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NONPROFIT ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE EXPANDS WORK IN STATEN ISLAND *CASA-NYC is Actively Recruiting Volunteers to Work with Children and Youth*

NEW YORK CITY, June 9, 2022 – CASA-NYC is pleased to announce their expansion in Staten Island with support from the Staten Island Foundation. CASA-NYC is now actively recruiting volunteers in Staten Island to serve as volunteer Advocates.

“We’re thrilled to begin scaling up our capacity in Staten Island,” says Executive Director Kerry Moles. “Increasing our capacity in Staten Island is a critical part of our 5-year strategic plan and we’re excited to offer our unique advocacy services to more children and youth in foster care in Staten Island, and across New York City in the years to come.”

CASA-NYC is beginning the process of building a stronger presence in the Staten Island family court system and deepening our connections to community resources and providers that meet the needs of children and families. Families in Staten Island’s low income communities often face higher barriers to safety and stability than those in other boroughs because of difficulty accessing the resources and supports that are more readily available in other parts of the city. CASA-NYC is actively seeking people who live in or are significantly familiar with Staten Island to apply to become volunteer Advocates. We are especially seeking volunteers who reflect the diversity of the Staten Island community and have lived experience navigating the courts, housing, public benefits and other social services systems that are navigated by the families we serve. Please visit casa-nyc.org/volunteer to learn more.

About CASA-NYC:

CASA-NYC is a trusted not-for-profit organization that is appointed to the cases of children in foster care by family court judges when they are concerned a child in the system is not getting their needs met. CASA’s mission is to ensure that young people involved in the NYC child welfare system have their needs met and rights protected, and that children in foster care are moved quickly into safe, stable, nurturing



and permanent homes – with their families of origin whenever possible. For over 40 years, Family Court Judges throughout the 5 boroughs of New York City have assigned CASA to assist with the most complex cases.

CASA-NYC serves over 1,000 children and youth involved in the child welfare system each year. CASA's team of nearly 300 highly trained civilian volunteers advocate relentlessly for the children and families that CASA serves and are closely supervised and supported by CASA's staff of child welfare professionals. NYC children with a CASA are more likely to reunify with parents than children without a CASA. National research shows that children and youth with CASA Advocates do better in school, are far less likely to be re-abused and to re-enter foster care, and spend an average of 8 months less time in foster care.

Please visit casa-nyc.org for more information.