Dear Class of 2010:

Welcome to Harvard Law School! We look forward to seeing you in the fall and hope that you will consider joining Child and Youth Advocates.

Child and Youth Advocates (CYA) brings together students interested in a wide range of children’s issues, including child welfare, juvenile justice, and education. We facilitate volunteer activities throughout Cambridge and Boston. Students serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), advocating for the best interests of children in abuse and neglect proceedings in juvenile court; tutor elementary and high school students in Cambridge Public Schools; play with children in local homeless shelters; and work with adjudicated youth in a nearby detention facility. In addition, CYA organizes panel discussions, film events, and social activities for students interested in child advocacy. We also work closely with HLS’s new Child Advocacy Program, www.law.harvard.edu/academics/cap, which provides a wealth of opportunities for students through its academic and clinical offerings. CYA is truly a community of students engaged in children’s issues, and we welcome all interested students to become involved.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we hope to see you in the fall!

Best,
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