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Los Altos Artist and CASA Volunteer Holds Annual Archangel Boutique
Proceeds to Benefit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Milpitas, CA – October 18, 2017 – Los Altos artist Midori Adams will host her annual Archangel boutique featuring 30 Bay Area artists to benefit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. The boutique will be held at Peninsula Hope Church (599 Jefferson Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063), on Friday, November 17th and 18th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The boutique will feature hand-made gifts including pottery, candles, jewelry, succulents and flower arrangements, wreaths, seasonal decorations, tote and culinary bags, gourmet food, and much more. Artists are donating 20% of their sales to the Archangel boutique and 100% of the donated monies will benefit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

Child Advocates recruits, trains and supports Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to provide critical emotional and educational support to children in the Santa Clara County dependency system. Currently, there are more than 1,500 children in the Santa Clara County dependency system, 1,200 of whom could benefit from a CASA. In fiscal 2018, Child Advocates has a goal to serve 920 children, with the goal of serving every child who needs a CASA by 2021.

“Every foster youth deserves to have an adult who cares about them and gives them unwavering support throughout their years in the foster care system,” says Karen Scussel, Child Advocates’ Executive Director. “We’re grateful to have so many caring CASA volunteers like Midori serve our community’s most vulnerable children.”

“Young people need mentors and a caring adult to speak up for them in dependency hearings. Working with these children has made my life much richer and more rewarding.” Midori says. “Raising funds through my Archangel Holiday Boutique is another way for me to help the agency serve more children and spread the word about Child Advocates’ amazing work in the community. I became a CASA because I wanted to provide stability and hope to these children who are in the foster care system through no fault of their own.”

Individuals interested in becoming a CASA volunteer can visit Child Advocates’ website (www.bemyadvocate.org) to sign up to attend an Volunteer Info Session to learn more about the role and requirements of becoming a CASA in Santa Clara County.

About Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Child Advocates of Silicon recruits, trains and supports Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) who serve the needs of children in the foster care system by providing a powerful, independent voice for the child. These dedicated community volunteers spend time with a child and become a trusted friend, mentor, and consistent adult presence. They work with foster parents, teachers, social workers, counselors, and others to build a complete picture of the child’s life and needs. CASAs attend hearings in dependency court to advise the judge on the child’s best interests when key decisions are being made. The CASA volunteers stay with their case until their child has a safe, loving home.

Child Advocates’ sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator and a Platinum rating from Guidestar. To find out more about Child Advocates’ CASA program, please visit www.bemyadvocate.org.

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