



Child Advocates To Honor Six CASA Heroes and Legends at 30th Anniversary Celebration

To mark our 30th Anniversary, Child Advocates will honor six **CASA Heroes and Legends** at our [30th Anniversary Celebration](#) on May 21 at Club Auto Sport.

[These individuals](#) were part of a grassroots movement of child advocates who helped bring the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) model to Santa Clara County.

Read about these amazing people are and how you can support the [CASA Heroes and Legends Fund](#) to honor their work on behalf of thousands of foster children.

[Learn more.](#)



Our Mission



To provide stability and hope to children who have experienced abuse and neglect by being a powerful voice in their lives. [Learn more about our work.](#)

Holiday Appeal Raises Record Amount!



Thanks to you, we raised more than \$300,000 for our Annual Holiday Campaign!

We couldn't have done it without your

Why Advocating for a Baby is so Important

When we think of a child in foster care, many of us may picture a youngster between the ages of 5 and 15. But several of our CASA volunteers, like Afran Murphy, pictured right, advocate for children under the age of 2.



CASA volunteers often work with babies that are still in the care of their parent who may be in a residential recovery facility overcoming a substance abuse problem. Studies have shown that if a parent is able to keep his/her child while undergoing treatment, that parent does better in recovery and the child does better in its development.

[Read more.](#)

How Grief Goes Unnoticed in Foster Children and the Underlying Trauma that it Causes

Many children in foster care suffer a tremendous loss - a deep sadness and grief that often goes unrecognized, and often leads to deeper traumas. When we learn to recognize that a child may be grieving, it may be easier to throw our arms around them and tell them everything is going to be OK, instead of issuing a punishment.



[Read the full story.](#)

Help Us Spread the Word: We Need CASA Volunteers!

support and two matching gifts totaling \$100,000 from the **Warmenhoven Family Foundation and Quest Foundation. Thank you!**

Your generous gifts will enable us to meet **our goal to serve nearly 800 children** in the Santa Clara County foster Care System this year.

Volunteer Open House



Have you thought about becoming a CASA volunteer? Attend an upcoming Volunteer Open House orientation session:

- Tuesday, March 8th at Sobrato Center, 1400 Parkmoor Ave, San Jose, CA, 6:15pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, March 15th at Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, 171 W Edmundson Ave, Morgan Hill, CA, 7:30pm-8:30pm

[Register here.](#)

Join Us for Our 30th Anniversary Celebration!



Child Advocates will host our **Spring Gala and 30th Anniversary Celebration** on Saturday, May 21st at [Club Auto](#)

Do you have friends and neighbors who may be interested in becoming a CASA volunteer? If so, we'd love your help in spreading the word.



Here's three things you can do to help.

1. [Share our flyer](#) with your friends, relatives and co-workers.
2. Post the following information to [Nextdoor.com](#):

Have you ever thought about becoming a friend or mentor to a foster child? Join Child Advocates of Silicon Valley at their upcoming Open House/ Volunteer Orientation to learn how you can help a foster child. Visit www.BeMyAdvocate.org to learn more.

3. Share our social media posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Thank you! Together, we can recruit more CASAs to help transform more children's lives!

Social Media Posts Help Promote Open Houses

Have you seen our social media posts to recruit more CASA volunteers? In case you missed them, we thought we'd share them with you here.

[View the campaign.](#)



[Sport in San Jose.](#)

Please join us in celebrating 30 years of recruiting and training CASA volunteers to speak up for foster children.

When: Saturday, May 21st

Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Club Auto Sport, 521 Charcot Ave, San Jose, CA

[Purchase your tickets now!](#)

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