

The Child's Voice CASA CIS Quarterly Newsletter

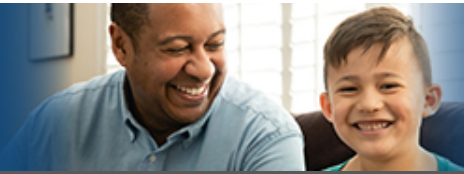


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Save the Date: Evening Under the Stars - A Celebration of Heroes



Mark your calendars for our 29th Annual Evening Under the Stars gala, reimagined this year as A Celebration of Heroes. We are delighted to welcome you to an unforgettable evening of philanthropy, inspiration, and celebration in support of abused and neglected children in our community. Join us on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the beautiful **Westfields Marriott** for a formal gala honoring the heroes who make our mission possible.

This year's theme celebrates the everyday heroes among us: our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners whose compassion, generosity, and commitment create brighter futures for children in need. Guests are invited to embrace their inner hero with elegant

evening attire and a subtle touch of superhero-inspired flair. Together, we will shine a light on the power of hope and the extraordinary impact that caring individuals can have on the life of a child. Whether you are attending for the first time or returning as a cherished supporter, we look forward to sharing this meaningful and memorable evening with you.

We are also proud to honor **BION, inc.** as this year's Impact Award recipient in recognition of their outstanding commitment to charitable giving and community support. This award is presented with special recognition to Josie Geiger, Don Ripley, and Ed Devlin for their leadership and dedication through the BION Charity Golf Classic. Please join us as we celebrate this remarkable team and the difference they continue to make in our community.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are now available [here](#).

For your convenience, a limited block of guest rooms has been reserved at a reduced rate for gala attendees. You can find them [here](#).

Leadership Update: Passing the Baton, and Carrying the Mission Forward!



We're excited to share a leadership transition at CASA Children's Intervention Services, one that reflects both continuity and strength for the future of our mission.

Following the retirement of Executive Director Linda Krieg at the end of March, we extend our deepest gratitude for her years of impactful leadership and dedicated service. Linda's vision and commitment strengthened our programs, expanded community support, and inspired both staff and volunteers. Her lasting contributions have helped shape the organization we are today, and we wish her all the best in this new chapter.

We're proud to share that Kristen Dobbyn has stepped into the role of Executive Director. Having served with CASA CIS since 2020, most recently as Program Director, Kristen brings deep experience, trusted leadership, and a strong commitment to the children and families we serve. Her longstanding role within the organization ensures a seamless transition and continued stability for our programs.

We're also thrilled to promote Megan Ozuna to Program Director. Megan's journey, from volunteer in 2019 to Child Advocacy Supervisor in 2021, reflects her deep dedication to our mission. Her years of hands-on experience mean our advocacy programs will continue without interruption, guided by someone who truly understands the heart of this work.

Because both Kristen and Megan have grown within CASA CIS, this transition allows us to move forward with consistency, strong relationships, and unwavering support for our children, volunteers, and community. Thank you to our advocates, volunteers, and partners

for being part of this journey. Together, we continue to ensure every child has a voice and a caring adult by their side.

Recent Community Support

We are incredibly grateful to share that more than \$100,000 was raised for CASA CIS through **BION, inc.**'s Charity Golf Classic! What made this event so special wasn't just the competition or the prizes, but the incredible community behind it. From generous sponsors to the players who showed up and gave it their all, every contribution helped move this effort forward.

While we love celebrating the winners and their well-earned prizes, the true winners are the children we serve every day. These funds will directly support the children served by CASA. Thank you to BION and everyone who helped make this year's Charity Golf Classic such a meaningful success!



We were grateful to join community leaders and partners at **Amazon's** Rise & Recognize: A Community Impact Gathering last month! It was an inspiring event focused on collaboration, service, and the collective efforts shaping stronger communities across Loudoun and Prince William counties.

It was incredible to connect with organizations dedicated to meaningful change and to celebrate the recipients of the 2026 Amazon Community Funds. Events like these are a powerful reminder of what can happen when nonprofits, businesses, and local partners come together with a shared purpose.

A sincere thank you to **Amazon** and the **Prince William County Community Foundation** for hosting such a thoughtful and impactful gathering. We're proud to be part of a community committed to creating positive, lasting change.

We're proud to be a recipient of the **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's** Children & Youth Development Fund, an investment that strengthens our ability to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. With this support, we can continue to stand beside children in court, ensuring their voices are heard and their best interests are

represented during some of the most critical moments in their lives. This funding helps us reach more children and provide the consistent advocacy they need for safety, stability, and a brighter future.

We're grateful for this investment in protecting and supporting vulnerable children across Northern Virginia.



We're thrilled to share that **PATH Foundation** has awarded CASA CIS a grant to support our work advocating for children in the child welfare system. PATH Foundation invests in nonprofits and government agencies whose goals in wellness and community improvement align with their values, and we're honored to be among them! Their generosity helps ensure that every child has a voice in court and a caring adult by their side.



PATH FOUNDATION



Halftime is a self-proclaimed amateur band beginning the second half of their lives. A dentist by profession, but a musician at heart, Dr. Philip Koh decided to put together a band in adulthood. Every year, he puts on a concert right in his office at **Chantilly Dental & Implant**, with donations going to their chosen charity. They chose CASA CIS as the recipient of the donations again this year, and we could not be more grateful!

A special shoutout to Joanne Yi, one of our fantastic Guardians ad Litem, who recommended our organization as the recipient!

Beat the Odds Awards

The **Prince William County Bar Association**, in association with the **Prince William County Bar Foundation** and local government agencies, proudly sponsors the nationally recognized Beat the Odds® program, originally developed by the National Children's Defense Fund for the benefit of local youth. Each year, with financial support from the Prince William County Bar Foundation, \$40,000.00 in scholarships and awards are presented to deserving youth, affirming their achievements in the face of adversity and encouraging other youth in similar circumstances to strive to succeed.

This year, our Executive Director, Kristen Dobbyn, and Program Director, Megan Ozuna, had the honor of attending the Beat the Odds Celebration and Awards Banquet alongside one of our dedicated advocates, Jim Beasley. CASA CIS is proud to sponsor one of the scholarships awarded during this inspiring event, in honor of our former Executive Director, Linda Krieg.

These remarkable young people have faced challenges including abuse, neglect, substance abuse, mental health struggles, truancy, and involvement with the juvenile justice system, yet they continue to persevere and succeed. Award recipients are nominated by guidance counselors, probation officers, case workers, and other caring professionals who recognize their resilience, determination, and growth. The annual banquet provides an inspiring opportunity for the community to celebrate and support these outstanding youth and their accomplishments.

The evening was especially meaningful as the young man Jim has advocated for over the past four years received an award. Witnessing the impact of long-term advocacy and support was a powerful reminder of why this work matters.



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Our annual Advocate Appreciation Picnic was definitely a chilly one this year, but that didn't stop us from coming together and celebrating the people who make our work possible!

We are so thankful for the dedicated advocates who give their time, energy, and compassion to support children in our community. Their commitment is truly what keeps our organization going, and we couldn't do this work without them.



Wellness in Action



We had a great time bringing our advocates and staff together for an axe-throwing outing as part of our commitment to prioritizing wellness and connection.

Thanks to the support of the **Northern Virginia Health Foundation**, we're able to invest in opportunities that center the well-being and mental health of the people who show up every day for our community. We're grateful for the chance to pause, connect, and recharge together!

A big thank you to **Heroic Axe** in Warrenton for hosting us! This veteran-owned business provided the perfect space for our team to unwind and have a little friendly competition.

Mission in Motion

First Friday in Warrenton and the Sperryville Spring Festival

We've had a wonderful time connecting with our community at local events this season! At this year's **SperryFest**, Child Advocacy Supervisors Alyssa, Fatima, and Tori enjoyed celebrating community, building connections, and sharing our mission with families and supporters. We are grateful to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming community.

We also had the opportunity to participate in **First Friday** in Warrenton's Nonprofit Night, an event designed to help community members get acquainted with local charitable organizations and learn more about the important work happening throughout our region. It was a great chance to connect with residents, answer questions about our programs, and raise awareness about how CASA CIS advocates for abused and neglected children.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello, learn about our mission, and support the work we do. We are fortunate to serve in communities that care so deeply about making a difference for children and families.

May Advocate Training



MAY 26, 2026

Three new advocates were sworn in by the Honorable Katherine McCollam. Welcome Sarah, Alyssa, and Aziza!

Last month, we had the honor of attending the swearing-in ceremony for our three newest advocates. This class was small and purposeful, allowing us to introduce the state's newly rolled-out training program with care and intention. It was a tremendous success! A heartfelt thank you to our board members, Pam Moody and Brad Marshall, for coming out to show their continued support.

Our next training begins in October! To join an upcoming virtual info session, please inquire at info@casacis.org for more information.

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