



Voices for Children Community Ambassadors Council Responsibilities FY2017-2018

History

The Community Ambassadors Council evolved from the Community Advisory Council (CAC), a group which was formed in 2010 by the VFC Board of Directors. The CAC, in both iterations, is comprised of noted community leaders, including past Board members and current supporters, who have expertise and a commitment to helping Voices for Children achieve its mission.

Purpose of the Community Ambassadors Council

As its name implies, we expect the members of the CAC to be “ambassadors” for the vision of Voices for Children to *Serve Every Child* with a CASA who needs one. The *Serve Every Child* initiative aims to recruit, train, and provide Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Ambassadors have been invited to serve because they:

1. Demonstrate a passionate interest in foster care and in the mission of VFC;
2. Served as an outstanding member of the Board of Directors;
3. Have a professional expertise that benefits VFC ; or
4. Are recognized as a community leader who can bring awareness and recognition to the work of our CASA volunteers.

Members of the Council are requested to:

- Serve as ambassadors for VFC in the community, advocating on behalf of the organization and letting individuals, foundations, and corporations know that this is a valued charity and a sound investment.
- Make an annual financial contribution of at least \$2,500 along with a commitment to assist in obtaining philanthropic support from others.
- Attend and participate in as many key events *as possible* such as *Starry Starry Night*, *Golf Tournament*, *Wine, Women & Shoes*, *Celebrating Achievement* (a party for foster children graduating from high school), the annual *Judge's Luncheon*, and others.
- Assist with CASA recruitment and recommend new candidates for the Board or CAC, thus widening the scope of VFC in the community and reaching new audiences.

Members

The Governance Committee of the VFC Board nominates individuals to be part of the Community Ambassadors Council. The Committee looks for people with an interest in foster care, philanthropy, and improving the juvenile dependency system. The Governance Committee also appoints the CAC Chair each year in July.

Terms: Members are appointed for a two-year renewable term.

Special Community Ambassador Events

The CAC is invited to two exclusive social events/gatherings a year, in Spring and Fall. At these events, members are updated by the President/CEO and guest speakers on important issues surrounding the foster care system and the work of Voices for Children. Members are also briefed about the organization's current successes and challenges as well as its future direction.