



Foster Youth Excels with Support of CASA

Not all children in foster care have trouble adjusting to life in the dependency system.

Take **Johana**, who entered foster care when she was 12 years old. Despite great odds, she excelled in school and has grown into a well-adjusted 16-year-old. So why would she need a CASA?

We knew CASA volunteer **Tania Hyatt** could help take Johana from good to exceptional.

[Read more.](#)



Face of Success

Congratulations to **Sergio Cuevas** for recently graduating from UC Berkeley!



"The greatest thing I've learned from my CASA is to believe in myself. She called frequently, helped with schoolwork, and brought new opportunities to my line of sight. I believe that every foster child should have an Advocate/mentor to learn on." - Sergio Cuevas

[Watch his video.](#)

Gilroy CASA Volunteers from the Heart

We couldn't have been more pleased when the Gilroy Dispatch featured a story on **CASA volunteer Linda Mitchell**.

In her 10 years of volunteering, Mitchell has mentored and provided guidance to eight children.

"You are more involved in the child's life than you would being a Big Sister," said Mitchell, referring to the longstanding mentoring program. "I call it a Big Sister with clout."



Theta Breakers Run for the Children

[Read the story](#) in the **Gilroy Dispatch**.

Mike Byrd Honored at Golf Classic

Every once in a while, you meet an individual who goes above and beyond for your nonprofit organization and other charities in the community. That pretty much describes **Mike Byrd**.

Child Advocates' honored Mike at our 11th Annual Golf Classic on Aug. 29th with the **Walter "Skip" Shaw Inspiration Award** for his philanthropic work in the community.



[Read more.](#)

Shirley Cantu Rejoins Child Advocates' Board

Child Advocates welcomes back former board member **Shirley Cantu**.

Shirley is a retired deputy chief probation officer with 34 years of service. As a volunteer, Shirley has been actively involved with programs that provide services to youth in our community. In 2006, she was the recipient of the Crystal Bowl Award presented by the Junior League of San Jose at their 37th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.



Says Shirley: "I am enthused to return to the board, not only due to Child Advocates' making a difference in serving youth, but because they have metrics, met metrics and met the challenges of growing the board moving forward."



Join us for Kappa Alpha Theta's **Run for the Children** event on Sunday, Oct. 23!

This fabulous run/walk on the beautiful Stanford Campus, raises funds for Child Advocates.

The event will be held at Stanford University Pac-12 Plaza. Check-in and walk-in registrations will begin at 8:00 AM. The 10K Run starts at 9:00 AM and the 5K Run/Walk starts at 9:05 AM.

[Register now!](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Archangel Boutique

The Archangel Boutique raises funds every year in support of our CASA children.



This year, the Archangel Boutique will be open Oct. 7th-8th. Get a jump on your holiday shopping and peruse a variety of beautifully handcrafted items from 30 local artists.

[Learn more.](#)

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