



One Minute of Your Day Can Change a Child's Life

If you take a minute of your day on May 3, YOU can have a profound impact on a foster child's life!

May 3 is Silicon Valley Gives, a 24-hour philanthropic giving effort. Our fundraising goal for the day is **\$30,000**. Monies generated from SV Gives will help us serve **840 foster children** next fiscal year.



How to help

1. **On May 3 make a donation** on the Silicon Valley Gives website.
2. Or, [visit the link](#) and schedule your gift now!
3. **Share** our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) social media posts with others.

CASA Moment



Thanks to our CASA volunteer, **Jessica Lee**, for organizing a great ice skating event this past weekend at **Sharks Ice**. These events allow our CASAs to enjoy a fun day with their advocate children while encouraging fitness and building a greater bond with them.

Pictured above: Board member and CASA volunteer, **Moe Rubenzahl**, ice skating with his advocate child.

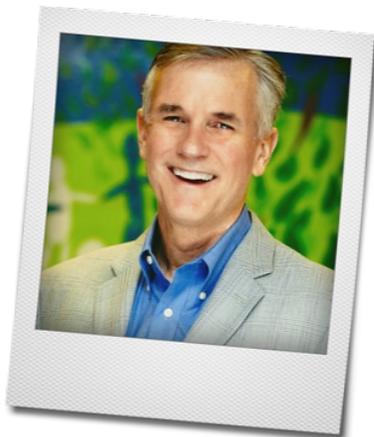
Our Mission

[Watch our short video](#) to see the impact of your gift!

CASA Hero & Legend Profile

Kevin Gardner is passionate about helping foster children.

"When I became a CASA volunteer in 1996, I quickly came to believe every foster child should have a friend and mentor who can represent their best interests in court," Kevin says.



Kevin is one of six CASA Heroes and Legends who will be honored at our [30th Anniversary Celebration](#) on May 21 at Club Auto Sport.

[Read his profile.](#)

[Donate to our CASA Heroes and Legends Fund.](#)

A Special Child

By Ann Oliver

My work with Child Advocates of Silicon Valley began in May 1990 after my husband encouraged me to attend an orientation and there I became aware that many children in our community are victims of abuse or neglect. **I decided to become a CASA volunteer, never realizing how involved I could become in a child's life.**



In June 1991, I was matched with Colette, an 8-year-old girl with dark hair and beautiful dark eyes; she had been living with and caring for her emotionally and physically disabled mother. My heart went out to this special child, facing adult responsibilities so early in her life.

[Read the full story.](#)



To provide stability and hope to children who have experienced abuse and neglect by being a powerful voice in their lives.

[Learn more about our work.](#)

Join Us for Our 30th Anniversary Celebration!



Join Child Advocates as we celebrate 30 years of transforming foster children's lives!

Enjoy fabulous food stations, a signature cocktail and live music.

[Get a sneak peek](#) at some of our raffle and live auction items.

Date: Saturday, May 21st

Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Club Auto Sport, 521 Charcot Ave, San Jose, CA

[Purchase your tickets now!](#)

Volunteer Open House

New Website Offers Better Features

Child Advocates has a new website -

www.bemyadvocate.org.

The new site is mobile ready so you can easily view it on a cell phone or table and offers social network integration. You'll find our [Facebook and Twitter feeds](#) right on the homepage.



There's also a news module featuring [media stories](#) about Child Advocates, as well as an [event calendar](#) and [blog](#). Our volunteer section offers more information and a [Volunteer Spotlight](#) page. And, since this is Child Advocates' 30 year anniversary, you won't want to miss our [30 Years of Stories](#) section featuring accounts of CASAs and their advocate children.

The site also has a member's only login for our board and CASA volunteers. We will be adding content to these pages in the coming months.

CASA Recognized for Volunteer Work

Child Advocates salutes **Steve Geisheker**, pictured on the right, who was recently honored at the **Los Altos Community Foundation's Awards Dinner** on April 7 for his outstanding volunteer work as a CASA.



The event celebrated LACF Honorary Founder John W. Gardner's legacy by highlighting volunteers who exhibit his civic entrepreneurship and service.

Child Advocates is grateful to Steve for his 15 years of supporting eight foster youth, young men who desperately needed time, attention and guidance to become healthy, productive, independent adults. Steve's selflessness, time and dedication in attending to the critical emotional and



Have you thought about becoming a CASA volunteer? Attend an upcoming **Volunteer Open House** orientation session:

Date: Wednesday, May 11

Where: Sobrato Center, 1400 Parkmoor Ave, San Jose

Time: 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

[Register here](#)

educational needs of these teens is an inspiration to all!

Debbie Krause Joins Child Advocates' Board

Child Advocates welcomes new board member **Debbie Krause!**



Debbie brings a wealth of business experience to Child Advocates. She has been driving change within technology, service and manufacturing businesses for over 20 years. She has provided facilitation, training and hands on delivery of projects for clients and former employers.

In more recent years, she has spent her time raising her children, leading fundraising projects for non-profits and working with technology startups to improve execution as they grow.

Debbie prides herself on her ability to work across diverse teams and personalities and looks forward to applying these skills to further the mission of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

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