

Graduation Party for Foster Youth  
Sponsored by \$250 donation from HALO Society  
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I want to thank HALO Society for the generous donation of \$250.00 to help with a graduation party for 26 foster youth who are either graduating from high school this year or have received a GED. CPS caseworkers who work with these older youth came up with the idea and asked if CASA would be willing to participate. As the CASA staff person who works with this age group, I am well aware of how momentous an achievement it is for a foster child to make it through to graduation. They truly deserve to be honored, and they need to know how proud we are of them. The money that HALO has made available will be used to fill gift baskets with essentials that these young people will need as they transition out of care. They will receive the baskets at a party that will include food, games and prizes and be held in the CASA office.

Thanks so much to HALO Society for helping to make possible this show of support for our older foster youth. You are continually coming through for us at CASA; we appreciate every one of you and the way you make things happen!

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(I monitor the kids who will age out of the system in state custody; some are in foster homes and some are in residential treatment centers scattered around the state.)