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CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY HONORS SUMMIT LEAGUE AT 10th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Nonprofit Raises \$100,000 to Benefit Foster Youth

Milpitas, CA – September 4, 2015 – [Child Advocates of Silicon Valleys'](#) 10th Annual Golf Classic was a huge success, raising more than \$100,000 to benefit foster youth in Santa Clara County. The nonprofit agency also honored members of the [Summit League](#) by presenting them with the Walter "Skip" Shaw Inspiration Award for their philanthropic work in the community for the past 58 years.

Since 1957, Summit League has supported the south bay community, donating more than \$2 million dollars to local nonprofit organizations in the areas of education, welfare and the arts. In November 2014, the Summit League's Homes for the Holidays fundraiser raised a record \$170,000 for Child Advocates' Transitioning Teen program. The program addresses the needs of the 18 to 21-year-old foster youth as they leave the foster care system and transition into adulthood.

The Walter "Skip" Shaw Inspiration Award, named for the man who created the Golf Classic and who gave selflessly to Child Advocates, was created to recognize those like him who demonstrate generosity of spirit and commitment to the community.

"The 50 Active Members and over 60 Sustaining Members of the Summit League who dedicate their time, energy and talents to enrich the lives of our Silicon Valley community are an inspiration to us all," said Karen Scussel, Child Advocates executive director.

More than 100 golfers participated in the Golf Classic at [La Rinconada Country Club](#) on Aug. 31, 2015. Monies generated from the event will be used to recruit, train and support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to work one-on-one with foster children in the Santa Clara County dependency system. Since 1986, Child Advocates has served over 15,000 children with the support of 10,000-plus community volunteers.

Key sponsors of the tournament included [HGST](#), Jeff and Christy Richardson, Mike and Liz Byrd, [Seagate](#), [Intel](#), [Micron](#), [San Disk](#), James and Maren Otieno, [Springwood Apartment Homes of Los Altos](#), John and Patricia Richardson, Shirley and Richard Cantu, Mala Jairam and Baskaran Iyer, and Kevin Gardner.

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About Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley 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 was founded in 1986 by a dependency court judge and a social worker. The agency was modeled after the original Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, developed by a dependency court judge who recognized the need for children in court to be represented by an impartial advocate who could speak on behalf of the child.

Find out more about our CASA program at www.BeMyAdvocate.org.

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