



ANNUAL REPORT

Presented To: Tommy Edwards

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The children assigned to our program have all experienced a significant emotional event in their lives. Every child will have to navigate through the memories of what brought them into Foster Care. In many cases the memories will be positive and negative in regard to what they experience while in Foster Care.

Our hope is, that as we work together, we can help to bring a sense of normalcy and permanency to every child served. We commend our community members who have stepped in to become CASA volunteers, board members, foster parents, community partners, donors and staff members. CASA of West CenLA would not exist without your time, talents and treasures supporting the CASA Mission. Our mission is to mobilize trained volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children who have been appointed by the courts.

In 2022, CASA volunteers advocated for the best interest of 73 children in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. The volunteers attended family team meetings, court review hearings, visited the children in their placements, prepare Court Reports, attended continuing education, and assisted with agency community event. In order to achieve the tasks listed above the volunteers drove over 20,000 miles, conducted monthly visits with their children during the evening after work and sometimes on the weekend, logging in 1046 hours. The previous statement does not adequately represent how much each volunteer actually gives of themselves.

Our Board of Directors continue to provide governance, oversight and direction for the agency. The board conducted the agency's first Color Run and it was hugely successful. The agency's advocate supervisors provided supervision and support to the CASA volunteers. The agency Trainer/Community Engagement Coordinator worked diligently to recruit and train additional volunteers. The agency Bookkeeper maintained a high degree of accuracy in the fiscal management area.

Community support for the program has continued to increase during the last decade. I would like to mention a few organizations that have gone above and beyond. The Retired American Legion 387th Riders Annual CASA Ride, KJAE Radio daily radio spots, KVVP Radio daily radio spots, and Green Acre Plaza.

The CASA team looks forward to putting in the work every day to achieve better outcomes for children. We strive to develop new partnerships and maintain our current partnerships in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes.

So, as we work through 2023, we will strive to provide quality advocacy for our children. Childhood memories should bring joy and not sadness.

Tommy Edwards

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OUR OFFICES

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Children Served: 73

Children Children Reunified: 18 Adopted: 13

Children Emancipated: 2

Children Guardianship: 1 Children Total Cases closed: 34



Volunteers Active: 59

Volunteers Assigned: 52 Volunteers Sworn In: 13

Volunteers Exited: 15

Volunteer Hours: 1, 896 Volunteer Miles: 20,415

Pre-service Training Classes



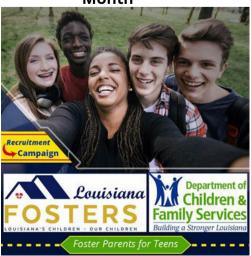


Child Abuse Prevention Month





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!

20th Year Anniversary





CASA Color Run 2022



Christmas Project 2022













FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

\$38,443.17 in cash donations \$54,291.50 in tangible donations

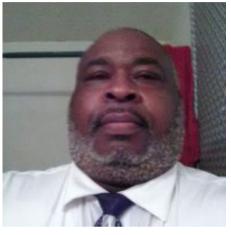
Expenses

Court Appointed Special Advocates: \$325,729

Administrative: \$72,320

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