

Empowering CASA volunteers...

and the children they serve.

Voices for CASA Children

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VOICES for CASA Children exists to help children in foster care thrive through the support of CASA volunteers.

To strengthen the CASA advocacy experience, VOICES

- expands community awareness to recruit more of these special advocates,
- offers tailored education for CASA volunteers and
- provides activities that see and enrich the uniqueness of each child.

Today we highlight a few examples of CASA volunteers, the youth they advocate for and **how** VOICES supports CASA of Maricopa County and CASA volunteers.

While the names and specifics have been changed, the



She was 3 months old...



- VOICES provides:
 - Live & on demand classes
 - Introductory gift for first introductions
 - Targeted resource referral
 - Public information sessions for prospective volunteers

She was 3 months old when the CASA volunteer wrapped the new quilt around her. The recent class on advocating for babies echoed in her mind as she asked questions and noted specific needs.

Resources for diapers and a stroller brought relieved tears to the eyes of the grandmother and began to build a connection.

Her decision to become a CASA was validated in that first visit. A visit that would turn into hundreds of hours in support of a child.





• VOICES provides:

- Gas cards for top CASA drivers
- Child Enrichment activities for toddlers to teens
- Opportunities for CASA volunteers to connect with peers

Sibling bonds...

Henry's face lights up when his four year old sister runs up the walkway. Living in separate placements, his CASA has brought her to play.

His sister loved the sensory play at the museum but Henry couldn't stop talking about the pumpkin patch he visited.

As the siblings are reunified with their family, the CASA shares the lessons learned with fellow CASAs and prepares to meet another child who needs her advocacy.





- VOICES provides:
 - Gift cards for essential or urgent needs
 - Resource tools for quick referral to community agencies
 - A Teen Roadmap to guide life skills development and find aging out resources

Thrive... not just survive

17 year old Alex found his placement at a group home challenging and discouraging. To help this youth cope, his CASA volunteer was there on the phone, online and in person to lift spirits.

Trips to Chipotle and being able to try on clothes at Target helped him feel “normal”. His CASA encouraged him to try music and hiking and found the supporting agencies for these resources.

Acting annoyed, but secretly grateful he watches his CASA monitor his school progress and talk about housing, laundry and where to turn for help as he moves closer to aging out of foster care.



It's their story.

It's our why.



#for the children

