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ADVOCATE OF THE MONTH

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Kevin Leahy

Meet Kevin, a truly dedicated advocate who does not shy away from a challenge. Kevin ensures that his advocacy is comprehensive and covers every aspect of the WHOLE child, from medical and mental well-being to education and the opportunity for simple childhood joys. Working with teenagers during their transformative and emotional years presents its own unique obstacles, but Kevin navigates them with ease, never wavering in his steadfast support and unwavering advocacy.

Kevin's commitment knows no bounds. He readily says yes and provides his CASA boys with the best opportunities available. For instance, at the beginning of summer, he and the boys joined other CASAs, kids, and CASA Staff on a memorable trip to a waterpark in Fresno, offering the boys an experience they might never have had otherwise.

In addition to never missing a court hearing and speaking up when needed, Kevin's advocacy extends far beyond making sure the boys have only the basics such as food and shelter. He thoroughly examines all angles of support, ensuring the children's well-being. Recently, he has been actively championing his CASA teen's academic progress and working with a therapist to boost the young individual's self-esteem.

For these boys, Kevin is a constant presence in their lives where there had not been one before. He even took the initiative to establish Family Connections Advocacy, creating a family tree for the boys. In short, Kevin is an exceptional and one-of-a-kind advocate who makes a remarkable difference.

-Family Connections Advocate Supervisor, Rebecka Foote