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Starry Starry Night Benefiting Voices for Children
September 28 at Rancho Valencia

2019 Event Chaired by Annette Bradbury, Lisette Farrell, Katie Sullivan, Haeyoung Tang, and Lise Wilson

(August 2, 2019) SAN DIEGO – Starry Starry Night, one of San Diego’s premier fundraising events, will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. The 17th annual gala will take place at the renowned Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa. All event proceeds will benefit Voices for Children, a local nonprofit organization which transforms the lives of children in foster care by providing them with volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). CASAs advocate for foster children in the courtroom, at school, and in the community to ensure their needs are prioritized.

Event: Starry Starry Night
Where: Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa
When: Saturday, September 28, 5:00 – 11:00 PM
Contact: 858-598-2271, events@speakupnow.org

The signature event of Voices for Children since 2002 has grown from an intimate event in a private home to one of the most anticipated events in our community. Last year’s gala grossed more than $1.3 million. The event returns to Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, as setting which complements this year’s event theme: “Por Nuestros Niños” (translated “for our children”).

The evening will begin with an elegant cocktail reception with Spanish flair, followed by an exquisite dining experience. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique experiences during the Live Auction and raise their paddles to Fund-A-CASA. The gala will conclude with a lively after-party.

New this year, Voices for Children will present its inaugural “CASA of the Year” award, recognizing a volunteer advocate who has displayed exceptional service to children in foster care. The 2019 award recipient, Christie Ranney, has served as a CASA volunteer for 15 children, including three sets of siblings, over the course of 18 years. In addition, her service on the organization’s Volunteer Outreach Team has helped to recruit hundreds more volunteers to take on the important CASA role.


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Starry Starry Night Honorary Committee
Kathryn Ashworth, Esq. and the Hon. Thomas Ashworth III (Ret)
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David Bialis
Annette and Daniel Bradbury
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Katie and Dan Sullivan
Jon and Kathiene Sundt
Haeyoung Tang
Donna Walker and Mark Pulido
Sheryl and Harvey White
Lise Wilson and Steven Strauss
Julie and Dale Yahnke
Lany and Alex Zikakis

Tables and individual tickets can be purchased at SSN2019.org. Starry Starry Night sells out every year, and guests are encouraged to reserve early.

For more information about Starry Starry Night, to become a Sponsor, or to join the Honorary Committee, please contact events@speakupnow.org or 858-598-2271.

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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 3,000 foster children across San Diego and Riverside Counties. For more information, visit www.speakupnow.org.