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Voices for Children Named *Live Well San Diego* Partner Child Welfare Services Assistant Director Alice Kennedy and Senior Policy Advisor to Supervisor Roberts Stephanie Gioia-Beckman to Present Proclamation on November 13

(November 7, 2018) San Diego, CA – [Voices for Children](http://VoicesforChildren.org) (VFC), the local nonprofit organization designated by the court in San Diego County to recruit, train, and support Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers, will be formally recognized as a [Live Well San Diego](http://LiveWellSanDiego.org) Partner on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

At a graduation celebration for new CASA volunteers, Child Welfare Services Assistant Director Alice Kennedy and Senior Policy Advisor to Supervisor Roberts Stephanie Gioia-Beckman will acknowledge VFC's contributions to *Live Well San Diego's* focus areas of building better health, living safely, and thriving. The event will include remarks from VFC President & CEO John Valencia.



**LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO**

VFC President & CEO John Valencia said, "Voices for Children is honored to be recognized as an official *Live Well San Diego* partner. We are committed to the *Live Well San Diego* vision and strive to improve the wellbeing of at-risk children in our community, advocate on behalf of these children to ensure they receive proper support and resources, and participate in collaborative efforts with other organizations to offer comprehensive services to children in San Diego County."

Event:	Voices for Children CASA Graduation and <i>Live Well San Diego</i> recognition event
Where:	ResMed, 9001 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego, CA 92123
When:	Tuesday, November 13 Live Well Presentation: 5:30 – 6:00 PM, CASA Graduation: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Live Well San Diego is a regional vision adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 2010 that aligns the efforts of County government, community partners and individuals to help all San Diego County residents be healthy, safe, and thriving. For more information, visit www.LiveWellSD.org.

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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.

