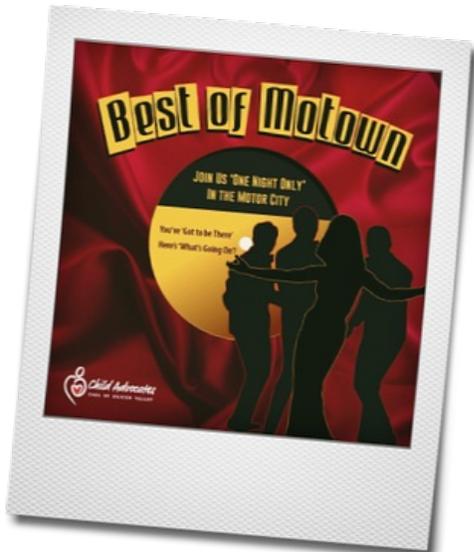




Spring Event Raises More Than \$375,000

Our Motown themed event on March 25th was a night to remember! Thanks to our generous donors and sponsors, we raised more than \$375,000 which will help us provide advocacy services to 850 foster children in Santa Clara County this fiscal year.



Double Your Donation

If you made a donation, it's not too late to **have your company match your gift**. A \$100 donation can become \$200 for Child Advocates!

[See if your company matches donations.](#)

Want to see photos from the event?

[View NEW photos from the event.](#)

[View photos from our TapSnap photo booth.](#)

CASA Helps Foster Youth Graduate High School and Find Career Path

Did you know?



65% of CASA 3 to 5 year olds are enrolled in preschool compared to 35% of all foster children in Santa Clara County. Studies show that children who attend preschool are much better prepared for kindergarten.

CASA Quote

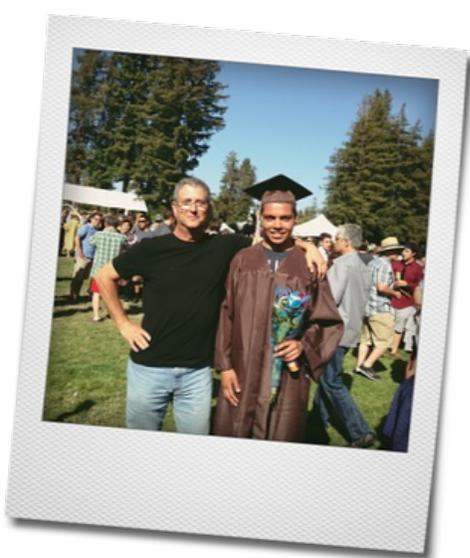


Court Appointed Special Advocate Bob Feldman first met Odi, a shy, quiet foster youth when Odi was barely getting by in high school.

"Odi was smart but he needed more one-on-one help so I encouraged him to enroll in the G-Plus program because it provided a better student-to-teacher ratio," Bob explains.

What a difference! Under more supervision and help, Odi excelled.

[Read the full story.](#)



Children in Foster Care Suffer From PTSD

Did you know that foster youth are almost twice as likely to suffer from PTSD as U.S. war veterans?

According to a study by Harvard Medical School, the University of Michigan and Casey Family Programs - the frequent placement changes and lack of permanent support faced by foster children contribute to feelings of anxiety and social instability. These factors affect education and occupational success.



With the current climate of uncertainty surrounding social safety net programs, it is vitally important that foster children - our community's most vulnerable population - have a caring stable adult in their lives.

[Your support](#) helps us fulfill our goal to provide a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for every child in the Santa Clara County dependency system. Thank you.

"Being a CASA has enriched my life and enables me to contribute to the wonderful little girl I have the pleasure to work with. Best decision ever!"
-Rhona Kastle, CASA Volunteer

More Male CASAs Needed



Men, we need you to serve as role models, friends and advocates to boys of all ages in foster care. Think of the positive impact you can have, from teaching a young boy to play ball to helping a teen work on a school project.

Child Advocates is actively recruiting CASA volunteers for our July training class. [Attend a Volunteer Info session](#) in May or June to learn how you can positively influence a foster child's life.

Save the Date to Donate! Thursday, April 20th



On April 20th, Child Advocates will participate in **Give OUT Day**, a national day of giving. This 24-hour online fundraising event raises critically needed funds to support hundreds of nonprofits serving and advocating for the LGBTQ community.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

You can schedule a gift in advance. The charge date is set to default to April 20th.

[Schedule your donation now!](#)

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