 individuals representing the state.

Notable encounters included Senator Anna Maria Rodriguez and Senator Carol White, among others. The following day, we observed a Senate session and participated in events such as the Miami-Dade County paella lunch for 2,000 attendees and the Nonprofit Days in Tallahassee.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to meet prominent lobbyists Ron Book and Jack Levine.

## **Quotes from some participants**

Rob:

*We were transfixed watching the senate hearings on prisons, education, and especially those items related to disabilities (our focus). We were proud to see our local officials in action.*

Helen:

*Our most amazing meeting was with Senator Linda Stewart from Orlando who took an interest in our cause and told of impending funding of a village of sorts.*

Adir:

*We can't wait for next year. Maybe we will fly rather than a 7-hour drive each way?*