



# ADVOCATES for Children

a Brighter Future for Our Children

Dear Friend,

We are pleased to provide you with *Advocates for Children's* Annual Report for fiscal year 2007-08, which contains our accomplishments statistically – children served, adults trained and assigned to children, hours volunteered, and financial support given. However, we also want you to know that for each abused or abandoned child represented by these numbers there is a powerful story of sadness transformed to hope, and a life forever changed for the better. ***When a consistent and caring adult enters the life of an abused or abandoned child, tangible and profoundly life altering things do happen.***

We are deeply grateful to you – the individuals, foundations, and corporate partners whose support enabled us to give this gift of an Advocate volunteer to 260 abused children this past year. Though confidentiality concerns prevent us from sharing pictures of their smiles of appreciation, please consider a note from one young woman to her long-time Advocate volunteer:

*"You are like a guardian angel. You're here to guide me in the right way and help me stay on track. You don't know how much you mean to me, and all that you've done for me. You're like a mother I never had...I thank God that you are in my life. I truly think if you were not here to help me I wouldn't have come this far...You have helped me overcome so much in my life in the eight years we've known each other."*

Janae, once filled with disappointment and anger that drug addiction prevented her mother from being the parent that she and her siblings needed, has moved forward in her life with the love and support of her Advocate volunteer, Margaret. Now she works, lives independently, and recently completed her certificate to be a medical assistant. She dreams of someday managing a medical office. Margaret was there for Janae as 172 Advocate volunteers were there for 260 children in 2008.

But we want to do more. We *need* to do more. ***Over 100 children are waiting for their own caring adult volunteer.*** Ensuring that every abused and neglected child in San Mateo County has a consistent and caring adult in their life is the vision of *Advocates for Children*.

That is why we thank you for your support and ask you to help us by sharing this information with someone else who could also make a difference in the life of a child.

Robert Smith  
President, Board of Directors

Patricia Miljanich  
Executive Director



### •Program Statistics•

<u>Program Overall</u>	<u>Children and Youth Served</u>	<u>Advocate Volunteers</u>
<b>Children Served:</b> 260	<b>Gender:</b>	<b>Gender:</b>
<b>Active Advocates:</b> 171	Female 67%	Female 83%
<b>New Advocates Trained:</b> 58	Male 33%	Male 17%
<b>Total Service Hours:</b> >12,000	<b>Age Groups:</b>	<b>Age Range:</b> 21-78
<b>Percentage of children in foster care with an Advocate:</b>	1-5 ___ 6%      13-15 ___ 25%	<b>Employed:</b> 68%
San Mateo County 40%	6-12 ___ 30%    16-20 ___ 39%	<b>Ethnicity:</b>
State Average 7%	<b>Ethnicity:</b>	African American 1%
	African American 15%	Asian/Pacific Islander 7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander 4%	Hispanic/Latino 7%
	Hispanic/Latino 38%	Multi-racial 4%
	Multi-racial 22%	Native American 1%
	Native American 1%	White/Non-Latino 80%
	White/Non-Latino 20%	

Each year, it costs \$2500 to provide ♥One Child with ♥One Advocate for ♥One Year

#### Statement of Activities:

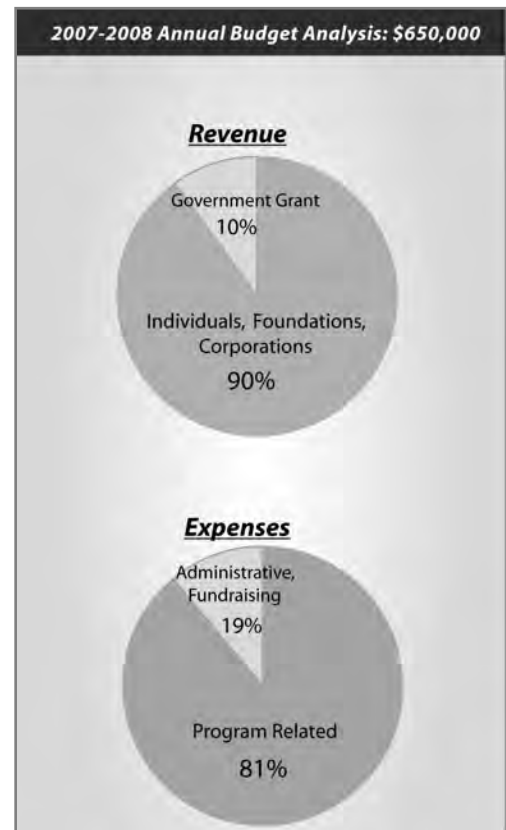
To support the 260 children matched with Advocates last fiscal year, *Advocates for Children* received funding from several sectors of the community including individuals, foundations, government agencies, corporations and community groups. Following is a breakdown of AFC's operating expenses and revenue from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

#### Revenue and Support:

Contributions	\$395,605
Grants	\$146,345
Government Contracts	\$102,405
Donated Goods & Services	\$35,354
Investment Income	\$3,414
Special Events	\$31,480
In-Kind Support for Events	(\$16,436)
Cost of Special Events	(\$10,095)
<b>Total revenues &amp; support</b>	<b>\$688,072</b>

#### Expenses:

Program Services	\$481,755
Management & General	\$26,408
Fundraising	\$86,968
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$595,131</b>



# *Advocate involvement in the life of a child is transformative, healing and often life saving.*



## **The Good Bye Gift – Memories and Love Shared**

Renee is a nine year old whose case was recently dismissed after she was successfully reunited with her mother. As a “good bye” gift, Renee’s Advocate presented her with a photo album of the fun times they had shared, along with a letter telling all the positive and nice things about Renee. She asked the Advocate to read the letter to her. Renee smiled the entire time while listening and said **“that is me.”**

## **“I Thank God For Her (the Advocate) Daily.”**

Maria has been working with Raoul, now 12 years old, since November 2003. Here is a note from the foster mother:

*“Special thanks to Ms. Maria. It is a blessing to hear that Ms. Maria wants to stay with Raoul through high school. Maria is part of our family and we all love her and she always includes the other boys when she is able. I thank God for her daily.”*

And from the social worker on Raoul’s case:

*“Anyway, I thought you should know that we all think Raoul is fortunate to have a CASA like you.”*



## **Today, Sam is taking honors classes with a 3.3 GPA**

Sam (who is in long-term foster care) was in danger of failing eighth grade. This was especially concerning as Sam had been retained in a much earlier grade too. Sam’s Advocate poured through his school file and noticed that as a very young child, Sam had been diagnosed with a learning disability. The Advocate worked diligently with the social worker, foster family and teachers to have Sam tested again. With the proper evaluation, Sam qualified for the help he needed at school. With much persuasion, he also began taking the recommended medication during the school year. Today, Sam is a sophomore in high school and taking honors classes while maintaining a 3.3 GPA.



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*Our mission is to support, mentor,  
and speak on behalf of abused and  
neglected children as we would our  
own, giving them every opportunity  
for a promising future.*

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*Each year it costs \$2500 to match One Child with One Advocate.*

**Until June 30, 2009**, your donation of that amount or above qualifies for a matching offer from an anonymous donor. Join our family of Heartfelt Friends in giving abused and neglected children a chance to realize their hopes and dreams.

***Donate online: [www.AdvocatesFC.org](http://www.AdvocatesFC.org)***

**Advocates for Children's New Auxiliary Hits the Ground Running....**

Just weeks after organizing, our newly formed Auxiliary conducted a successful "non-event" fundraising mail campaign. The *Advocates for Children Auxiliary*, dedicated to friend and fundraising support for *Advocates for Children*, also conducted a very well attended Wine Tasting event on August 17, 2008 in the picturesque garden of the home of Janet and Wally Baldwin in Hillsborough.

The Auxiliary has monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:15am in the offices of *Advocates for Children*. Plans for a member recruitment activity are underway -- the ***Have a Heart Luncheon*** is scheduled for **February 24, 2009** at the beautiful home of Judy Stephenson in Hillsborough. If you are interested in having fun while supporting *Advocates for Children's* work with abused and neglected children, consider becoming a member of the Auxiliary. Contact Carol Harband at [carolharband@yahoo.com](mailto:carolharband@yahoo.com).

**Smart Giving Makes a Big Impact**

There are a number of tax-smart methods of giving that enable you to minimize the cost of giving while maximizing the value to *Advocates for Children*. These include ways to make AFC part of your legacy, ensuring our children benefit from your generosity after your lifetime. Methods include:

- Gifts of Appreciated Securities
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Bequests
- Gifts from an IRA
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Life Insurance

If you are interested in making *Advocates For Children* part of your financial plans, we would be pleased to provide more details.

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