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## **Los Altos Artist and CASA Volunteer Holds Annual Archangel Boutique To Benefit Child Advocates**

**Milpitas, CA – September 15, 2016** – 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 228 Marvin Avenue, Los Altos, on Friday, October 7 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday, Oct. 8 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 15% 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. The nonprofit agency has an ambitious five-year strategic plan to provide a CASA for every child in the Santa Clara County foster care system by year-end 2018. Currently, there are more than 1,600 children in the Santa Clara County dependency system, 1,000 of which could benefit from a CASA. In fiscal 2017, Child Advocates has a goal to serve 840 children with a CASA.

“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.”

“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,” Midori says. “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 rewarding. 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.”

Individuals interested in becoming a CASA volunteer can visit Child Advocates’ website ([www.bemyadvocate.org](http://www.bemyadvocate.org)) to sign up to attend an [Volunteer Open House/Orientation](#) 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 Gold-star rating from Guidestar.

To find out more about Child Advocates' CASA program, please visit [www.BeMyAdvocate.org](http://www.BeMyAdvocate.org).

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