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Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the return of the **Friends of CASA Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show** to be held on **Thursday, December 8, 2022** at the beautiful and newly reimagined **VEA Newport Beach**, a Marriott Resort & Spa in Newport Beach, California. On behalf of Friends of CASA, we invite you to participate in the Silent Auction portion of our event. Your donation will help us raise funds to recruit and train CASA OC volunteers who provide a powerful voice and meaningful connection to children in Orange County who have experienced abuse, neglect and abandonment.

*Last year, your generous contributions enabled us to swear-in 209 new CASA volunteers to mentor and advocate on behalf of youth in foster care. These CASAs are often the one stable, trustworthy adult providing support and guidance through the most turbulent time of their lives.*

Over the past two and a half years, we have seen the CASA waitlist grow longer and the volunteer numbers get smaller as we emerge from the impacts of the pandemic. Today there are a staggering 3,500 Orange County children in foster care in need of a caring adult in their life to guide them, hold their hand and be their voice.

Please help us in raising the funds to support CASA OC during this difficult time. Our Holiday Luncheon is our primary fundraiser for CASA OC, and in 2021 raised over \$525,000 in net proceeds. The Silent Auction portion of our event is always popular with our guests and is a significant contributor to revenue for this event. We encourage you to take part in this opportunity and to know that your donation not only helps to support a worthy cause, but also provides business exposure to over 450 discerning and influential guests.

We appreciate your time and thank you for considering donating to our event. We want to acknowledge your generous contribution in our recognition materials and will need your donation by **November 8th** in order to meet publication deadlines. For more information on the CASA Holiday Luncheon, please visit **[www.CASAHolidayLuncheon.com](http://www.CASAHolidayLuncheon.com)** and be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook at **@casaoc**. If you have additional questions feel free to contact our CASA Events Manager, Debbie Masek at 714.619.5140 or **[dmasek@casaoc.org](mailto:dmasek@casaoc.org)**.

Thank you for making the difference in the lives of local youth in foster care.

Sincerely,

Nadia Bess  
2022 Silent Auction Co-Chair

Natalie Midlock  
2022 Silent Auction Co-Chair

#### MISSION STATEMENT

CASA provides a powerful voice and a meaningful connection for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and abandonment.

**CASAHOLIDAYLUNCHEON.COM | 1505 E. 17TH STREET 214, SANTA ANA, CA 92705 | MAIN 714.619.5151 | FAX 714.619.5152 | #33-0069334**



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## 2022 FRIENDS OF CASA AUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

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### SILENT AUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

#### Donation Value of \$10,000+

- Full Screen Special Visual Recognition at the Event
- Company Logo on CASA Holiday Luncheon Website
- Link to Company Website on the Event Website

#### Donation Value of \$5,000+

- Half Screen Special Visual Recognition at the Event
- Company Logo on CASA Holiday Luncheon Website
- Link to Company Website on the Event Website

#### Donation Value of \$2,500+

- Company Logo on CASA Holiday Luncheon Website
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- You will be contacted regarding program/artwork specs.
- All program artwork must be submitted in 300dpi, PDF, JPEG, or EPS, by November 17th.

### EVENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The Friends of CASA Holiday Luncheon is seen as one of the most fashionable and premier social events in all of Orange County and has been recognized within the top 5 highest netting luncheons in Orange County per the Orange County Business Journal. You will be promoting to over 450 of Orange County's most discerning consumers who are looking for unique high-end retail items and services. Holiday Luncheon attendees are primarily married females with children, 35-55 years of age living in the beautiful communities of Newport Beach, Irvine and Laguna Beach.

### SILENT AUCTION CO-CHAIRS

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*Please visit the website [www.CASAHolidayLuncheon.com](http://www.CASAHolidayLuncheon.com) for more information about this event*

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Your gift to CASA is fully tax-deductible to the extent of the law, as CASA is a non-profit 501 (c)(3). Tax ID: 33-0069334. Thank you for your support!



# 2022 FRIENDS OF CASA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

AUCTION DONATION FORM | Thursday, December 8, 2022 • VEA Newport Beach

Donor's Name *(as you would like to be recognized)*

Business/Contact Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Committee Member Name

Email:

Phone:

Item Description *(Continue on back or attach an additional sheet):*

Item Restrictions *(Black out dates, expirations, age limits, etc.):*

Estimated Value:

Please Check One:

☐ Donation Enclosed

☐ To Be Delivered

☐ To Be Picked Up

☐ Please Create Certificate

Signature:

**PLEASE MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX THE COMPLETED FORM BY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 TO:**

CASA of Orange County  
1505 E. 17th Street, Suite 214, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Attn: CASA Holiday Luncheon  
auction@casaooc.org  
www.CASAHolidayLuncheon.com | Phone: 714.619.5141 | Fax: 714.619.5152

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# AS SEEN IN

# Modern Luxury

## ORANGE COUNTY

ON THE SCENE

## PUTTIN' ON THE GLITZ



**THE PARTY** The enchantment of the holiday season was alive and well at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel where 420 guests gathered for the annual **Friends of CASA Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show**. The generosity of its attendees directly affect abused, neglected and abandoned children throughout Orange County. **THE PEOPLE** Nicol Inal and Janine Wald took the reins as this year's chairs while the 62 members of the Friends of CASA (FOCASA) donated their time and effort under the leadership of President Colleen Masterson.

CASA CEO Regan Phillips welcomed attendees to the sit-down luncheon.

**THE PINNACLE** Deborah Keillor produced a fabulous fashion show featuring looks from Weekend Max Mara and South Coast Plaza before keynote speaker and former foster youth Ashley Rhodes-Courter shared her inspiring story of survival. Records were smashed thanks to the day's fundraising total—more than \$522,000. Bravo!

BY ALLISON MITCHELL



(1) Jaynine Warner (2) CASA Orange County Board of Directors Chair Parry Juarez with CEO Regan Phillips (3) Co-chairs Janine Wald and Nicole Inal (4) Nancy Eaton and Lourdes De Quillien (5) Barclay Butera (6) A model showed off a look from Weekend Max Mara. (7) Keynote speaker Ashley Rhodes-Courter

(8) The lovely Lauren Wong (9) A model worked the runway in Weekend Max Mara. (10) Valerie Ramsay, Friends of CASA President Colleen Masterson and Sandi Marino shared a toast. (11) A look at the outdoor reception at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel. (12) Inga Sanders-Marcereau smiled as she enjoyed CASA's Starfish Wish trees.



PHOTOS BY JOHN WATKINS



# THE CHALLENGE:

There are over 3,450 children and young adults under the jurisdiction of the Dependency Court in Orange County - which is overburdened and underfunded. The Dependency Court hears cases about children (minors) who are abused or neglected

The average judge handles more than 800 cases per year; the average social worker carries up to 40 cases at one time, and an attorney may have over 100 cases at any moment

1 in 5 former youth in dependency will become homeless within one year of emancipating

Only 58% of youth in dependency will graduate from high school.

By the age of 24, more than 50% of former youth in dependency will be unemployed.



## THE SOLUTION:

### ADVOCACY

- In court advocacy and recommendations
- Educational Advocacy & Individual Education Program (IEP) Assessments
- Trauma-Informed Advocacy
- Mental Health Advocacy (assessments & therapeutic treatments)
- Family Connections Advocacy
- Early intervention support to prevent long term foster care status

### MENTORSHIP

- Two year commitment
- Outings twice a month with the child

## THE CASA IMPACT

A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to have better outcomes: children tended to perform better academically and behaviorally in school as measured by whether or not they passed all of their courses, whether or not they were expelled, and their conduct performance.



OC children in foster care with a CASA advocate have a 92% high school graduation rate, compared to the 58% national average



A child with a CASA volunteer is half as likely to re-enter the child welfare system and more likely to achieve permanent placement



In four out of five dependency cases, all or almost all CASA volunteer recommendations are accepted by the court



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