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## LISA CLARK JOINS CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY BOARD



**Milpitas, CALIF. – July 14, 2016** – The Board of Directors of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley has appointed Mountain View Lisa Clark to the board. Lisa’s appointment comes as Child Advocates’ celebrates 30 years of transforming foster children’s lives with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASAs serve as a friend and mentor and represent the best interests of the child in dependency hearings.

Lisa brings 20+ years of experience focusing on program management and leading multiple, high-visibility projects. Currently, she is a Business HR Director at Agilent Technologies where she provides HR consultative decision support and coaching to Officers/Executives. She holds a BA degree in Accounting and Finance from California State

University Hayward School of Business and Economics.

“I am excited to join the Child Advocates of Silicon Valley Board as the agency celebrated 30 years of serving more than 15,000 foster children. I have always had a special place in my heart for children, it’s why I became a CASA in Arizona and California,” Lisa says. “The CASA program is so important to each child it supports. 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.”

Child Advocates 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 about 1,600 children in the Santa Clara County dependency system, 1,000 of which could benefit from a CASA. In fiscal year 2016, Child Advocates served more than 780 children with a CASA volunteer.

Individuals interested in becoming a CASA volunteer can visit Child Advocates’ website



([www.bemyadvocate.org](http://www.bemyadvocate.org)) to sign up to attend a Volunteer Orientation session/Open House to learn more about the role and requirements of becoming a CASA in Santa Clara County.

**About Child Advocates of Silicon Valley**

Child Advocates is the only agency in Santa Clara County that provides Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to foster youth. Because our volunteers are court-appointed, they can thoroughly research every aspect of a child's case, including meeting teachers, doctors, social workers, counselors, biological family members and foster parents, thereby gaining a comprehensive perspective on what the child needs in order to thrive. CASAs assist their child in accessing needed resources, follow their school progress, and speak up for their child's best interests in court. They maintain complete records about the case, submit reports and attend court hearings. CASA volunteers stay with their case until their child has a safe, loving home. Find out more about our CASA program at [www.BeMyAdvocate.org](http://www.BeMyAdvocate.org).

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