



Former Foster Youth Gives Inspiring Talk to Teens

Pierre Hemphill came from a rough neighborhood and grew up not trusting adults. When he landed in foster care after his parents could no longer care for him, he bounced from foster home to foster home.

At age 10, Pierre met Harvey Fox and Mike Bowman, two friends who became his CASA mentors, and his life changed.

[Read more.](#)



Child Advocates Launches 100 CASAs for 100 Children Campaign

Swing into Action at our Golf Classic! Aug. 29th



Join Child Advocates as we celebrate 30 years of transforming foster children's lives at our 11th Annual Golf Classic!

Enjoy a great day of golf at the beautiful Los Altos Golf & Country Club followed by a fabulous dinner and live auction - all to benefit Child Advocates and the foster children we serve.

Date: Monday, Aug. 29th
Where: Los Altos Golf & Country Club
When: Shotgun start 12 noon

[Sign up today!](#)

Did you know?

Child Advocates has launched an ambitious campaign to recruit 100 new volunteers to serve 100 more children in foster care for the new school year.

Currently, there are about 120 school age children on our wait list in need of a CASA.

[Read the full story.](#)



CASA Hero & Legend Vilma Palette

Vilma Palette is a woman of *action*. She doesn't just talk about doing something, she does it.

"I have been a lifelong volunteer and nonprofit enthusiast ever since I graduated from Stanford University. It's in my blood."

Vilma was one of six CASA Heroes and Legends honored at our 30th Anniversary Celebration in May.

Today, Vilma is back as a volunteer, helping with our CASA training classes this summer.

[Read her profile.](#)

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



Lisa Clark Joins Child Advocates' Board

Child Advocates welcomes new board member **Lisa Clark**.

Lisa brings 20+ years of experience focusing on program management and leading multiple, high-visibility projects.

"I have always had a special place in my heart for children, it's why I became a CASA in Arizona and California," says Lisa.



"The CASA program is so important to each child it supports."



Child Advocates is known for its innovative methods of achieving positive outcomes for foster youth.

We incorporate the renowned "**Developmental Assets**" approach into the training and supervision of volunteer CASAs.

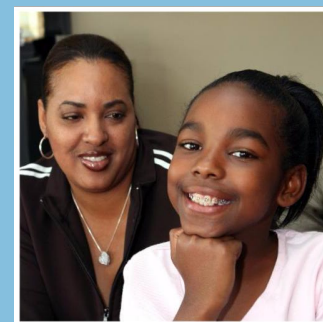
Our 8 Key Areas of Support are:

- Education Support
- Trust and Relationship Building
- Self-Esteem Building
- Healthy Choices and Behaviors
- Developmental Milestones/Independent Living Skills
- New Experiences
- Cultural and Community Events
- Extracurricular Activities

Our approach has been shared with the California and National CASA networks as a best practice and was published in the *New Social Worker* magazine.

[Read the article](#)

Volunteer Open House



Have you thought about becoming a CASA volunteer? Attend one of our **Volunteer Open House** orientation sessions to learn how you can change a child's life.

[Learn more.](#)

Every child should know they are loved and are capable of achieving whatever goal they set, despite their circumstances. At the end of the day, I feel very good if I've made a positive impact in a child's life, and I look forward to continuing to make an impact through my work on the board."

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