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Dear Mr. Cohelan,

One of your attorneys, Kim Neilson, is a volunteer with our agency. We are delighted to advise you of her outstanding service.

Kim dedicates many hours to her responsibilities as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). This commitment began with forty-three hours of training on evenings and weekends. After training, Kim began working with children in the juvenile dependency system that entered the system because of abuse, neglect or abandonment. Kim's responsibilities include regularly spending time with these children, investigating and researching their situations, and writing impartial reports that assist the judge in making informed decisions in the children's best interests.

The Honorable James R. Milliken, retired Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court in San Diego County, stated in his *Dependency Court Recovery Project*, that "The CASAs are doing a great job." Kim is one of the volunteers to whom Judge Milliken is referring. Kim is helping young people who are in desperate need of compassion and attention. This sacrifice of time and energy is truly commendable and we thought you might want to be aware of it.

Very truly yours,

Sharon M. Lawrence
 Executive Director

*Kim is an
 inspiration to our
 entire staff & we
 are very grateful for
 her hard work.*

