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Child Advocates of Silicon Valley receives eBay Foundation grant

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Milpitas-based nonprofit Child Advocates of Silicon Valley has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from eBay Foundation's corporate advised fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

The grant, announced Dec. 10 by Child Advocates, was recommended by eBay Foundation's employee volunteer-led San Jose Bay Area Global Impact Team. Funds will be used to recruit, train and support court appointed special advocates, or CASAs, to work one-on-one with foster children in Santa Clara County.

"We are thrilled to receive this amazing grant from the eBay Foundation and have to thank eBay employees and CASA volunteers Aileen Tokuda and Susan Schmitt for championing our grant application," said Karen Scussel, executive director of Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

Child Advocates serves newborns to 21-year-olds in the Santa Clara County dependency system and reviews every client's case entering the system -- more than 1,700 children over the course of the year. Children who are most in need of services are either matched with a court appointed special advocate or placed on a waiting list. This year, the agency's goal is to match 780 foster children with a court appointed special advocate volunteer.