



Kid's Fund:

CASA of Santa Barbara County is very fortunate to have a special fund to help in defraying the costs of things needed by our CASA kids; items and experiences that should not be the “unaffordable extras” in a child’s life, but often are for kids in foster care.

The Kids’ Fund is a discretionary fund into which community members and groups have donated money for our CASA children. Some examples of how these funds have been used in the past include, ensuring a week of summer camp, basketball team registration, providing supplies for music lessons and senior class photos.

Accessing these funds on behalf of your CASA child is actually quite simple. Once you identify a need your CASA child has and you have confirmed that there is no other alternative source of payment, contact your CASA case manager to discuss your request. They can complete the Kids’ Fund Request and submit it for review and approval. Once the request is approved we will need information about the request (such as a sports camp brochure) or a receipt for any purchase that you make and submit for reimbursement accounting purposes. It is important to note that reimbursement will be made only on items that have been approved prior to purchase.

In order to ensure that there are adequate funds to provide for all our CASA children, the annual disbursement limit per child is **\$200.00**.

One last reminder, please try and give at least 2 weeks notice of any disbursement request to ensure timely handling and payment.

Birthday Gifts:

CASA has resources to help you celebrate a birthday with your CASA child. There are three options:

- 1) **You can select a toy from our supply.** CASA received a donation of new toys and gifts from the Toy Industry Foundation. To select one as a gift for your child 1) Find something in our inventory (a list is available) 2) Notify your advocate supervisor by the 15th of the month before your child’s birthday. 3) Pick up at the CASA office after the first Day of the child’s birthday month. OR
- 2) **Purchase a gift with a CASA provided gift card.** CASA has \$25 gift cards at select retailers. Check with you advocate supervisor for availability. You must return a receipt and any unused portion of the gift card to CASA. **DO NOT GIVE THE CARD TO THE CHILD OR FOSTER PARENT.**
- 3) **Purchase a gift and CASA can reimburse up to \$25.** Submit the receipt to your advocate supervisor and we will mail you a check once it has been processed.