



CHILD ADVOCATES OF PLACER COUNTY



Fall 2010

Our Mission is to help empower foster youth, at-risk youth and young adults to build resiliency, self-confidence and academic achievement, and help them avoid the juvenile justice system, teen pregnancy, and drug and/or alcohol use by connecting them with well-trained, caring and reliable adult volunteers.

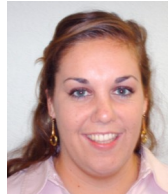
Allyson Prero and Lisa Peat – Two Great CASAs!

160 The number of CASA volunteers and Mentors in Placer County today.

217 The number of children we served in 2009-10.

40 The percentage of children in Dependency Court who currently have a CASA.

Since 2006 Allyson Prero has served as a CASA for many foster kids. Recently Allyson went to extraordinary lengths to help a foster youth.



Allyson Prero

At seventeen years old, this youth had been in the foster care system since she was two, and had no memory of her birth family. Then last summer a woman, who turned out to be her older sister, contacted her, saying their mother was on her death bed, and it was “mom’s last wish is to see you before she goes.” Although her mother lived in Colorado, the girl was determined to see her before she past away.

With the court’s approval, Allyson volunteered to use her own personal vacation time to accompany the girl. They left immediately, and the girl was able to be with her mother when she died.

This was obviously a very emotional experience for the girl, and during the stay a few of her older siblings (who were in trouble with the law) convinced her to run away with them. Allyson extended her visit, working with the local authorities to try to find the girl, but eventually had to return home without her.

A few days later the girl called Allyson, saying she realized she had too many positive things going for her back in California to throw it away partying with her sister, and that she wanted to return to California. Allyson states “I couldn’t be more proud of her! Leaving her family and returning her showed incredible strength.” One of the main reasons the girl decided to return? “Allyson! She’s my California family.”



Lisa Peat

After retiring from Washington Mutual Bank in 2004 as a Senior Account Executive, Lisa Peat turned her enormous amounts of energy to volunteering in our community. She helped rehab animals with Gold

Country Wildlife, delivered food with Meals on Wheels, and in 2007 became a CASA volunteer with Child Advocates.

As a CASA volunteer, Lisa advocated for eight foster children. Her love for foster youth lead her to become a licensed Foster Parent, and she has since housed two teenage foster girls. In addition, in 2008 Lisa became our first Volunteer Case Supervisor, and as such she supervises twelve other CASA volunteers who serve 18 foster child cases. She also volunteers at most of our events, and coordinates in-kind donations for foster youth (such as furniture and household goods). She is everywhere!

Because of her great work, Lisa was recently chosen by Bank of America as the winner of the Sacramento Region Local Heroes award. She will be honored at a luncheon in November, and we will receive a \$5,000 donation in her honor. We are very proud to have Lisa as a part of our team!

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COMING IN 2011—A NEW LOOK FOR CHILD ADVOCATES
 SPRING IS A TIME FOR RENEWAL, AND WE ARE DOING JUST THAT

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LOOK FOR BIG CHANGES IN 2011!

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**From the Executive Director — Don Kleinfelder**

2009-10 was an exciting year for us. We expanded our **CASA program** with four volunteer trainings and served 217 foster youth. We launched our **Adult to Youth (A2Y) mentoring program** with the Placer County Office of Education, and today we are providing 34 at-risk youth with adult mentors. And we formed a **Friends of CASA Advisory Council**, which grew to 24 members last year, and contributed mightily to our success by hosting events that raised over \$19,000 for us, by acting as Ambassadors for CASA and presenting to various service clubs, and in some cases, by becoming CASA volunteers themselves and advocating for foster youth. Through the generosity and dedication of our staff, supporters and volunteers, we ended a very challenging 2009-10 with significant growth and a modest financial surplus.

We are extremely grateful for these success, and I am proud to report that they are continuing into 2011. Here are a few highlights from the last few months:

- As we mentioned in our cover story, **Bank of America** selected our CASA and Volunteer Case Supervisor Lisa Peat for the **BofA Local Hero Award for 2010**. She is being honored at a breakfast on November 16th, and has chosen Child Advocates to be a recipient of a \$5,000 donation in her honor.
- In September the **National Charity League - Granite Bay** chapter voted to support us in the coming year. As a result, they will volunteer at our Casino Night event in May, and will help us put together other special events for foster youth and their CASAs.
- The **Placer First 5 Commission** recently awarded us a two and a half year grant to create a "Family CASA" program, which will focus on helping young, single parents of very young (under age 6) children reunify with their children by teaching them basic household management and parenting skills.
- Each year several of the foster youth we serve age out of the system and try to make it on their own in the world without familial support. Thankfully, **Sleeptrain** and **LA-Z-Boy** have very generously offered to help many of our former foster youth set up new living quarters by providing them with new beds and furniture.
- **Total Body Fitness** selected us as the beneficiary of their first ever charity race, the 50/50 Endurance Event for Charity, on January 15th, 2011. Visit their website www.tbfracing.com/events/5050.html for more details, and start training!
- **Hope Productions**, the organization that puts on the annual Walk N' Rock event at Railey Field in Sacramento, selected us as one of their Associate Nonprofits to participate in the next Walk 'N Rock, scheduled for May 29, 2011 (www.hopeproductions.org). We will post information about how to join us in the great event on our website in the coming months.
- Recently **Brian Hickey of KCRA Channel 3** chose us as the beneficiary for the Celebrity Stock Car Race in Roseville on October 15th. Because Brian was victorious (for the 2nd year in a row), we are being awarded \$1,000! In addition, the news pieces they aired about us prior to the race brought us considerable attention and several new volunteers!
- And last but not least, **Wells Fargo Bank** recognized us as a **Community Partner** at a recent breakfast event, and presented us with a nice donation.

We are also pleased to announce that, in partnership with 3Fold Communications of Sacramento, we will be rebranding our program and updating our website, our social networking capabilities, and our marketing materials to reflect the new programs under our Child Advocates umbrella.

It should be a very exciting 2011, and we thank you all for joining us on this journey!

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ANNUAL REPORT 2009-10

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

It the last year the overall economic outlook has continued to decline across most of our country. With the unemployment rates for Placer County at 13%, most non-profit organizations are reporting reduced funding from their supporters. Our program, on the other hand, is experiencing continued growth in our funding over the last 12 months. Our budget called for a growth of 20%, but in reality we grew by 50% last year and ended the year with a surplus of \$44,000.

I believe our program enjoys this prosperity for the following reasons: First, Don, Kathryn, and their staff have continued to increase the size of our volunteer base, and fostered this growth while building an excellent reputation for meeting the needs of those we serve. Second, Don has worked very hard at broadening the size and scope of Grant programs and increased the number corporate donors he solicits annually. Third, the CASA board continues to grow and with every new member the sphere of influence enjoyed by this group grows exponentially. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention the increase in exposure and funding that we have enjoyed with our Friends of Casa group, which grew to 24 members this year, and raised over \$19,000 for us.

I want to welcome new board members Roxanna Friedrich, Diana Nyman and Rachel Eaton. In addition, I would like to thank recently departed board member Patricia Carozzi for her many years of dedicated service to our organization.

While the economic challenges will not be easing anytime soon, we can persevere and continue to grow our program if we continue to work together. Thank you all for the continued support of our programs, we could not do it without you!

Very Sincerely,

Ken McGuire
Board Chair



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"I asked my CASA boy what he would like to do more than anything else in the world. He said "I want to sit on a big tractor with my dad."

*- Mary Jane Kelly
CASA Volunteer*



"I just want to say how good it feels to know that there are still people out there who care about kids who are in a situation like mine... "You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you got."

*-CASA Youth
16 years old*



"I had a very nice comment from (my CASA boy) that I will treasure for a long time, as he is in many ways a very private boy. He told the server at Max's that we were friends. I told him we would be friends for a long time. He said "no we won't." Turns out that according to him, "we will be friends forever." I can't think of a better gift than those words!!"

*- Janet Jimenez
CASA Volunteer*

OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS

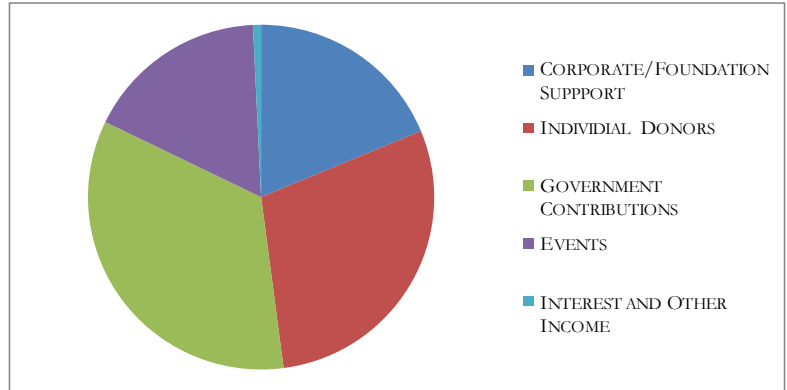
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2009-10 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010 (AUDITED)

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

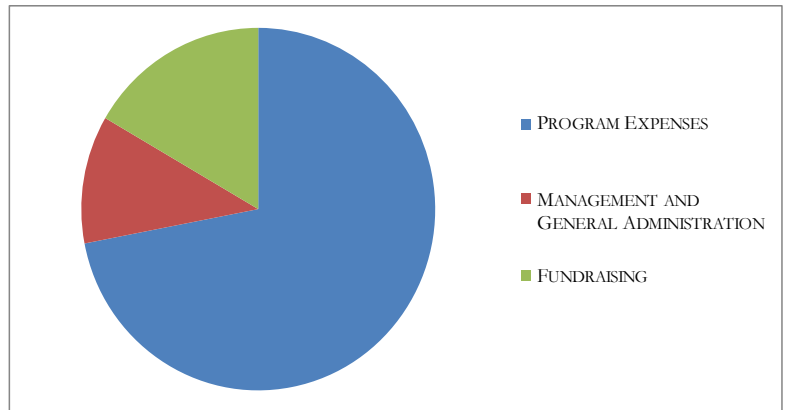
DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$	84,635
INDIVIDUAL DONOR SUPPORT	\$	128,563
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	154,730
EVENTS	\$	77,084
INTEREST AND OTHER INCOME	\$	6,665
TOTAL	\$	451,677



REVENUE - FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010

EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$	293,333
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	46,530
FUNDRAISING	\$	67,765
TOTAL	\$	407,628



EXPENSES - FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010



*“My little guy (CASA kid) asked that since I knew the judge, did I have to pay for my tickets? He also told me that I was the nicest girl he knew. I’m not sure what I liked best—saying I was ‘the nicest’ or I was ‘a girl’.
(He’s a charmer!)”*

- Caroline Ghinassi, CASA Volunteer and mother of two adult “boys”



Kathryn Hart—Program Director

In 2009-10 we served 217 foster children, with 81 cases closing to reunification, adoption, guardianship, or a child turning 18. Today we are serving 140 foster children with CASA volunteers, but still have **25** children on our waiting list. In the six years that we've been around, we have never seen such a huge spike in the number of children entering foster care.

We launched our Adult to Youth (A2Y) mentoring last spring and we are currently mentoring 34 youth. We expect the Placer County Office of Education to refer 25 more youth by the end of November. As you can see, we have a huge demand for more volunteers!

To meet this demand we created the "Blue Kids" that attended various community events. The response has been tremendous, with over 140 community members expressing an interest in becoming a CASA/Mentor. Watch for the Blue Kids at a community event near you soon!



The Blue Kids at the Auburn Home Depot

Our 160 Current CASA Volunteers

We want to give a special "Thank You!" to our **CASA volunteers**. These dedicated individuals **volunteered over 15,700 hours** and drove over **149,000 miles** to support their **CASA youth** during fiscal year 2009-10.

John Adams	Nick Cunningham	Toni Higgins	Deborah Mann	Cori Rosman
Grant Adorador	Francine Curtis	Eric Hill	Terri McClung	Fiona Ross
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Upcoming Events

Great things are on the horizon! Mark your calendars and join us in 2011 for these wonderful events and opportunities:

- **January 15th, 2011**—**Total Body Fitness** hosts the 50/50 Endurance Event for Charity, benefitting Child Advocates. Visit their website www.tbfracing.com/events/5050.html for more details, and start training!
- **January 24th–February 9th, 2011**—**CASA Training Class**. Orientations begin December 9, 2010. For more information please visit our website casaplacer.org or contact us at 530-887-1006.
- **February 19th, 2011**—**Friends of CASA High Tea and Fashion Show at the Catta Verdera Country Club**. Tickets available at the CASA office or through our website, casaplacer.org.
- **April 2011**—**Horizon West Healthcare 3rd Annual Charity Golf Event to Benefit Child Advocates of Placer Country** - at the Ridge Golf Course in Auburn. Date TBD. Tickets and sponsorships available—contact us for more details.
- **April 26th–May 25th**—**CASA Training Class**. Orientations begin March 24th, 2011. For more information please visit our website casaplacer.org or contact us at 530-887-1006.
- **May 7th, 2011**—**4th Annual CASA Casino Night!** Join us for *Casino De Paris!* - a fun night of casino games and cabaret performances at the Rocklin Mercedes Benz Dealership. Tickets and sponsorships available—contact us for more details.
- **May 29th, 2011**—**Walk 'N Rock Event at Raley's Field**. Come join the CASA team for this wonderful walk and rocking concert, while helping us raise money for Placer County foster youth. Details will be available on our website in January, 2011.