

## Navigating New Beginnings; A New Year's Message from the Executive Director:

Happy 2024! As we embark on a brand-new chapter, may this year bring you joy, success, and many accomplishments. Take a moment to reflect on the past and set inspiring goals for the future. I'm looking forward to a busy year for CASA of San Benito County! We anticipate a bustling schedule of events, informational sessions, training new advocates, and ongoing efforts to positively impact the lives of foster children. Thank you for your unwavering support, we're excited to journey through 2024 and share more memorable moments with you all!

Rosy Segura, CASA of San Benito County's Executive Director

### New Horizons: CASA's Vision for the New Year Ahead!

As we step into the new year, CASA is thrilled to share some exciting plans that lie ahead. Brace yourselves for a year filled with inspiration, learning and community engagement!

- 1. *Advocate Empowerment Sessions:* Get ready for enlightening information sessions tailored for our advocates. These gatherings will feature guest speakers, providing a platform to learn, share, and strengthen the bond that makes CASA truly special.
- 2. *Community Awareness Sessions:* CASA is passionate about spreading the word on what it means to be an Advocate. Join us for community informational sessions where we unpack the invaluable role of a CASA Advocate. Let's inspire others to join our mission and make a lasting impact in the lives of foster children.
- **3**. *Mini Podcast Sessions:* Prepare for a dose of inspiration! In the near future, CASA hopes to launch mini podcast sessions featuring influential speakers discussing topics close to our mission. Get ready to tune into insightful conversations that resonate with the heart of CASA.

*As we embark on these new ventures, we invite you to be a part of our journey. Together, let's make 2024 a year of growth, learning and positive impact.* 

#### 2023 Pajama Drive Success: A Heartwarming Collaboration with Diane Diaz-Hopkins Insurance!

We're overjoyed to extend our deepest gratitude to the Diane Diaz-Hopkins Insurance Team and our incredible community for making this year's Pajama Drive an extraordinary success!

Thanks to your generosity, all pajamas collected have become a special part of our Holiday Project Presents, bringing joy and comfort to our foster kids. It's heartwarming to witness the positive impact we can create when we come together.

(Pictured, Diane Diaz-Hopkins)

As we reflect on the success of 2023, we're already looking forward to this



year's Pajama Drive. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact and create lasting memories for our foster kids.

# Decking the Halls of Hope: CASA of San Benito County's Successful 2023 Holiday Project!

We're thrilled to share the wonderful news of the triumph of our 2023 Holiday Project! The success of this initiative wouldn't have been possible without the incredible generosity of our numerous sponsors, who went above and beyond to shop for our foster kids' Christmas Wishlist.

Thanks to their kindness, our foster kids enjoyed a joyous holiday season filled with smiles and warmth. The impact of this project has truly been a success, bringing happiness to the lives of those we care for.

A big thank you also goes out to all of our dedicated Advocates, exemplified by the wonderful Bobbie Rosnik *(pictured)*, for delivering the Holiday Project gifts. Your commitment to delivering joy to the youth we serve is truly inspiring.

This collaborative effort embodies the spirit of giving and community support, and we couldn't be more grateful for each and every one of you. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season filled with warmth and appreciation.



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CASA's Spectacular Partnership: Embracing the Season of Giving with United for San Benito's 12 Days of Giving



12 Days of Giving is a community campaign to raise funds for nonprofits who provide life-sustaining services to San Benito County Residents. United for San Benito collects designated donations between Dec. 1 and Dec. 12, adds funds

raised during the Gala, and sends them to these participating agencies: Sun Street Centers, CASA of San Benito County, Community Foodbank, Emmaus House and Senior Legal Services.

Heartfelt Appreciation to everyone who joined us in supporting the 12 Days of Giving Campaign! Your generosity has made an incredible impact- raising over \$104,972.63 collectively across the 5 participating nonprofits. This meaningful contribution will be shared among the organizations, empowering our mission to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the San Benito County court system. Thank you for being a crucial part of this success!

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#### Transforming the lives of Foster-Youth: Volunteer-Advocate Training Scheduled for Spring 2024:

Make a lasting impact in a child's life! If you or someone you know can spare a few hours a month, consider becoming an advocate for foster children in San Benito County. There's a waitlist, and your support can make a significant difference!

Contact CASA at (831) 637-4992 for further details on how you can be a positive force in a child's journey.

Become a Volunteer-Advocate Today!

### Countdown to Indulgence: Your Annual Sip, Savor & Celebrate Awaits!



Anticipation is building! Stay tuned for details on our upcoming annual Sip, Savor & Celebrate Fundraising Event. Get ready to celebrate and support CASA, it's time to make a difference and savor the moments together!

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