



FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

IMPACT REPORT



We are proud to represent CASA of Monterey County's Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers.

On June 30, 2026, we completed our fiscal year, and with this report, we reflect on the successes we achieved and look forward to the future.

CASA's success is anchored by our supporters, who believe deeply in our mission.

They believe every child deserves to be seen. They believe every young person deserves to be heard. And they believe children facing uncertainty deserve someone in their corner.

That belief is reflected in this fiscal year's accomplishments. Highlights include training 35 new advocates, reengaging 22 former CASAs to take on new cases, expanding recruitment efforts in South Monterey County, and hosting two major fundraising events that exceeded our projected goals.

As we look ahead, we face real challenges. State and federal funding are becoming less

reliable. Yet we remain optimistic because we have seen the dedication of this community, which steps up every year to ensure we have the resources needed to fulfill our mission.

The next chapter of CASA will be built on the same values that have guided us for 30 years: compassion, fierce advocacy, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every young person we serve.

We also want to acknowledge Beth Wilbur, who served as Executive Director beginning in 2020 and retired on December 31, 2025. We recognize her outstanding service to CASA and appreciate her support in making this year's leadership transition a success.

Finally, thank you for being part of this work and for helping us inspire brighter futures for our county's most vulnerable children and youth.



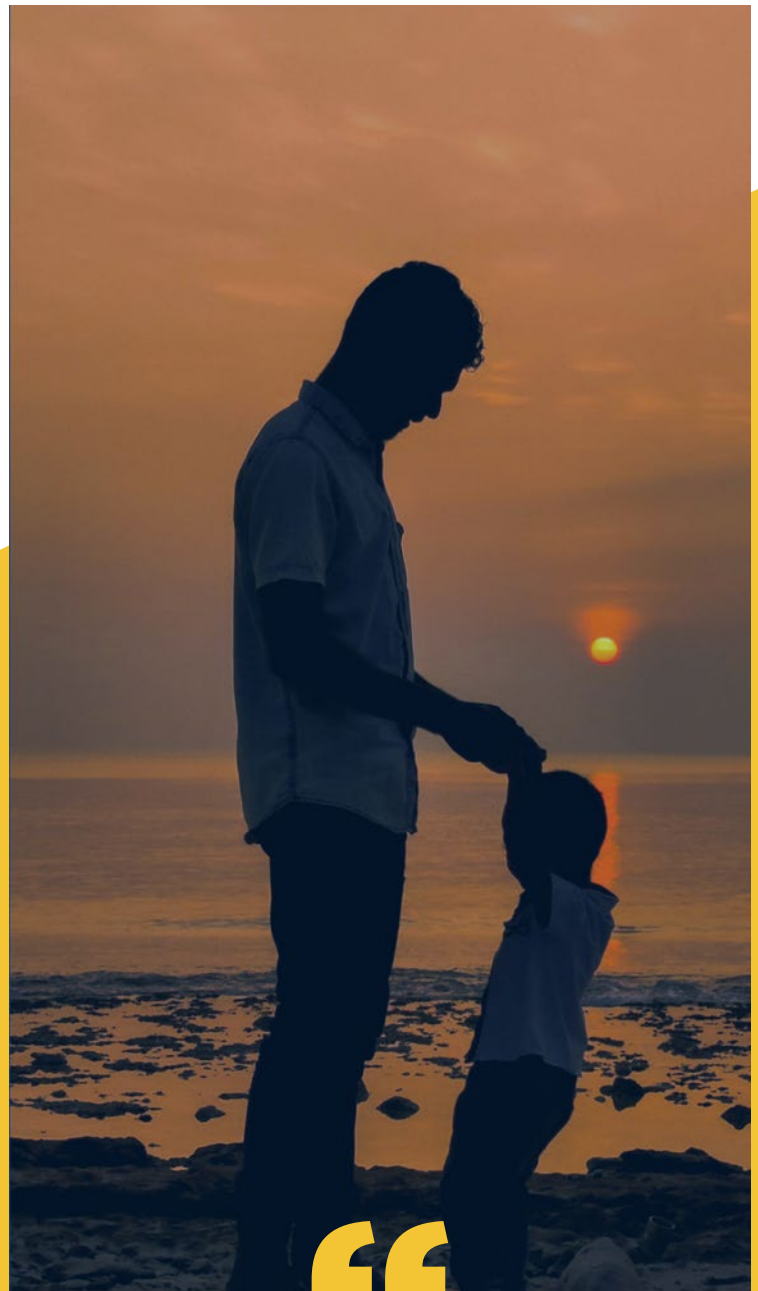
—Juliet Del Rosario
Board Chair



—Gilda Gonzales
Executive Director

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Do the work every day



“Being a CASA has taught me that it’s often the small moments that matter most.

Sharing a laugh, swinging at the park, eating ice cream, or just spending time together.

Those moments build trust, create connection, and remind a child that someone genuinely cares.”

—Julie
CASA Advocate



OUR RESULTS

Make a difference



Total Assigned Volunteers: 155



Total Children/Youth Served: 166



New Children/Youth Served: 57



New CASAs Trained: 35



Active CASAs Re-Assigned: 22



Volunteer Case Hours: 6,939



Volunteer Non-Case Hours: 1,022



Volunteer Miles Driven: 70,398



OUR CASA PROCESS

OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Community showing up for CASA



FORE THE KIDS

On September 22, 2025, CASA's Fore the Kids golf tournament took place at Pasadera. We were joined by an exciting field of golfers and an incredible team of volunteers, making the day a huge success. Together, we raised over \$120,000—our highest total for this event and well above our goal. Once again, we thank our generous sponsors and everyone who participated in this fun event. There was nothing but joy on the golf course and in the clubhouse throughout the day.



FRIENDS OF CASA LUNCHEON

On May 7, 2026, 162 of our closest friends and supporters gathered for lunch at Tehama in support of our mission. The event raised an extraordinary \$215,000—the highest amount ever achieved at this luncheon—thanks in large part to the incredible generosity of our sponsors.

Guests heard powerful remarks from our advocates, as well as a young person who shared her personal story and the profound impact her CASA made in her life. Her testimony was a moving reminder of the difference a dedicated volunteer can make. The luncheon was both inspiring and heartfelt, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of our mission and the lasting impact of CASA advocacy.

OUR IMPACT

The power of showing up

The children and youth served by CASA know what it feels like when things change.

They have experienced multiple moves, new schools, new caregivers, new case plans, and new uncertainties.

They have watched adults enter and leave their lives.

Some have spent years wondering where they belong and what their futures will hold.

In the midst of all that change, CASA volunteers do something powerful.

They show up for court hearings, school meetings, and difficult conversations.

They show up for graduations, soccer games, special events, and trips to the beach.

They show up when a young person needs help enrolling in college.

They show up when a child needs someone to listen.

They show up when life is going well—and when it isn't.

They show up through the milestones, the setbacks, and the ordinary moments in between.

They show up, again and again.

They show up, period.

The details of every story are different. The common thread is not.

Children and youth in foster care work with social workers, attorneys, teachers, therapists, and caregivers.

Each plays an essential role.

A CASA volunteer brings something unique.

They choose to be there. They show up—again and again.

And for the children and youth we serve, that can make all the difference.

One young woman experienced more than 20 placement changes during her time in foster care. Through every move, every school change, and every setback, her CASA continued to show up.

Today, she simply says, "She's got my back."

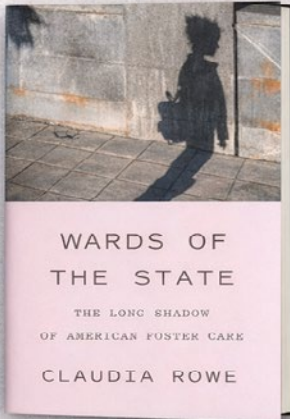
For a first-generation college student pursuing higher education without family support, a CASA showed up with encouragement, guidance, and practical help when unfamiliar systems felt overwhelming.

For an 11-year-old girl facing uncertainty about her future, a CASA showed up to ensure her voice was heard as important decisions about permanency were being made.

And for a young man struggling with instability, repeated moves, and behavioral challenges, a CASA continued to show up until he was able to see a future for himself that had once felt out of reach.

Book Club

Monday, May 18th | 6-8pm in Monterey



Earn 4 Hours of Continuing Education!

- ★ 2 for reading
- ★ 2 for attending

RSVP to Kylie: 831-359-9858

CASA OF MONTEREY COUNTY
18TH ANNUAL
GIFT OF GIVING

We're collecting gifts for our annual *Gift of Giving* event, where CASA youth get to select up to 10 gifts to give to people that are important to them- spreading kindness, gratitude, and connection during the holiday season.

How You Can Help:
We're looking for donations of **new, unwrapped items** for people of all ages.

Prefer to shop online?
Scan the QR code to access our **Amazon Wishlist** and ship directly to us!

Gift ideas: headphones, lotions, tools, blankets, make-up sets, small appliances, holiday gift baskets, car accessories, personal accessories, electronics, home decor, sports equipment, gift cards, etc.

Drop-off location:
CASA of Monterey
945 South Main St., Suite 107
Salinas, CA 93901

Please deliver donations **between Oct 6- December 5**
Monday-Friday
10:00 am- 4:00 pm
Office Closed: 11/27 & 11/28

For questions, contact Maria at maria@casaoftermonterey.org or (831) 222-3943

YOU'RE INVITED!

Advocate
Appreciation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
EARTHBOUND FARM STAND

**CASA OF MONTEREY COUNTY
ANNUAL PICNIC**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BUCKEYE SITE, TORO PARK

Petting Zoo - Face Painting - Raffle Prizes - DJ - Photo Booth - Games - Water Balloons - Dance - BBQ - Desserts!

501 Monterey-Salinas Hwy #68
Salinas, CA 93908

For additional info. contact your picnic co-coordinators:
diane@casaoftermonterey.org & tatiana@casaoftermonterey.org

**DRESS SHOPPING
FIELD TRIP**

Join CASA of Monterey County in visiting the Silicon Valley Princess Project, a wonderful program that provides **FREE** prom/ graduation dresses and accessories for teens in need.

When: Saturday, March 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
From: 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
*Transportation and lunch will be provided!

RSVP to Francesca francesca@casaoftermonterey.org by Friday, March 13!

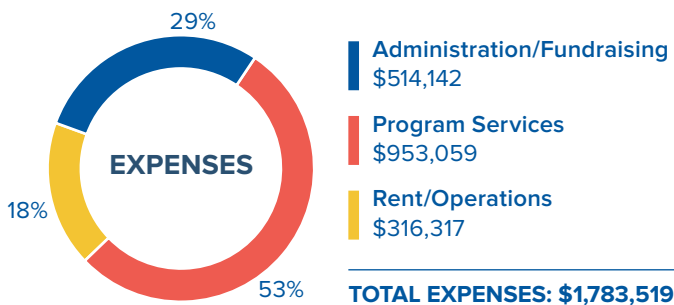
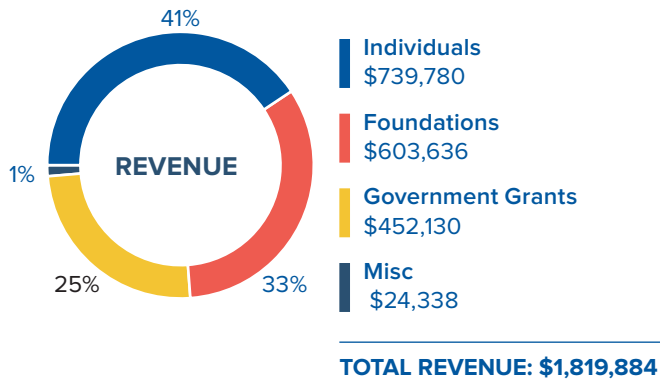
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CASA the princess project

OUR ACTIVITIES

For those we serve

OUR FINANCIALS



* Unaudited Financials

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