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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE DIVISION**

**STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZING
DFCS TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO
SILICON VALLEY CHILDREN'S FUND
FOR LIMITED PURPOSE**

Each year, the Silicon Valley Children's Fund ("SVCF") awards scholarships to foster youth through its Youth Education Scholars ("YES") Program. The YES Program engages a two-pronged approach of scholarship assistance and case management services. YES Program participants are full time students at community colleges, universities, and accredited vocational programs. The YES Program has grown from 9 students enrolled in 2000 to 109 full-time college scholars in 2014-2015.

To facilitate its scholarship application process, the SVCF holds annual phone drives with approximately 5-6 current and former YES Program participant volunteers. The volunteers report to the SVCF offices and call current dependent foster youth to discuss the YES application. As former foster youth, these volunteers are ideal representatives of the YES Program. The SVCF finds that foster youth are more likely to submit YES scholarship applications after discussing the application process with current and former YES Program participants. The volunteers are often emancipated youth between 22 and 24 years of age. The SVCF requires the volunteers to sign confidentiality forms, prohibiting disclosure of foster youth names and contact information.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Department of Family and Children's Services ("DFCS") may release names of and contact information for dependent youth eligible for the YES scholarship to the SVCF. Staff members of the SVCF and current and former YES Program participant volunteers are authorized to contact eligible youth for purposes of explaining the benefits of the scholarship, offering assistance with the application process, and encouraging the youth to apply.

Information obtained by the SVCF and YES Program volunteers under this court order shall be used solely for the purposes described herein. Upon completion of outreach activities, the SVCF shall destroy or return to DFCS all identifying information received under this order.

Date: 2/27/15

Shawna Schwarz

The Honorable Shawna Schwarz
Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court