



## May is National Foster Care Month

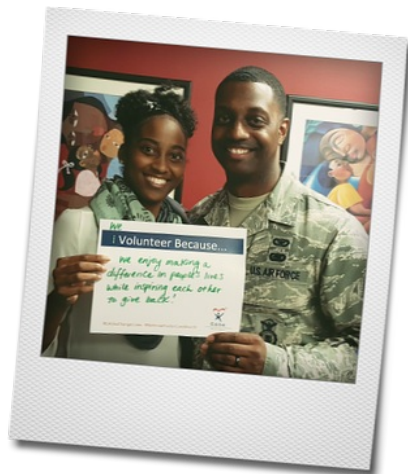
During National Foster Care Month, we are thankful for our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers who bring stability and hope to each foster child they serve.

There are more than 1600 children in Silicon Valley, 1200 of which live in Santa Clara County and would benefit from having a CASA. These children are in foster care through no fault of their own. Imagine their situation:

- Being 12 years old and not having a mother, father or any family member
- Moving three to four times and changing schools
- Having no one to cheer from the sidelines at your soccer game and having no money for a team uniform

[Your ongoing support](#) enables our volunteer CASAs to help children develop a sense of self-worth and nurture dreams for the future - thank you! [Read some of the reasons](#) why our volunteers dedicate their time to help our most vulnerable children.

[See our latest Facebook post.](#)



## Enjoy Sips & Shopping at Kendra Scott and Support Child Advocates!



**Saturday, May 6th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Kendra Scott, 334 Santana Row, Suite 1070, San Jose.**

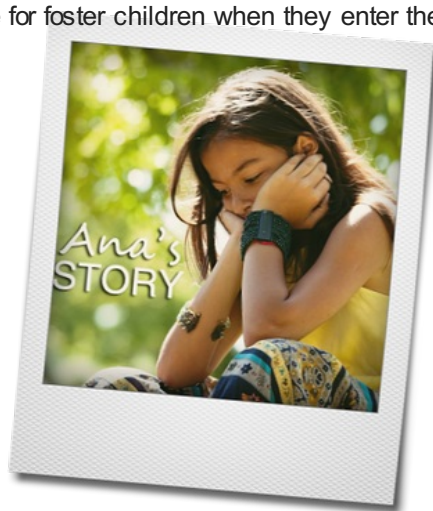
Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels at [Kendra Scott](#), suite 1070 in Santana Row to benefit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. 20% of the proceeds from all sales on Sunday will benefit foster children in Santa Clara County!

**Cal CASA Video Depicts Young Girl's Experience in the Dependency System**

**5K Run/Walk to Benefit Foster Youth**

Ever wonder what it's like for foster children when they enter the dependency system?

**During National Foster Care Month**, we thought you might like to take a journey through the California Juvenile Dependency Court system to see what many foster children experience, and how a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer can help through friendship and advocacy.



[Watch Ana's journey and share.](#)

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## Child Advocates Appears on Comunidad Del Valle TV Show

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley appeared on NBC/Telemundo's Comunidad Del Valle program.

Host Damian Trujillo interviewed Karen Scussel, Child Advocates' Executive Director and CASA Volunteer Adam Escoto.



[Watch this TV segment now.](#)

We're also providing more of our materials in Spanish for our bilingual volunteers—if you have a friend who you think would make a great CASA and who reads Spanish, [please share this page.](#)



April showers bring May flowers! That means the first-ever Flower Run is just around the corner!

The 5K Run/Walk takes place on **Sunday, May 21 at 9 am in front of On Your Mark** in downtown Los Altos, 378 Main Street and loops through the lovely Los Altos Hills and back.

[Sign up now!](#)

Participants are encouraged to add a flower flourish to their running/walking gear and will receive a commemorative bracelet for participating in the event.

## Become a CASA Volunteer!



If you've thought about becoming a CASA volunteer but have lots of questions, we've got you covered.

[Visit our FAQ page](#) to learn more about our program.

Child Advocates is actively recruiting CASA volunteers for our July training class. [Sign up for a Volunteer Info session](#) to learn more.

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