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CARE along with Mervyn's East Hills Child Spree provide back to school clothes for CASA Children

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County is excited to announce that **Children's Advocates Resource Endowment-CARE** has once again provided the matching funds to provide back to school clothes and supplies for 40 abused and neglected children assigned to the CASA Program. The funds will be matched by **Mervyn's East Hills** so the children will get to shop with their CASA volunteer(s) during the annual **Mervyn's Child Spree** on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the East Hills Mall.

Every year, each Mervyns store partners with non-profit organizations and school partners to provide participating underprivileged children with a \$100 shopping spree and a 15% discount to purchase new clothes, shoes and accessories. Mervyns' associates are proud to volunteer at this annual event, which has helped thousands of kids go back to school with new clothes and the confidence they need to succeed. A company-wide tradition since 1992, Mervyns' award-winning ChildSpree program has donated more than \$18.6 million and served more than 186,000 children.

*CASA of Kern County – a non-profit organization that trains community volunteers to speak
for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court – is a member of the
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