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Starry Starry Night Raises \$1.5 Million in Support of Voices for Children

*2018 Event Chaired by Becca and Jason Craig,
Cambra and Randy Finch, and Zoe and Eric Kleinbub*

(October 16, 2018) San Diego, CA – Starry Starry Night, the signature event of Voices for Children (VFC), was held on Saturday, September 29, at the Sahm Estate at Del Dios Ranch. The 16th annual gala grossed \$1.5 million in support of Voices for Children and its volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. With the funds raised through Starry Starry Night, Voices for Children will be able to provide a CASA volunteer to hundreds of abused, abandoned, or neglected children in San Diego County.

DETAILS: Guests mingled during cocktail hour in the Sahm Estate's magnificent pool house with signature drinks by Snake Oil Cocktail Co. Guests enjoyed a custom, gourmet menu by Chef Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grille. Attendees bid on an exciting Live Auction, including a week at the Hanalei Bay House in Kauai.

A highlight of the event was the premiere of "Dear CASA," a short film produced by Briefcase Studios, in which a foster youth named Josh surprises his volunteer CASA, Tim, with a heartfelt letter of gratitude. Through Josh's own voice, the video reveals how one caring adult can have a lasting impact in a child's life.

Voices for Children President & CEO John Valencia expressed his gratitude to all of the evening's supporters for their generosity, "The 16th annual Starry Starry Night was an unforgettable evening. We are so grateful to our Starry Starry Night co-chairs, Becca and Jason Craig, Cambra and Randy Finch, and Zoe and Eric Kleinbub, and to all the supporters who will help to make it possible for Voices for Children to provide a CASA to every child in San Diego County who needs one this year."

WHO: Event chairs Becca and Jason Craig, Cambra and Randy Finch, and Zoe and Eric Kleinbub welcomed more than 400 Voices for Children friends and supporters, including many members of the Gala Honorary Committee: Casey and Mac Armstrong, Kathryn Ashworth, Esq. and the Hon. Thomas Ashworth III (Ret), Mary and Rolf Benirschke, Lauri and William Brennan, Patty Cohen, Nazeli Dertsakian, Mary Ann and Derek Eisele, Gina and Ray Ellis, Lisette and Mick Farrell, AnneElise and Andy Goetz, Yolanda and Jimmy Janacek, Danielle and George Kindley, Gail and Roger King, Linda and Richard Kintz, George Lai, Patsy and David Marino, Dr. Andrea and Mr. Brian Marvin, Andrea and Greg Moser, Jennifer and Tim O'Connell, Kristi and Dick

Pfister, Lauree and Monte Sahba, Dorian and Bill Sailer, Kimberly and Keith Shores, Jill Skrezyna and Alex Sun, Alice Mo and Ted Tchang, and Lany and Alex Zikakis.

The evening sponsors included Presenting Sponsor Qualcomm; Gold Sponsors Farrell Family Foundation, Genentech, and George Lai; Silver Sponsors Capstone Advisors, Finch Thornton & Baird LLP, MG Properties Group, and Party City; and Bronze Sponsors AlphaCore, Hughes Marino, KPBS, L+L Printers, Nordstrom, SDG&E, and Silvergate Bank. Visit www.SSN2018.org to view the full list of sponsors and underwriters.

WHERE: Sahn Estate at Del Dios Ranch, home of the late Ramona and Roland Sahn

WHEN: Saturday, September 29, 5:30 – 11:00 p.m.

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ABOUT VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Founded in 1980, Voices for Children (VFC) transforms the lives of abused, neglected, and abandoned children in foster care in San Diego and Riverside Counties by providing them with trained volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). CASA volunteers advocate for a foster child or sibling group in Court, school, and in the community to ensure their needs are met. VFC believes that every child deserves a safe and permanent home, striving to provide a CASA volunteer to every child in the foster care system who needs one. Last year, VFC CASAs and staff advocated on behalf of more than 3,200 foster children across San Diego and Riverside Counties. For more information, visit www.speakupnow.org.