

Find out what C.A.S.A. has been up to!



A Message from Executive Director Cesar Navarrete

As 2017 comes to a close, I would like for you to consider giving the Gift of Hope to a youth in need.

For over 30 years C.A.S.A. of San Bernardino County has been committed to positively impacting the lives of vulnerable foster youth through one-to-one mentoring and advocacy. We recruit, screen, train, and supervise passionate community volunteers LIKE YOU to mentor and advocate for foster youth in the child welfare system, in the health care system, in the education system, and in every day life situations. The youth that you will have an opportunity to impact are those that have little to no family connections, those who will age out of the system, those that have a learning disability and or behavioral and or mental health challenges, those that have endured severe abuse and neglect, those that are pregnant and or parenting, those that are at risk of dropping out of school, those that do not have an Educational Rights Holder to make decisions for their academic success, simply put, those that have lost hope. As a C.A.S.A. volunteer you will develop a genuine relationship that not only challenges, inspires, and motivates your youth, but you will also serve as their voice, helping them overcome the challenges of living in foster care to ensure that they receive the proper care and interventions to flourish despite the odds



You too can help us Give a Child Hope by become a [VOLUNTEER](#) and or a recurring [DONOR](#) . Give a child Hope, [Give Big!](#) on Giving Tuesday 11-28-17.

Thank you
Cesar Navarrete
Executive Director

Volunteer Spotlight

Dana Ray was the recipient of the 2017 Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Commission Service to Youth Award.

Dana began her journey in October of 2010. Since then, Dana has been involved in virtually all aspects of her youth's life, including educational success, preserving important relationships and being a support as her youth transitions into early adulthood. We would like to take you back to how Dana described the afternoon she first met with her CASA youth, Jason.

Email from Dana Day- October 28, 2010

"Wow, I must say that today was a success! Jason is fantastic, and clearly very excited to 'finally' get a CASA. He asked me if I could work on getting his friends a CASA, because he could tell they were sad that they didn't get one today! I told him I would let the office know that there are more boys who would like to have their own CASA. He took me to two more houses after you left and introduced me to the staff and some of the other boys. He then walked me back to the main office, and then gave me a big hug when I left. I told him I would see him next week, so he is looking forward to that!



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Munchin' at the Mansion 2017 was a huge success

Thank you to all who attended this year's Munchin' at the Mansion, it was our biggest yet. We had over 350 guests and raised over \$30,000, which will help us reduce the number of youth on our waitlist. Thank you to all of our vendors and sponsors. To see the rest of the Munchin' Pictures visit our Facebook [Album](#).



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Thank you to the H.A.L.O. Project!



This past year C.A.S.A. of San Bernardino has received a lot of support from the H.A.L.O. Project. "His Arms Loving Others" is a faith based

collaborative that strategically strengthens and impacts local causes. H.A.L.O. along with Victorville Motors has sparked a movement for youth in the High Desert. They hosted a Night of Fun at the Adelanto [YARDBIRDS](#) Stadium; Dinner and a Movie at [El Pescador](#); and this December they will host a private screening of STAR WARS at [Civic Plaza 12](#) in Hesperia for all local foster youth. H.A.L.O. has made a tremendous impact on the lives of over 100 foster youth this past year.

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We are happy and proud to highlight our continued partnership with the **Ontario Community Foundation**. This year they invested \$10,000 to continue to help us deliver our mission of mentoring and advocating for our vulnerable foster youth.

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