



8 Things Kids in Foster Care Want You To Know

Each and every single young person in foster care is a courageous individual with something to say. Listen to them.

"We're not 'just' foster kids."

Perhaps this is the most important thing they need you to know. Foster kids aren't actually "foster kids." They are young people who happen to have experienced foster care.



[Read more.](#)

LGBTQ Foster Youth Experience Added Layer of Trauma

What Do You Think of CASA Friends?



We value your opinion and want to know what you think about our CASA Friends e-newsletter.

Please complete this 7 question survey to help us understand what does and doesn't work for you.

[TAKE SURVEY NOW](#)

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

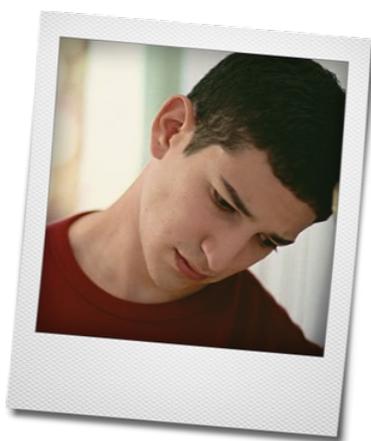
The tragic events in Orlando Florida have left our nation mourning. Our hearts go out to the families and victims of the mass shooting.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning (LGBTQ) youth enter the foster care system for many of the same reasons as non-LGBTQ youth such as abuse, neglect, and parental substance abuse.

But many LGBTQ youth have the added layer of trauma that comes with being rejected or mistreated because of their sexual orientation, gender identify or gender expression.

That's what happened to David.

[Read the full story.](#)



CASA Hero & Legend Profile

Profile: CASA Hero and Legend Moe Whitaker

Moe Whitaker has devoted the better half of his life to helping children and families attain better outcomes. Moe is one of six CASA Heroes and Legends honored at our 30th Anniversary Celebration on May 21.

Thirty years ago, when Child Advocates was founded, Moe became the first Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) at the agency.



[Read his profile.](#)

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

Former Foster Youth Shines at 30th Anniversary Gala



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!](#)

More Gala Photos!



Check out all our photos from our 30th Anniversary Gala!

[View photos from the event](#)

[View photos from the photo booth](#)

Volunteer Open House

Donaisha first met her CASA Nicole when she was a young teenager in need of guidance and support. Now 21 years old, Donaisha attends Spelman College.

Donaisha shared her personal story at our 30th Anniversary Gala in May. After her inspiring talk, Donaisha received a standing ovation.



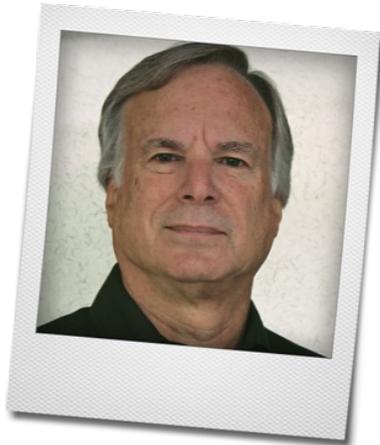
[Read her story](#)

Howard Slayen Rejoins Child Advocates' Board

Child Advocates welcomes back former board member **Howard Slayen!**

Howard has more than 40 years of experience in tax, mergers and acquisitions, and financial advisory services.

He was a partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers for 23 years, prior to being CFO of a number of start-up enterprises. He is both a CPA (inactive) and an attorney (inactive). Since retiring from active practice, he has spent his time as a professional board member for a variety of nonprofit, and publicly and privately held corporations.



"I am so impressed by the Child Advocates' staff and CASA volunteers. I consider it an honor to rejoin the board after my brief hiatus."



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

Date: Wednesday, July 13

Where: Sobrato Center, 1400 Parkmoor Ave, San Jose

Time: 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

[Register here](#)

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