

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

#GIVINGTUESDAY

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Your Monthly News & Updates

This month we review our successful Munchin' at the Mansion 2016, celebrate our recent CASA volunteer graduates, recognize one of our volunteers, invite you to participate in Giving Tuesday, and highlight one of our newest community partners.

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A Message from Executive Director Cesar Navarrete

Thank you all very much for making this year's Munchin' at the Mansion a huge success. With your support and contributions we raised over \$30,000. All proceeds from the evening will be used to provide youth on our waitlist with a caring CASA volunteer who will help them navigate through the challenging and often lonely child welfare system together, hand in hand.



Munchin' at the Mansion 2016

A special thank you goes out to all of our guests, vendors, and sponsors that made Munchin' at the Mansion a night to remember. For

pictures you can visit our [Facebook](#) page.

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Thank you
Cesar Navarrete
Executive Director

I would like to introduce the Class of September and October 2016!

We are so happy to announce that in the last two months we have graduated a total of 30 new CASA volunteers who are now waiting to be appointed to one of our youth on our waitlist.

Although this is great news, we are still in desperate need of additional volunteers because we have over 200 foster youths on our waitlist, waiting for a CASA (yup, they need a home, but a CASA volunteer is the next best thing).

Please share our website with friends, family, and co-workers so that together we can ensure that our foster youth have someone in their life that they can count on.

[C.A.S.A. Website](#)



Class of September 2016!



Class of October 2016

Volunteer Spotlight

This month I would like to introduce everyone to Carrie Cosme. Carrie has been a CASA volunteer since December of 2009, she has been mentoring and advocating for youth for nearly 7 years.

I asked her why she chose CASA, she said, "I have always had a heart for children in the system and I knew I wanted to work with them however I was unsure

as to how or where. Then one day I happened to be watching Dr. Phil (I loooooove him!) and he did a segment on C.A.S.A. and it was my "Ahaa" moment, so I Googled C.A.S.A. and the office at the time was literally 2 blocks away from my job. So I called and got in touch with Maggie and the rest is history."

When asked to look back and to share some of her most memorable moments, she said, "Every youth has been memorable, even the not so pretty moments. But I think the ones that stand out the most is when my youth calls me on their own to share the good and the bad times. I think at that moment they realize that I'm genuinely there for them because I WANT to be, not because I have to be."

Carrie had this to say about her challenges over the years, "Anger....a lot of these kids have been through some horribly traumatic events in their lives and don't have coping skills to deal with them. So they're angry, I've been called some pretty graphic names, including things I've had to Google."

I asked Carrie if CASA volunteers make a difference, she said, "I believe that C.A.S.A.'s 100% make a difference. Our kids get to know that they have someone in their corner no matter what. And the difference extends to courts as well. We are always thanked when we go to hearings because they know they're getting an accurate description of what our kids need and without a C.A.S.A. that information would be lost."

Carrie had these final thoughts, "I love talking to people about C.A.S.A. and I find that most people that I talk to have never heard of it. So I think we need to get the word out as to who we are and what we do."

Will you help us get the word out and ensure that every youth in our foster care system that is in need of a CASA has one? For information on how to become a CASA volunteer please click the link below and share it with friends, family, and co-workers.

[Become a CASA volunteer](#)



Giving Tuesday 11-29-16

Please join us this holiday season by making a generous donation to your favorite local nonprofit. Mark your calendars and show your support on Giving Tuesday which is Give Big San Bernardino Day. We hope you select CASA as your nonprofit of choice to

make a donation. Become a partner and help us improve the lives of our most vulnerable foster youth. Schedule your gift today!



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Funder Spotlight

We are happy and proud to be a partner with Walmart. The Walmart Foundation and the California State Giving Advisory Council have partnered with CASA to help

improve the educational outcomes of San Bernardino County's most vulnerable foster youth through a \$25,000 grant.

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