

CASA of Monterey County

OUR ACCOUNTABILITY

IRS Status 501(c)3 – Tax exempt, public benefit corporation
Tax ID # 77-0398079
Date of Incorporation: March 17, 1995

Mission statement:

To recruit, screen, train, and supervise volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected, and abandoned children in the Juvenile Superior Court system of Monterey County.

Commitment:

The Association of Fundraising Professionals has outlined several categories relevant to best practices for non-profit organizations. Included are mission fulfillment, leadership of behalf of the public interest, stewardship, and quality.

Based on the guidelines set forth, CASA of Monterey County understands and accepts the following practices to help us create an accountable, non-profit agency. We are responsible to our donors, supporters, volunteers, and community, in addition to the children and the courts; therefore, CASA of Monterey County pledges the following:

- ♦ Our program exists to enhance our community by advocating for the best interest of abused, neglected, or abandoned children in the Juvenile Dependency System of Monterey County.
- ♦ We pledge to do what we say we will do and maintain relevance, by meeting changes in our environment and community, and adhering to program structure and procedures, which enable us to accomplish our mission.
- ♦ We adhere to program standards set for by the National CASA Association as well as comply with local court rules and Rule 1424 of the Judicial Council of California.
- ♦ We freely share accurate information about our governance, finances and operations.
- ♦ We maintain effective governance and management.
- ♦ We provide adequate resources, managing resources effectively, supporting and recognizing volunteers, and appropriately compensating staff.
- ♦ We avoid conflicts of interests and abuse of power.
- ♦ We have in place a clear grievance procedure and fiscal control policies.
- ♦ We strive to achieve excellence in all aspects of the organization.
- ♦ We evaluate the total organization and its outcomes on an ongoing basis.
- ♦ As appropriate, we will create opportunities to educate the public, other non-profits, local businesses, and government about issues related to child abuse and care of children.
- ♦ We promote inclusiveness and diversity within our agency and on a broader level, within society.

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DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

We honor the following donor bill of rights. If your experience, as a donor to CASA of Monterey County, does not reflect these principles, please contact the Executive Director or Board of Directors.

PHILANTHROPY is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

I.

To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes

II.

To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities

III.

To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements

IV.

To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given

V.

To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition

VI.

To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law

VII.

To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature

VIII.

To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors

IX.

To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share

X.

To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers

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