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CASA of Kern County Receives Grant from the Junior League of Bakersfield to Enhance the Self-Advocacy Skills of Pre-Emancipated Foster Youth

September 25, 2008 — The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County is excited to announce that the Junior League of Bakersfield has awarded CASA with an **Enabling Grant in the amount of \$2,000.**

The grant will fund activities to enhance the self-advocacy skills of 25 pre-emancipated foster youth by empowerment and education (i.e. trips to colleges, vocational schools, places of business, and other related outings). The project youth will be assisted in assuming appropriate levels of responsibility by providing them with educational materials and resource directories related to health care needs and services of teens and the rights of youth in foster care.

CASA of Kern County is so grateful for the ongoing support we have received from the community since our very inception fourteen years ago. CASA has “increased” our CASA volunteers and “increased” the children reached. As of today, we have reached 1,623 abused and neglected children with one on one advocacy.

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 National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association.