

Golf outing raises \$375K for CASA

At its 11th annual Charity Golf Classic, held at the Baltusrol Golf Club in [Springfield](#), the Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF) raised \$375,000 for this year's beneficiary, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey.

Each year, CLF devotes the event's fundraising proceeds to a single organization that works to improve the quality of life for those in need. Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron, CLF co-founders, matched each donation from the golf outing dollar for dollar.

CASA is a nonprofit, volunteerbased organization, which assists the court and child welfare systems to ensure the safety and well-being of children who are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. CASA currently reaches about 3,000 children a year. Local chapters are located in [Eatontown](#) and [New Brunswick](#).

The funds raised will support the implementation of CASA's Peer Coordinator Model, an organizational change that will increase the number of children served. The model uses seasoned volunteers to support, coach and supervise advocate volunteers without having to significantly increase staff and budget.

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