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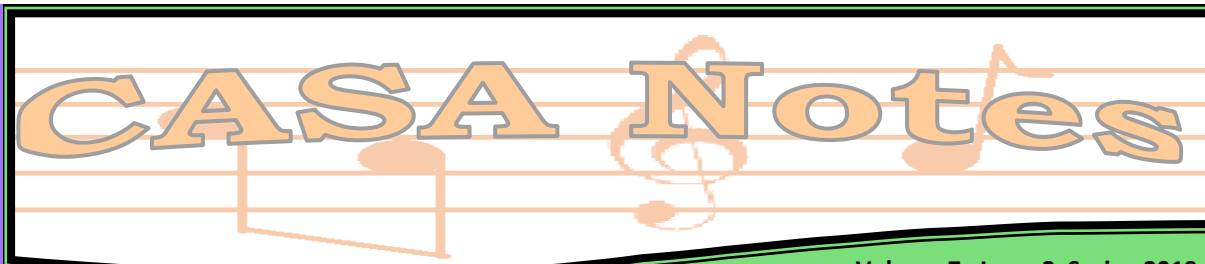
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CASA of Merced County Brings Back Popular "Derby Night" Spring Fundraiser

CASA of Merced County would like to thank everyone who attended the 2019 CASA Derby Night Spring Fundraiser! The event, which took place April 6, 2019 in Half Dome Hall at the Merced Fairgrounds, was a great success! All funds generated will help to recruit, train and supervise new CASA Volunteers as they serve abused and neglected foster children in our community. This year we made a few changes to an already fantastic event. Attendees enjoyed horse races, a live auction, a photo booth, market place shopping, and food stations hosted by popular Merced chefs. The amazing food and dessert selections were provided by Bella Luna Bistro, Tacos Feroz, Five Ten Bistro, Joe on the Go, The Cupcake Lady and Rita's Italian Ice. Our Emcee this year was Joey Horta from Channel 47 News in Fresno. Lamont Walker was DJ extraordinaire, providing music, event pictures and videos throughout the evening. We had two wonderful guest speakers from Nurtured Heart along with former Congressman Dennis Cardoza who awarded the Second Annual Robyn Piro Award of Merit. This award helps a foster youth who has a CASA with education related expenses.

Save the date! Next year's event will be held on April 4, the first Saturday in April 2020. We have some surprises up our sleeve so please plan on attending.

September 14, 2019 CASA will host Casino Night in Los Banos.
Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for more CASA Casino fun!

Thank you for your partnership in supporting Merced County foster youth.
We are grateful for supporters like you!

The Robyn Piro Award of Merit

The second annual Robyn Piro Award of Merit was presented to recipient Lily A. on April 6th 2019 at the CASA Spring Fundraiser, CASA Derby Night. The award was established in 2017 by the CASA Board of Directors to honor Robyn Piro for outstanding volunteerism and leadership. The Award of Merit is presented to a Merced County foster youth who has a CASA; the funds are to be used for education and/or training beyond High School. Pictured from left to right: Joey Horta, Master of Ceremonies; Lily, Award Recipient; Cathie Lancaster, CASA Executive Director; and Stephanie Souza, CASA Volunteer.



You can make a difference in the life of a child!



Advocate for foster youth.
Become a CASA volunteer.



Help create happy
summertime memories for
a child in foster care.



Give back to community
as a CASA volunteer.

Show your support with a CASA T-Shirt!

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are community volunteers, just like you, who stand up and speak out to help abused and neglected children. If you are unable to volunteer at the moment, but still wish to support CASA, YOU can speak out against child abuse by supporting our T-shirt fundraiser! Show your stance in our community that: "It should NOT hurt to be a child."

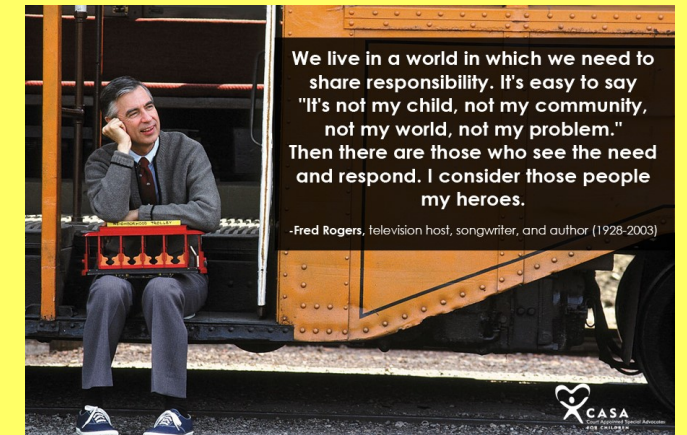


T-shirts are \$25 and available while supplies last. Contact us to get your T-shirt before they sell out!
CALL : 209-722-2272
VISIT : www.mercedcasa.org/donate



CASA Awareness Day

May is National Foster Care Month, to kick off this important awareness campaign CASA designated May, 1st 2019 as "CASA Awareness Day." This annual event will be an additional opportunity for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Merced County to inform the community about the life-changing work CASA Volunteers conduct on behalf of abused and neglected children.



Join the current group of 163 Voices4CASA members!

CASA relies on individual and corporate donors and financial partners to make its work possible. Financial support is needed to recruit, train and supervise advocates.



Our VOICES4CASA are asked to support the organization with an annual donation. We welcome all support. You can help make a difference!

Upcoming CASA of Merced County Events:

- Wednesday, 6/12/19 CASA Information Meeting, 10AM
- Friday, 6/14/19 San Francisco Giants Tickets Drawing
- Tuesday, 6/18/19 CASA Information Meeting, 5:30PM
- Thursday, 6/20/19 CASA Information Meeting, 12PM
- Sunday, 6/23/19 Community Outreach Table at Yosemite Church "Be the Change" Event 8AM-3PM
- Monday, 6/24/19—Friday, 6/28/19 CASA Training Class 30, 12:30PM-6:30PM daily, (lunch break included).
- Tuesday, 7/2/19 CASA Information Meeting, 12PM
- Thursday, 7/4/19 CASA Office Closed, Independence Day
- Saturday, 7/27/19 Panda Express Fundraiser, 12PM-9PM
- Monday, 8/5/19 CASA Training Class 31 Begins, 5:30PM
- Saturday, 9/14/19 Los Banos CASA Fall Fundraiser
- Saturday, 4/4/20 Merced CASA Spring Fundraiser

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Jim Pearson
Dorothy Menezes

In Memory of Ethan Morse
Law Offices of
William A Vaughn

In Memory of Todd Thomas
Cathie Lancaster



If you would like to make a donation in Honor or Memory of a special someone who has impacted your life, please use the enclosed donation envelope to submit your gift.

Your "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" will be included in our next quarterly newsletter. What better way to pay tribute to remarkable individuals than to make a charitable donation in their name?

Abong, Sabrina
 Acosta, Jewel
 Aguilar, Marina
 Alshami, Sonia
 Alvarado, Colby
 Alvarez, Karolyn
 Arambel, Cynthia
 Asai, Gini
 Barnes, Donna
 Barreno, Albert
 Barron, Nichole
 Bartholomew, Candace
 Baylard-Sampson, Maggie
 Benavides, David
 Bier, Debbie
 Borland, Danielle
 Boykin, Gwendolyn
 Bradley, Jan
 Bui, Stephanie
 Callister, Christine
 Cano, Kimberly
 Carlson, Rita
 Castro, Adam
 Chambers, Talisa
 Chappell, Susan
 Cheeks, Corey
 Cheffer, Karen
 Coble, Andrea
 Colbert, Katelynn
 Cortez, Rafael
 Davis, Jerry Lou
 Drolshagen, Yuki
 Dyas, Lynda
 Edmiston, Nancy
 Estrada, Monica
 Fishback, Bill
 Fleming, Henrietta
 Foley, Christie
 Fuentes, Diane
 Garcia, Paola
 Garretson-Merino, Cindy
 Gilliam-Bowers, Crystal
 Gittens, Elyse
 Hafer, Michelle
 Hague, Wayne
 Halpin, Joan
 Hamm, Carol
 Hansford, Carissa
 Harris, Skip
 Hazlett, Juene
 Herrera, Shar
 Hewitt, Gwendolyn
 Hoffar, Claudia
 Irvin, Sharon
 Jacobs, Tina
 Jimenez, Juanita
 Johnston, Debbi
 Jones, Luwanda
 Jones, Tim
 Jones, Veda
 Kalmin, Claudia
 Kolb, Tim
 Latronica, Jason
 Lawrence, Dondi
 Legg, Debra

We thank our amazing CASA Volunteers for the remarkable service you provide to foster youth!



Congratulations CASA Class 28!

Thirteen new advocates and one new Board Member were sworn in on March 18, 2019. James Broadley joins the CASA Board of Directors as Interim Treasurer. Pictured left to right: Adam Castro, Marina Aguilar, Elyse Gittens, Carissa Hansford, Gini Asai, Diana Lowrance, Sharon Irvin, Dondi Lawrence, Honorable Judge Donald Proietti, Lyssabeth Mattoon, Steven Maxey, Mohsen Torabi, Josefina Orozco, James Broadley and Jill Reyna-Canales.

*Class 29 was sworn in on May 30, 2019! Keep an eye out for our upcoming Summer Newsletter to find out who the newest group of advocates are!

Will you join our next training cycle?

CASA Summer Training—Class 30	
Mon June 24	12:30PM-6:30PM
Tue June 25	12:30PM-6:30PM
Wed June 26	12:30PM-6:30PM
Thu June 27	12:30PM-6:30PM
Fri June 28	12:30PM-6:30PM

CASA Volunteers are ordinary citizens like you! Our Advocates possess a desire to make a difference in a child's life. It is not necessary to have experience in child welfare to become a CASA Volunteer. Our extensive CASA Training will prepare you for your role as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

What are the minimum requirements to Volunteer?

- 21 years of age or older.
- Ability to commit 18 months to a case.
- Ability to pass a fingerprint/background check (DOJ, FBI, DMV, CACI).
- Possess current automobile insurance.
- Ability to attend daytime courtroom hearings.
- Ability to remain objective throughout the case.
- Ability to maintain case CONFIDENTIALITY.

Sign-up on our website or contact our office!

www.mercedcasa.org/volunteer
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- Legg, Tomas
- Livingston, Tanya
- Lopez, Lisa
- Lopez, Yadira
- Lorenzi, Jan
- Lowrance, Diana
- Madrigal, Elizabeth
- Makoui, Anali
- Marciochi, Helena
- Martinez, Emily
- Martinez, Eva
- Mattoon, Lyssabeth
- Matzenbacher, John
- Maxey, Steven
- McAndrew, Kimberlie
- McAuley, Kim
- McBride, Michelle
- Meyer, Lisa
- Minor, Kristine
- Morgan, Kay
- Murillo, Karina
- Murphy, Linda
- Nguyen, Namkha
- Nord, Rita
- Ochoa Sierra, Elizabeth
- Orozco, Nelly
- Osborn, Lynda
- Otani, Ashley
- Paulo, Jane
- Piro, Robyn
- Pouncey, Elisa
- Purslow, Barbara
- Quall, Sheila
- Quien, Alane
- Ramirez, Christopher
- Ramsey, Janet
- Reyna-Canales, Jill
- Reynolds, Carolyn
- Reynoso, Vilma
- Rodriguez, Lizette
- Romero, Rita
- Sadler, Marge
- Salzberg Kiriara, Judith
- Samuelson, Deborah
- Sanchez, Lisa
- Scoto, Kathy
- Sevilla, Sandie
- Sharma, Krishneel
- Shay, Pat
- Sickenger, Julie
- Silveira-Miller, Selena
- Smaby, Nadine
- Smelcer, Erin
- Smith, Karen
- Souza, Stephanie
- Stavrianoudakis, Stacey
- Steed, Casey
- Stroud, Barbara
- Sullivan, Martin
- van LobenSels, Patty
- Villa, Lesly
- Wood, Jan
- Workman, Deborah
- Zalinski, Jon

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Panda Express Fundraiser

We hope that on Saturday July 27, 2019 you will visit Panda Express (Merced Location, 1786 W. Olive Ave) between 12:00PM to 9:00PM to enjoy a meal and help CASA. 20% of your purchase will be donated to CASA of Merced County if you use a special coupon! Invite your friends and family out for lunch, dinner, or anytime between! For CASA to receive credit for your participation, you MUST show the event flyer (paper or digital copy). Access a digital copy on any of our social media pages or use this attached flyer!

San Francisco Giants Ticket Raffle

CASA of Merced County is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a set of 4 tickets to the San Francisco Giants vs. the Colorado Rockies game on June 25th! Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The winning raffle ticket will be selected on June 14th, just in time for Father's Day!

The tickets are in the lower level section 124, row 30, seats 5-8. This 4-pack of tickets is valued at over \$150! Purchase your raffle tickets at the CASA Office or online using our "donate" page.

Good luck!

<https://mercedcasa.org/donate/>
 (please use "other amount" option)

FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money For: CASA of Merced County

When	Where	How
Saturday, July 27, 2019 12:00PM - 9:00PM	Panda Express at Olive & Austin 1786 W. Olive Ave Merced, CA 95348	In-Store: Show paper or digital version of this flyer Online: Enter 263136 in the promo code box during online checkout.

20% of event sales will be donated to: CASA of Merced County

Participating fundraiser clients are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of the restaurant. The 20% donation will be credited to the CASA of Merced County account. All other terms, conditions and restrictions apply. ©2019 Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. All Rights Reserved. 80014 0000