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32nd Annual ThetaBreakers Run for the Children
Raises \$32,000 to Benefit Foster Children in Silicon Valley

Palo Alto, CA – October 23rd, 2017 — Stanford women are coming together for the 32nd year in a row to raise tens of thousands of dollars to support foster youth with the ThetaBreakers Run for the Children. The members of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority are recruiting hundreds of participants to run and walk through Stanford's beautiful campus on Oct. 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

"We're honored to continue our 32 years of support of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley," said ThetaBreakers Co-Director Jessie Mei Dalman of Portola Valley, CA. "Foster children are some of the most vulnerable members of our society and we love helping them thrive."

"I've been volunteering with this race for two years," added ThetaBreakers Co-Director Lakshmi Prakash of Charlotte, NC.

ThetaBreakers is hosted by Kappa Alpha Theta and benefits Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. The nonprofit agency recruits, trains and supports Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to work one-on-one with foster children in Santa Clara County. This year, Child Advocates hopes to serve 920 foster children with a CASA volunteer. For the past 32 years, the Stanford Thetas have supported Child Advocates to impact the lives of foster children.

"The Stanford students organizing this run change lives," says Karen Scussel, executive director of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. "The Thetas are an organization of women committed to spreading the widest influence for good and they've been wonderful supporters of Child Advocates through their fundraisers and countless volunteer hours. As state funding for CASA programs declines, we are extremely thankful for the Theta's unwavering support to help us provide a CASA for our community's most vulnerable children," Scussel explains.

Individuals can donate to support the young women organizing the race [here](#) and participants can sign up for the race online [here](#) (\$15 for Stanford affiliates, \$30 for everyone else). Runners and walkers can also register the morning of the race at 8:00 a.m at Pac 12 Plaza, Campus Drive and Galvez Street.

About Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Child Advocates is the only agency in Santa Clara County that provides Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to foster youth. Because our volunteers are court-appointed, they can thoroughly explore every aspect of a child's case, including meeting teachers, doctors, social workers, counselors, biological family members and foster parents, thereby gaining a comprehensive perspective on what the child needs in order to thrive. CASAs assist their child in accessing needed resources, follow their school progress, and speak up for their child's best interests in court. They maintain complete records about the case, submit reports and attend court hearings. CASA volunteers stay with their case until their child has a safe, loving home. Find out more about our CASA program at www.BeMyAdvocate.org.