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*Since CASA's formation as a 501c3 organization in July of 2005, serving the foster children of Solano County, the need for CASA volunteers and requisite support staff has increased dramatically. In July of 2005, CASA had served 54 children involved in the Solano County child welfare system. In the calendar year 2017, CASA served 183 children and provided over 225 services. The value of these services was over one million dollars. We continue to provide the highest quality and improved service with a staff that has not grown since 2005. Our staff is stretched thin and we are required by the National CASA mandates to have one volunteer supervisor per 45 cases. We are therefore in need of additional staffing to meet this criteria and we need to fill these positions with fairly compensated, professional supervisors. The goal of the organization is to serve every child in foster care who needs a CASA by the year 2020 and we are well on the way to achieving these results but will need additional staffing to do it well and professionally. An additional \$50,000 from the county on an annual basis will help us toward our goal of achieving these desired staffing levels.*

*CASA has also recently agreed to become a lead agency in providing educational advocacy for children in Solano County's Child Welfare system. In order to achieve this, we will need to add to our advocate training as well as provide support services from among our staff.*

*In addition, we have been working diligently to find donated resources for our children and have found quite a bit of success. We now have a "CASA Closet" stocked with clothing, shoes, school supplies and toys that are available to ALL foster children in Solano County, not just those who have been assigned a CASA advocate. Due to our success, we have run out of space for the amount of donations we have received and we have no place to store the items. Our offices are overrun with items. Even with youth coming in on a regular basis to get these much needed items, we have new items coming in regularly and we need to have a wide variety of sizes and styles available at all times. We understand that there may be additional county space available or coming available within the courthouse and we would request additional space to help us have room not only for our staff but for our "closet".*

*Thank you for supporting the ones who are most vulnerable and need our help most, the foster children of Solano County.*



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*Sincerely,*

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