

Santa Barbara Alumnae: “Proud to be Part of This”

When the holidays rolled around in 1989, Maureen Null, president of the Santa Barbara, CA, Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter, wondered whether CASA of Santa Barbara County was having a holiday party for the children served by the program. Yes, program staff told her, there would be a party. Null wondered if there would be gifts for the young people. No, she was told. There would be food and games and fun—but 120 children meant 120 gifts, and that was just more than the program could provide.

Null and the other Santa Barbara Theta alumnae went into action, filling 120 gift bags with small toys, toiletries, gift cards as well as zoo and museum passes. It was the start of a holiday tradition for the Theta alumnae as well as the Theta collegians at UC Santa Barbara, who soon got involved, lavishly decorating children’s gift bags.

This year, Thetas have their sights set on a new beneficiary for holiday gifts: CASA volunteers.

“We love supporting Theta’s national philanthropy on a local level,” says Null. “We are very proud to be a part of this.”