





## ANNUAL REPORT

Presented To: Tommy Edwards

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Dear Friends,

In 2023 CASA Volunteers advocated for the Best Interest of 71 children in Foster Care in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. The children ranged from ages 0 months to 18 years of age. Of these children 45 were under the age of 10. During 2023, 26 children gained permanency through reunification with their family or through adoption.

This work was accomplished by 63 dedicated CASA Volunteers. These amazing people traveled in excess 31,000 miles in order to meet with their assigned child/children to attend court, Family Team Meetings, volunteer training and support the CASA Mission. In order for the volunteers to accomplish the task mentioned they committed over 2,500 hours of volunteer service. We are fortunate to have the support of such a great community.

The CASA Board was instrumental in providing guidance, fundraising and governance of the CASA program in support of the agency's mission. The board was effective in the planning and execution of the CASA Annual Color Run for 2023. The board members consistently promoted the CASA Program and worked to increase community awareness in regards to child abuse and neglect.

Again, CASA of West CenLA is fortunate to be located in the incredible communities of Beauregard Parish, Vernon Parish and Fort Johnson. The volunteers that accomplish this important work for the children all live and work in the surrounding areas. Speaking of community support. CASA of West CenLA has a number of projects that they do each year that gives community members an opportunity to participate in and support the children. There is the monthly Birthday Buddy Program, CASA Christmas Project, Child Abuse Prevention Month and the CASA Color Run.

It is impossible to adequately express how grateful we are to community members, community leaders and local business owners for their continued support. We would like to ask you to contact CASA of West CenLA to see how you can become a volunteer or learn other ways to support the CASA mission.

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## MISSION

Our Mission is to mobilize trained volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children appointed by the courts.





#### **OUR OFFICES**

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#### **2023 PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



Children Children Children

Served: 71 Reunified: 10 Adopted: 10

Children Children Total

Emancipated: 3 Guardianship: 3 Cases closed: 26

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers Volunteers Sworn

Active: Assigned: In: 48

Volunteers Volunteer Hours: Volunteer Miles:

Exited: 23 2,500 31,000

#### **Pre-service Training Classes**

#### **In-Service**





Child Abuse Prevention

Month





Foster Parent Appreciation Month



Every year we send out thank you cards to our foster parents to show how much we appreciate everything they do for the kids!

#### Child Abuse Prevention Month





**CASA Color Run** 







**Christmas Project** 













### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Revenue

\$40,508 in cash donations

\$58,149 in tangible donations

Expenses

Court Appointed
Special Advocates: \$329,805

Administrative: \$72,472

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LAURA MOSES
Not Pictured

**ERIN CHESNUTT Not Pictured** 

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Jessica Cryar-Walter, Christie Elliott, LeVeda Moreau, Beth Wilcox, Joan Merle, Tommy Edwards

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