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CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY RECEIVES SINGLE LARGEST GIFT FROM SUMMIT LEAGUE

Summit League's Holiday Home Tour Raises \$170,000 for Transitioning Teen Program



Milpitas, CA – February 19, 2015 – Child Advocates of Silicon Valley received a check for \$170,000 from the Summit League. The monies were generated from the Summit League's 25th anniversary Homes for the Holidays tour held November 20 and 21, 2014. To date, it is the single largest donation the nonprofit organization has ever received.

“We are thrilled to receive this extremely generous donation from the Summit League,” said Karen Scussel, executive director of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. “The Summit League members did an amazing job organizing the tour. The homes were absolutely lovely and guests had a great time. Child

Advocates greatly appreciates the partnership created with the League. The monies from the tour will support our Transitioning Teen Program, addressing the unique needs of 18 to 21-year-old foster youth as they transition into adulthood.”

The Homes for the Holidays tour featured three stunning homes designed by top Bay Area professional interior and floral designers. A Classic 1920's Almond Grove Cottage, a Contemporary California Mediterranean Estate, and an Eclectic Villa with magnificent views. In addition to the tours, the Summit League volunteers set up a marketplace at one home where shoppers could purchase handmade jewelry, scarves, hats, original artwork and other holiday gifts.

“Getting acquainted with Child Advocates' Transitioning Teen Program touched all of our hearts, said Julie Black, president of Summit League. “We are thrilled to present this check for \$170,000 to Child Advocates on behalf of all of the Summit League members. This was our largest fundraiser and it brings Summit League donations to Santa Clara Valley non-profit agencies to more than \$2,000,000 since 1957.”



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

About the Summit League

Established in 1957, Summit League is a non-profit organization consisting of 50 Active Members and over 60 Sustaining Members who are committed to raising funds in the areas of education, health, welfare and the arts. To date, Summit League has donated over one million dollars enhancing the lives of our Silicon Valley community. More information about the Summit League can be found at: www.summit-league.org

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