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## **CASA of Kern County Receives Grant from Target for Case Management Oversight**

**September 25, 2008** — CASA of Kern County today announced a partnership with Target<sup>®</sup> in recognition of its efforts in advocating for abused and neglected children. The grant will help provide case management oversight and support the CASA volunteers from the community who advocate for children that are the victims of family violence and part of the dependency system through no fault of their own. As sworn officers of the juvenile court, CASA volunteers speak for those children in the courtroom setting.

This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. Since opening its doors, Target has given 5 percent of its income to organizations that support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. Today that translates to more than \$3 million every week.

“At Target, our local grants are making a difference in the communities we serve,” said Laysha Ward, vice president, community relations, Target. “We’re proud to partner with CASA of Kern County as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

*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.*