

# Monthly news & updates



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## Message from Nkia Richardson, Executive Director

Welcome to our inaugural monthly newsletter, highlighting our CASA volunteer and staff accomplishments as we continue to support our foster youth...

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Christine, a CASA volunteer who shares her experience working with a foster child for the last 4 years and how she gave her CASA youth someone she could count on.



## Chromebook Giveaway!



With the support of our generous donors, we were able to give 10 foster kids a Chromebook to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed! For some, they needed to return school-loaned devices as the academic year wraps up. For others, they're heading to college, so having their own computer is essential. Josh was one of the grateful recipients who expressed surprise, confusion, and absolute gratitude for this gift. Read more of Josh's story [here](#).

Thank you to our donors for reminding these kids that their community cares!

## Garden Party 2020 Cancellation

It is with regret that CASA of San Mateo County and our Auxiliary announce the cancellation of the 2020 Garden Party, our annual fundraising event.

Because calling off this event means the anticipated loss of 20% of our budget, we need your support more than ever. Current conditions place children at greater risk for abuse and neglect and, when shelter-in-place restrictions are lifted, the number of foster children is expected to rise. In addition to the support we are currently providing, we will be increasing our support and services and hope you will consider giving. To donate, please visit [here](#)

## In The News...



Did you see The Daily Show where Trevor Noah interviewed CASA of NYC's Executive Director Kerry Moles and a former foster youth Brianna Hayes, to bring national awareness to the foster care system and the needs of foster youth in our country.



### Mercury News Op Ed: Don't let pandemic evolve into a child abuse pandemic

Bay Area CASA programs are highlighted in this segment, highlighting the need to protect foster children during this pandemic

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