



# 2021 'Angels in Adoption' Honoree

Aldea has been chosen by Representative Mike Thompson as the 2021 'Angel in Adoption' for California's Fifth District!

The Angels in Adoption Program is run by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute and honors people and organizations across the country who make lasting differences in promoting adoption, permanency, and child welfare.



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"Aldea Children and Family Services is a critical lifeline for children who have faced trauma at home. Over the years, the staff there have helped nearly 4,000 people improve their lives and heal past trauma and we are so proud of their work. That's why I am thrilled that Aldea has been chosen as this year's Angel in Adoption for our district and proud to honor its work today." -Rep. Mike Thompson, California's Fifth District



To read Representative Mike Thompson's press release, [click here!](#)

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Join us and celebrate  
the **23rd annual**  
**Angels in Adoption**

**virtual gala!**  
If you haven't  
already, register and  
mark your calendar  
for **tomorrow,**  
**Wednesday, October**  
**20 at 8pm Eastern**  
**(5pm Pacific).**



[Register Now!](#)



"Children in the foster cares system and resource and adoptive parents can count on Aldea as an expert and trusted partner as they navigate uncertainties and celebrate milestones on their journey of fostering to adoption. Our staff are extraordinary advocates and champions for the most fragile and marginalized youth in our community. Adoption takes courage; however, this investment results in the reward of a child knowing someone cares, believes in their worth, and is invested in creating the best life possible for them. There are so many children in our community longing to belong, to feel safe, and loved; the need for forever families is vast. Together, we create a community of support that facilitates healing and changes lives, one child at a time." - **Julie Burns, Chief Program Officer**

# ANGELS IN ADOPTION 2021 HONOREES

A Better Way Inc.  
A Family For Every Child  
Abbey Dohm  
Adalay Wilson  
Aldea Children and Family Services  
Amanda and John Mark Creamer  
Amy and Jeremy Janzen  
Angela Gomes  
The Baby Fold  
Barbara and Frank Johnson  
Boys Farm Christian Residential Youth Care Ministry  
Bridget and Jason Bennett  
Bridget and Peter Morningstar  
The Caley and Jonathan Neely Family  
Carol and Jon Mielke  
Carol and Roy Shotts  
Carole Kinlow  
Catherine Nagl  
Cecelia and Mike Battle  
Christina Bach  
Community Care Alliance  
Crystal and Bryan Venable  
Dawn Adams  
DeJuna and Brent McDonald  
Donna and Kevin Cotton  
Elizabeth Neary  
Elizabeth Occhipinti  
Emily and Chris Norton  
Eva Ford  
Friends of Children  
Glen Mangold  
Graham Kidder  
Hoang Murphy  
Jami and Curt Cook

Jane Jensen Saint  
The Jennifer and Jay Martin Family  
Jess and Robby Followell  
Jessica and Brandon Satterfield  
Jessica Marra  
Judge David Matlock  
Julie Casimiro  
KC and David Koonce  
The Lauren and Charles Wade Family  
The Lindsey and Joshua Redfern Family  
The Linzie and Ray Mullins Family  
Lions Meadows of Hope  
The Lisa and Wes Rager Family  
Marcel Rivas  
Margie Nielson  
Matthew Peiffer  
Melanie Borges  
Melissa Cline  
Melvin Roy  
Nicole and Scott Klingler  
Robert Carter  
Ruth Tincher Kelly  
Ryan Young  
The Sandra and Chad Lee Family  
The Sarah and Terry Reyelts Family  
Sonia and Pat True  
The South County Foster Closet  
St. Elizabeth Foundation  
Steve Sarisohn  
Steven Sunday  
Susan and Jim Wood  
T'wina Nobles  
Transitions Children's Services  
Voices for Children



The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that was founded in 2001 by advocates of children in the U.S. and around the world in need of families.

To learn more about the CCAI, [click here!](#)



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