

**2022-2024 CFWC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

**Focus Area - Organizations That Help Prevent
Child Abuse, Neglect & Violence**

The *Child Protective Services (CPS)* branch of California's *Department of Children & Family Services* is responsible for assessing, investigating and intervening in cases of child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse. The CPS protects children from caregivers who may be causing harm or allowing dangerous living conditions.

Covenant House, located in Oakland, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Anaheim, and other cities in the United States, has been operating for more than 50 years. This privately-funded agency provides shelter, food, immediate crisis care, and related services to homeless youth ages 14-20; helping to ease the transition from homelessness to independent adulthood. Though **Covenant House** provides much in the way of assistance, providing healthy meals may be the most important of all. Severe hunger is dangerously detrimental to one's mental health and well-being. When a youth working to overcome homelessness comes through their door, **Covenant House** makes sure a healthy and nutritious meal is available. With our support, their breakfast, lunch and dinner program will provide these kids with the strength needed to tackle the challenges that lay ahead! Covenant House feeds more than 100,000 children across America!

Additional information: www.covenanthousecalifornia.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a national association that supports and advocates for abused, neglected or abandoned children through court-appointed CASA volunteers. CASA volunteers complete training provided by the state or a local CASA office and their role is to gather information and make recommendations in the best interest of each child. CASA volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary work. CASA needs our help now!

Additional information: www.californiacasa.org