



CASA/LA Senior Management Team

Dilys Tosteson Garcia, Executive Director

Dilys comes to CASA/LA with experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Most recently, Dilys served as CEO of a leading independent advertising agency targeting U.S. Hispanic consumers, which she led through a major restructuring and transformation. The firm's blue chips clients included Allstate, Honda and Verizon. Prior to that for over 10 years she ran a communications consulting practice that worked with a variety of high profile brands: Pacific Bell, Disney, the Los Angeles County Emancipation Design Team and Partnership, Casey Family Programs and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Over the past 20 years Dilys has worked on behalf of children at risk in a variety of child welfare settings. She has served on the board of the Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents and currently serves as board vice-chair for the non-profit Child Care Resources Center in the San Fernando Valley. Dilys holds a BA from Yale University and an MA from Stanford University.

John Charnay, Development & Communications Director

John has over 20 years of experience as a major fundraiser and has generated more than \$150 million for leading charities in greater Los Angeles. He also has an extensive background in public relations and communications. For nearly fifteen years he served as Director of Major and Planned Gifts in the Financial Development Department of the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles---the second largest chapter of the nation's number two charity. Prior to that, he was Director of Capital Campaign Development with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, where he served as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. He attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and Southwestern University School of Law.

Sarita F. Carden, Advocacy Program Director

Sarita knows firsthand what being a CASA volunteer is all about because she served as one for 8 years before joining the staff of CASA of Los Angeles in 2000 as a CASA Supervisor. For 10 years Sarita oversaw volunteer advocacy efforts on behalf of foster children. In April 2010, Sarita was named Program Director and now provides advocacy leadership and training throughout the organization. Her high level of expertise has been key to the organization's seamless programmatic transition. Her leadership has been critical to CASA's success in informing, continuing to support, and retaining volunteers through a difficult transition. Prior to joining CASA/LA, Sarita traveled the country as a litigation support consultant for complex civil litigation. She holds a BA and MA in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College.

Lynne Gabriel, Volunteer Services Director

Lynne Gabriel also served as a CASA volunteer for 9 years before joining the staff of CASA of Los Angeles. Her knowledge of CASA work and volunteers is coupled with expertise as a curriculum developer, facilitator and volunteer manager in a variety of settings, including work with at-risk populations. She also brings strong communications, marketing and technology skills to the table. In her new position, she will supervise two Volunteer Services Associates. She has been a partner at Help Jim, National AIDS Fund, partner at WorkPositive, Inc., contractor at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Director, Workplace Education at APLA, Director, AIDS Programs at Hollywood Supports and staffer at Broadcast Plus.