ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ONE CHILD
AT A TIME

ONE LIFE
CHANGED
AT A TIME
One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, “What are you doing?” The youth replied, “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they’ll die.”

“Son,” the man said, “don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t possibly make a difference!”

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, “I just made a difference for that one.”

~ Original Story by Loren Eisley
When children in Santa Barbara County have experienced the trauma of abuse or neglect and enter the child welfare system, they are assigned a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. Behind that CASA volunteer is a network of supporters ensuring advocates and the children they serve have the resources needed to bring calm during a period of chaos, as well as hope for a future free of abuse and neglect.

In our 25th year of service to children and families, an amazing 283 volunteers provided life-changing court advocacy services to 467 children – nearly every child the court requested we serve. In this annual report of our efforts and efficacy, we applaud the work of each of them, and all of you who contribute your time, your resources, and your heart and soul to help children in need.

You, too, are shining examples of advocacy at its best. In the past year alone, your donations helped CASA recruit, train and support 75 new volunteer advocates.

As you review the accomplishments achieved in 2018, I hope you will applaud yourselves for choosing to support CASA’s kids and families.

You truly make a difference – one child at a time – and for that, we thank you!

Kim Colby Davis  Jim Burge
Executive Director  President, Board of Directors
283 volunteers advocated for 467 children who experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect.

21,557 hours of service were donated by CASA volunteers providing $693,825 in value to the community.

We added advanced training and support for volunteers who work with infants, to provide specialized advocacy for babies age 0 - 3.

75 new volunteers completed 35 hours of pre-service training to join our team of child advocates.

We expanded our Fostering Futures training to include monthly workgroups for volunteers advocating for youth ages 14 - 20.
Rose walks across the stage at her junior high school graduation with a smile that lights up the room. As she receives her diploma, she stands tall in her gown, remembering the complicated path she had to take to become the confident young woman she is today, and knowing she earned this moment. She smiles at two special people in the crowd: the aunt who recently adopted her, and her former CASA volunteer, Katie.

Just days after her 11th birthday, Rose’s father passed away. Her mother turned to drugs and took her pain out on Rose. The oldest of three, she was treated differently than her younger siblings. She was called names, belittled, blamed. The abuse and neglect, on top of the grief of losing her father, was too much for Rose.

She went to live with her aunt, but the memories and pain continued. Without therapy, Rose continued to hear the words in her head—“useless”, “ugly”, and “not wanted”.

She attempted to quiet those thoughts and feelings once and for all when, in desperation, she attempted suicide. Her aunt, frightened by Rose’s potential for harming herself, didn’t want to be blamed for what might happen. Rose was sent to live in a group home.

Alone, labeled a “bad kid”, and passed around, Rose was hurt and angry.

Rose needed someone who would stick with her, get her into therapy, be a strong role model, and help her hold onto the hope that things would get better. Moments after CASA volunteer Katie read the file, she decided Rose was the child she would advocate for.

It can be difficult to connect with a pre-teen who has suffered extreme loss and trauma, and Katie was patient. With so many people moving in and out of her life, Rose barely made eye contact with Katie during their first few meetings. But week after week, Katie did exactly what Rose needed – she showed up.

While building their relationship, Katie made sure Rose got into counseling and was engaged in school. With time, Rose learned to trust again. CASA Katie was the link needed to help heal the damage between Rose and her aunt.

After even more time and hard work, niece and aunt became closer than ever. Eventually, Katie was invited to attend Rose’s adoption celebration and, shortly after that, a very special junior high school graduation.

With their frequent visits to the CASA office, we shared in the joy of watching Rose “bloom” into a confident, happy teenager who is looking forward with anticipation to high school and beyond.
FY 2018
CHILDREN SERVED

Ethnicity
- Caucasian 30%
- Latino 59%
- Multiracial 5%
- Native American 2%
- African American 2%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 2%

Age
- 0-5 39%
- 6-11 24%
- 12-17 26%
- 18+ 11%

Gender
- Female 53%
- Male 47%
I AM ONLY ONE. BUT STILL I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING. BUT STILL I CAN DO SOMETHING; AND BECAUSE I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, I WILL NOT REFUSE TO DO THE SOMETHING I CAN DO.

~ Edward Everett Hale
EVERY TIME A CHILD IS SAVED FROM THE DARK SIDE OF LIFE, EVERY TIME ONE OF US MAKES THE EFFORT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE, WE ADD LIGHT AND HEALING TO OUR LIVES.

~ Oprah Winfrey
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FY 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue and Community Support

- Volunteer Hours 34%
- Contributions 18%
- Grants 23%
- Government Contracts 15%
- Events 4%
- In-Kind Donations 6%

Expenses

- Program 80%
- Fundraising 14%
- General Management 6%
Sponsors:
American Medical Response of Santa Barbara County, Montecito Bank & Trust, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Santa Maria Sun, Aera Energy LLC, AGIA, American General Media, Deckers Brands, Estate Property Management, Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria - Noontime, Local Copies Etc, Marborg Industries, Pacific Premier Bank, Quintron Systems, Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary, Babe Farms, Impulse Advanced Communications, Union Bank, Honda of Santa Maria

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The legacy league has been established to recognize and honor those who have provided for CASA of Santa Barbara County in their estate plans.*

By joining the Legacy League, your foresight and planning help ensure that generations to come will benefit from the values that are most important to you.

When you create this wonderful legacy, you may also reduce your current or future tax burden, increase your income and meet you or your family’s own personal and financial objectives.

Legacy League members:

Pat Aptaker  
Kim & Mike Davis  
Michael Holland  
George Majoue

Ed & Lisa Murray  
Tom Parker  
Celeste Turbeville

* Please let us know if you would like to be recognized as a Legacy League member.
The cost to provide one year of advocacy for a child is $2,500.

*When you sponsor a child you will receive these benefits:*

- Placement of your name or logo on our website to recognize your generous gift.
- Initial summary of your children’s cases, including age, interests, and the goals for the resolution of the children’s case (i.e.: reunification, adoption, etc.).
- Quarterly updates on your CASA children with information on how their cases are progressing, how they are coping and the outcome of each case when it closes. We can present to your group on the progress.
- Option to be the one to provide the children’s birthday and/or Christmas gift (wish lists provided).
- Presentation of a special CASA certificate to display at your location, showing your support.
- Most importantly, you will have a positive impact on your community and change a child’s life for the better.
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