



New Year, New Challenges & Celebrations

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2017, I want to let you know how much we appreciate your support to Child Advocates.

Because of your generous gifts, we have been able to achieve our goals and are well-poised to serve more children in 2017.

In 2016, we supported 583 volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) who served approximately 800 children. I am pleased to report that we are on track to reach our goal to serve 840 children by June 30, 2017, our fiscal year-end.

[Read more.](#)



Our Mission



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

[Learn about our work.](#)

**Join Us for our Spring
Event March 25th!**

CASA Helps Young Foster Mother Achieve Goals

Many people going through what Jena Knight has experienced in the past four years might have just given up. She had a baby at 14 and was abandoned by her parents. After she entered foster care, Child Advocates matched her with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Then Jena's life took a turn for the better.



[Read the full story in the Mercury News Wishbook and watch Jena's video.](#)

Every time a Bell Rings...

The first time I heard the sound of a bell ringing in the hallway at Child Advocates, I couldn't figure out why everyone had suddenly stopped working and started clapping, cheering and using noise makers.



"What's going on? Why is everyone so happy?" I asked my coworker.

"Every time a bell rings a child gets a CASA!" she replied.

[Read more.](#)

Child Advocates Welcomes New Board Member

Child Advocates welcomes new board member
Cassio Conceição

Cassio has extensive experience as a General Manager and COO in the Semiconductor, PV and IT industries.

Currently, Cassio is leading the integration of SGI into Hewlett Packard Enterprise.



"I am very excited and honored to join the Child Advocates' team, whose achievements on behalf of foster children speak for themselves, and whose



Join Child Advocates of Silicon Valley for our Best of Motown celebration March 25th, 2017 at Club Auto Sport in San Jose.

Enjoy an evening of delicious food, live music and exquisite wine. Bid on exciting auction items and help us raise money to serve more foster youth!

Individual tickets are \$200.00 and tables of 10 are \$2,000.00.

[Reserve your tickets/table now.](#)

Volunteer Info Sessions



Are you interested in becoming a CASA? Or, do you have a friend who might be interested in volunteering?

Please let them know we are actively recruiting CASA volunteers for our April training class.

Volunteer Informational sessions will be held in February and March in San Jose, Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

ambition for broadening and deepening its reach is very inspiring. I look forward to working with such a talented and dedicated team to help lift the lives of all foster children in our community."

[Learn more.](#)

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