May 2017 Letter to the Editor

Subject: National Foster Care Awareness Month
200 words (letter only)

[FULL DATE]

Dear Editor,

Every May we recognize Foster Care Awareness Month, and each year, thousands of children in California enter the foster care system, through no fault of their own. Year after year, we rally to raise awareness of the plight of foster children and the need to support them. Our work sometimes feels like an uphill battle, yet we are energized when we hear stories about a teen who has graduated from high school, a child who has been adopted and has a new “forever family,” or about a child who is able to reunite with their parents. These successes happen when caring adults are in the child’s life, a supportive team that often includes a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA, volunteer. NAME OF ORG and the network of California CASA programs train members of our community to become CASA volunteers. We then match them with a foster child, and the advocate works with other members of the “team”—the child’s social worker, teacher, therapist—to determine resources needed and ensure they are secured. We ask our community: Don’t let this Foster Care Awareness Month go unnoticed. Volunteer, refer friends, or make a donation to help us serve more foster youth.

Sincerely,

(Your name here)
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[Web address]
(Your organization’s phone number. They won’t print the number but they may want to call you to verify.)

OR

(Name of your organization)
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