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## **Kern Community Foundation awards \$1,000 to CASA as part of the 2008 KCF Discretionary Grant Program**

**Angelo Haddad, Kern Community Foundation Board Member**, presented the grant award of \$1,000 to **Colleen A. McGauley, CASA Executive Director** during the CASA Board Meeting on July 15, 2008. The grant will cover the expenses for the Department of Justice/Criminal Background Screening and the Child Abuse Central Index Search for 11 CASA volunteers who will be in the October 2008 training class. A background screening is required by each CASA program per California Rules of Court 5.655.

CASA was one of 21 nonprofit organizations in Kern County to receive a Discretionary Grant this year. The mission of the Kern Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for all the people of Kern County by encouraging philanthropy, providing services to donors and assisting those who serve to meet the needs of the community.

*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.*