It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas ...

A message from our Executive Director



The hustle and bustle of the holiday season are upon us; the colder weather, snow in the mountains, and the lights and décor all lend to the spirit of the holiday season. Our offices are filled with holiday gifts for our CASA kids and families and we are overwhelmed with gratitude for all those who have given so generously of themselves – as volunteers, as donors, as partners – to bring joy to our children this holiday season.

The holidays are a time to make happy memories with family and friends. But they can be a very difficult time of year for El Dorado County youth who have experienced abuse or neglect. These children

are attending court hearings, adjusting to new foster homes, new schools, and wondering what, if any, a Christmas celebration may look like this year. That is a heavy burden for a child to carry alone.

On any given day this holiday season, over 100 CASA volunteers in El Dorado County are showing up for our children, helping them find hope for a brighter future. As their constant, caring and consistent adult, our CASAs give their hearts and time to go above and beyond in service, especially during this season; coordinating holiday gifts through the Community Giving Trees, taking their CASA kids shopping, seeing a movie, or attending a local magic show. We know that children with a CASA volunteer have significantly higher levels of hope. When a child has more hope, they are also more likely to succeed in school, have greater self-control, increased optimism and a higher overall sense of wellbeing.

As we move into 2023, CASA El Dorado will continue to serve our at-risk community youth and families. Through our advocacy programs, we will continue to provide hope for brighter futures, and help our community youth thrive. We cannot do this alone. Your generous support makes our work on behalf of these children and families possible and we thank you.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

Together in hope for our Children,

Amy Pooley Executive Director

Community Partner Events



CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado unit is hosting their annual Christmas Open House event at Station 43, located at 5660 Motherlode Drive, Placerville CA 95667, from 10 AM to 3 PM on December 17 and 18. This long-standing event helps support local foster youth service organizations with monetary and holiday gift donations. Funds and toys collected from CAL FIRE staff and generous community members will be donated to two local nonprofit organizations serving El Dorado County at-risk youth; New Morning Youth and Family Services and CASA El Dorado. Attendees are asked to bring a donation of an unwrapped toy and/or monetary donations in support of CAL FIRE's overreaching goal to create a brighter holiday season for El Dorado County foster youth. Please come see us!





As a champion of our work, JoEllen Brooks is hosting an Ugly Sweater Christmas party at Crystal Basin Cellars (3550 Carson Road, Camino, CA) and collecting wrapped gifts for our CASA youth. If you are interested in going to this free event you can find the link to RSVP below along with further details.

> RSVP to JoEllen



Dr. Jeffrey Kwong Orthodontics' office is collecting toys for CASA kiddos. Visit their office today to see which wishes are still left on their Giving Tree! CASA El Dorado will be at their offices on December 13th to pick up unwrapped gifts. His office is located at 4693 Golden Foothill Pkwy El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.



Hope needs a helping hand.

Your contributions provide direct, lifechanging services and powerful advocacy for the children & families we serve. Thank you for supporting our program.

> Donate Today!

First 2023 CASA Training Starts January 16

CASA volunteers work together with a child's family of origin, foster family, social workers, attorneys, therapists, and CASA program staff to build a long-term support network. They help kids plan for a future that's more hopeful than their past. Help change a child's story, become an advocate.

Our first training of 2023 kicks off on January 16! Connect with our Program Director, Rose to learn more.



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