



The CASA Voice

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From Ginny's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people and businesses who helped make 2017 such a great year for our kids! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 this year to allow 250 foster kids in Sandoval and Valencia Counties the opportunity to start the new school year with new school clothes, backpacks and supplies. A donation of \$100 can sponsor one child. Many of these children have never had new clothes or proper supplies with which to start the school year. A special thanks to Target and Smith's for providing over 200 backpacks, now let's make sure these kids have new clothes and shoes as well. Please visit our website at www.casapartners4.org and sponsor a child.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Ginny Thomas



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A Look Back



Last year was a great year for our program! We were able to accomplish many things with help from our generous volunteers and donors. In August we provided back to school clothing, backpacks and supplies to 60 children currently in foster care in Sandoval and Valencia Counties. Each child received \$100 along with a backpack full of school supplies donated by the CASA program along with a \$10 gift card and 10% off the total purchase from Target.

In December we furnished 225 Christmas stockings, donated by Presbyterian Health Plan employees for the foster children and families in Valencia County. In Sandoval County we held a Christmas party for 167 guests, which included the foster children, families and some biological families. When you add in all of the CYFD staff, CASA board members and CASA volunteers we had an amazing time and a great turnout. Santa even arrived on a fire truck, what a fantastic day!

We ended the year by providing food boxes for some of the foster families in Valencia County. Often children are fostered by family members who are barely making ends met yet open their homes and hearts to these needy children.

We hope we can count on your support in 2018!

[Meet the Staff]

- ⇒ Ginny Thomas—Executive Director
- ⇒ Teresa Romero—Valencia Volunteer Coordinator
- ⇒ Sheryl Baca—Board President
- ⇒ Mary Roskom—Board Secretary/Treasurer
- ⇒ Judy Sanchez—Board Member
- ⇒ Meredith Doborski—Board Member
- ⇒ Amy Blasing—Board Member
- ⇒ Jan Roberts—Board Member

Volunteer Corner

Our volunteer for the month is Mary Roskom, one of our Board Members. Mary has been involved with CASA for many years, first as a volunteer and then as a member of our Board of Directors. She has been selfless in her dedication to our cause and has been instrumental in our annual Christmas Party for the kids. She now serves as our Secretary/Treasurer and continues to represent CASA in any way she can. She was honored as a Sandoval County Hero by the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners this month, an honor well deserved. Thank you Mary for all you do.

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It's Not!

-Dr. Seuss



Shout Out to Our Donors

- Back to School Fundraiser
Target, Smith's, Staples and Farmers Insurance
- Valencia County Christmas
CYFD Valencia County and Presbyterian Medical Services
- Sandoval County Christmas Party
Intel, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Rio Rancho Fire Department, Sandoval Regional Hospital, Myers' family, Chapman family and Civitans
- Christmas Food Boxes
Nancy Abruzzo and Friends
- Charity Golf Tournaments
Realty one, Keller Williams and Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce.



BREAKING NEWS We have been chosen as the community partner by the Range at Cottonwood. This is a great honor and you will soon be able to pick up our flyers and newsletters at that location.



How Can I Help?

A plea for help: Over 100 children in Valencia County are in desperate need of a CASA. If you are interested please contact us.

Consider sponsoring a child for our back to school drive: \$100 will allow a child to have new clothes and shoes to start off the school year

Want to get involved?

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