



### **A CASA project supporting families and children**

Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA - serves children in the Santa Cruz County foster care system due to abuse or neglect in their family homes. With time and support, many parents can be safely reunited with their children. These families often need furniture and household items to create a functional home. FURNITURE FOR FAMILIES collects donated furniture and household items to help reuniting families.

Furniture For Families also assists other agencies serving children and their families in Santa Cruz County, including Families in Transition, Family and Children's Services, Adult Mental Health, The Salvation Army, Love Inc., Homeless Assistance Agencies, Santa Cruz Counseling Center and others.

#### **We welcome donations of the following:**

- Beds -single, full and queen sizes; bunk beds and baby furniture.
- Linens, i.e. sheets, pillows, towels, quilts, blankets, bedspreads
- Kitchen tables, chairs, small desks, end tables, lamps
- Sofas, couches and living room furniture
- Dressers, chests of drawers and bookshelves
- Kitchen items such as pots, pans, plates, bowls, flatware, utensils
- Vacuum cleaners, microwaves, blenders, and other small appliances
- Bicycles, strollers, children's books, backpacks, Legos

**IMPORTANT: All items must be in good condition. Damaged, broken, ripped, or excessively worn items are not accepted. King Beds and heavy or large furniture are not accepted. Furniture For Families does not accept clothing.**

**To schedule a donation pick-up or to volunteer for FURNITURE FOR FAMILIES** call Larry Markey at 831-840-9450

Thursday and Friday mornings are preferred for pick-ups and distribution of furniture. If you know of a struggling family that needs furniture, have their Social Worker contact Larry to schedule a warehouse visit for the family. Furniture recipients will need a truck to transport the furniture they choose. The warehouse is on the Westside of Santa Cruz at 2809 Mission Street.

***You must have an appointment to visit the warehouse.***

**CASA** screens, trains and professionally supervises community volunteers to serve as mentors and powerful advocates for children in foster care who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. The CASA Advocate is appointed by a judge to serve as the child's consistent support during foster care, until a safe, permanent home is found. Learn more –and find out how you can join CASA in its mission of service to children- at [www.casaofsantacruz.org](http://www.casaofsantacruz.org)

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