

**There is nothing** more  
painful than losing your family,  
even if they have hurt you.

**Be the  
difference...  
In the life  
of a child.**



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**  
Serving Santa Barbara

The Mission of **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** of Santa Barbara County is to assure a safe, permanent, nurturing home for every abused and/or neglected child by providing a highly trained volunteer to advocate for them in the court system.

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# A Message to the Santa Barbara Community:

Santa Barbara County citizens are the heart of CASA, unselfishly and heroically, they change the direction of lives for Santa Barbara's most vulnerable children.

I had the privileged opportunity to spend time with one of our former CASA children. He is now eighteen years old with a full, happy life just beginning to unfold. I know he will achieve greatness and I also know he couldn't have excelled or survived without the constant support of his CASA.

I speak for the entire CASA Staff and Board, when I say I am so honored to direct this important community organization, to work in concert with our exceptional volunteers and the Santa Barbara County Courts to ensure that our children and their futures are protected.

Thank you to the Santa Barbara community for your efforts and for caring for our children.

Respectfully,  
**Maria W. Long**, Executive Director

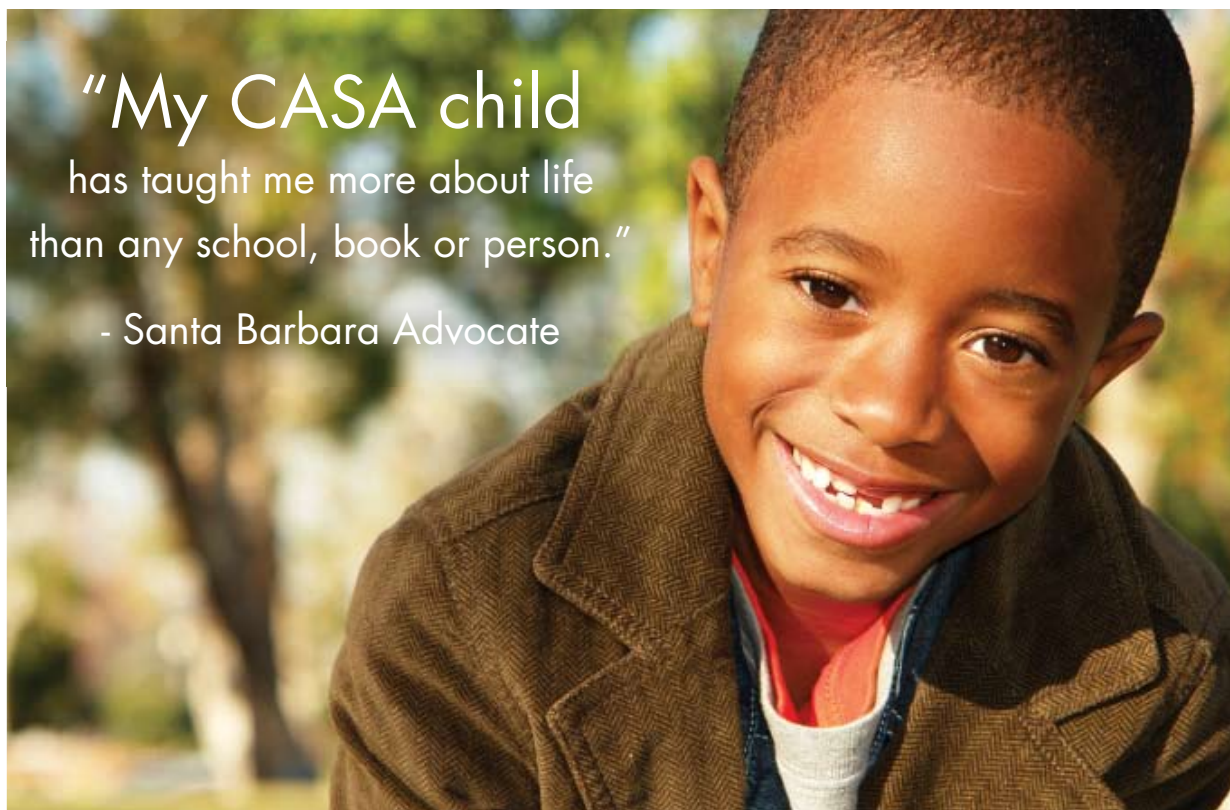
## How You Can Help:

- Become a Volunteer Advocate
- Make a donation and sponsor an advocate for a child
- Support CASA by attending events

To find out more about CASA and ways you can get involved, please visit our website at [www.sbcasa.org](http://www.sbcasa.org) or phone (805) 879-1735.

"My CASA child has taught me more about life than any school, book or person."

- Santa Barbara Advocate



## How and Why CASA Was Established

In 1977, a Seattle Superior Court Judge named David Soukup was concerned about trying to make decisions on behalf of abused and neglected children without enough information. He conceived the idea of appointing community volunteers to speak up for the best interests of these children in court. He made a request for volunteers; 50 citizens responded, and that was the start of the CASA movement.

Today, there are more than 50,000 advocates serving in 948 state and local program offices nationwide. Since the inception of CASA advocacy, volunteers have helped well over 1,000,000 children find safe, permanent homes in which they can thrive.

## About CASA of Santa Barbara

CASA of Santa Barbara County (CASA) began operating on January 1, 1993 under the umbrella of a local youth services organization and became a fully independent 501(c)(3) non-profit agency in August of 1995. Over the course of our program operations in Santa Barbara County, we have been privileged to provide advocacy for hundreds of abused and neglected children.

CASA recruits, screens, trains and supervises community volunteers. Volunteers complete a 40 hour training program and are sworn in as officers of the court in support of foster children in Santa Barbara County. They provide one-on-one court and community advocacy for children who have been removed from their homes by social services due to abuse and neglect.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

For more information on these listed events please call

### CASA Golf Tournament September 17th 2007



Voted as the "Best Golf Tournament for 2006" by the Montecito Journal. Golfers from the Santa Barbara Community will enjoy friendly competition at the spectacular Sandpiper Golf Course. Four-some Sponsorships will be available. Be a Distinguished Champion and "Tee it Up" for CASA.



### 7th Annual KTYD Mic On Marathon November 2007

Don't miss the KTYD Crew for 36 hours of continuous airplay. Local celebrities and musical guests drop by throughout the Mic On Marathon to show their support for CASA and for KTYD's mission to help foster children in our community.

# Trained Community Advocates are the Heart of CASA

## What Do CASA Volunteers Do?

- Meet with the child once per week for at least an hour;
- Gather information from all interested parties, such as attorneys, social workers, teachers, caregivers, therapists, etc.;
- Identify potential resources that will benefit the child;
- Attend all hearings regarding the child (at least every six months)
- Communicate the child's needs to the court in written reports and recommendations;
- Monitor the case until the child is placed into a safe, permanent, nurturing home

## Upcoming Advocate Trainings:

### SANTA BARBARA

- Advocate Training  
Date: Fall 2007  
805-879-1734  
Contact: Allyson Boyington Allyson@sbcasa.org

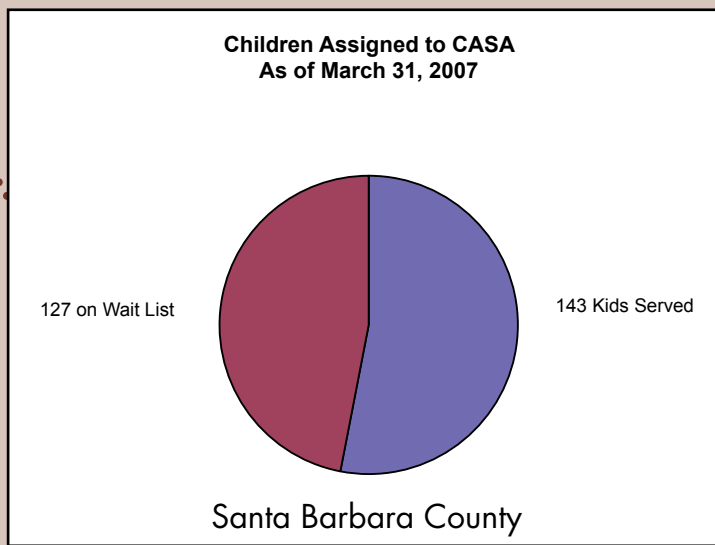
### SANTA MARIA

- Open House  
Date: June 5, 2007 (6:00pm)  
805-739-9102
- Advocate Training  
Date: July 23, 2007  
Contact: Maria (Coco) Landeros Coco@sbcasa.org



Swearing In Ceremony, May 2, 2007

## STATISTICS



CASA needs more volunteers to advocate for children as they work through the court system, are placed in foster care, reunited with their families, or adopted. The number of children in foster care in Santa Barbara County is expected to exceed 1,000 by the end of 2008.

"In one year I was in and out of five homes. I felt like I never had a home."

- A child in foster care



(805) 879-1730 or send an email to [mj@sbcasa.org](mailto:mj@sbcasa.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Light of Hope Dinner February 2008

Join CASA in North County for the 5th Annual Light of Hope Dinner to be held at the Santa Maria Country Club. This promises to be a wonderful heart-warming evening. Year after year, the audience has been addressed by captivating, inspirational guest speakers.

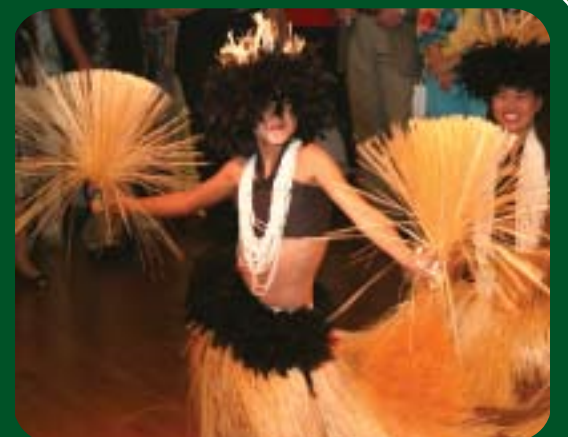


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### CASA at the Club April 2008

Join CASA for a spectacular evening with entertainment provided by Grammy Nominated California Band, Papa Doo Run Run. Celebrate the music, memories, and magical moments from the 1960's with CASA. More importantly, join CASA in its' efforts to bring hope to the many foster children in Santa Barbara County.



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Thank you for your outstanding support!

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"The best thing about being a CASA advocate is when I hear a smile in my CASA child's voice."

- Santa Barbara Advocate

## 2005-2006 SNAPSHOTS



- "CASA at the Coral" – named as one of the best events for 2006 by Santa Barbara News-Press
- Expanded offices, services and created a Children's Center in North County



- Secured Fielding/Non-Profit Support Center Strategic plan

- Added staff Bi-lingual Advocate Recruiter



- CASA featured on "Oprah"
- Santa Barbara News-Press Holiday Fund Recipient

- Received gift from SB Women's Fund & the Orfalea Foundation to be used for the "CASA for CASA" project.

- Increased Advocate participation, events, peer groups and support groups

## A Special Thank You...

We would like to acknowledge the following individuals, local businesses, associations and foundations for their generosity and support. (July 1, 2006-Present, \$500 or more)

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