



Advocate Spotlight



This quarter, CASA is highlighting volunteer, Margaret Hammett.

Margaret has been a volunteer with CASA for two and a half years and has made a tremendous impact in the lives of the 10 children to whom she has been assigned.

Margaret aided in the achievement of permanency for 8 out of the 10 children, with all 8 children being either reunified with a parent or adopted. Even when faced with many challenges, Margaret remains passionate and persistent in her advocacy work.

Thank you, Margaret, for your consistency and determination as a CASA volunteer.

“The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness.”

-Dalai Lama

THE CASA ADVOCATE

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Welcome to our CASA team!

During November 2022, two new CASA volunteers were sworn-in by Judge Cynthia Guillory.

Thank you for dedicating your time and effort to training in preparation to be a voice for the most vulnerable children in our community. Welcome to our CASA team and good luck on your advocacy journey!

Pictured Left to Right:
Joshua Alderson, Judge Guillory, and Kelly Castille



In December, CASA, a division of Family & Youth received gift donations from multiple businesses and organizations in our community.

Thank you to StayBridge Suites, Junior League of Lake Charles, LyondellBasell, and Westlake Chemical for helping us provide Christmas gifts for the children in foster care.

Pictured: Junior League of Lake Charles (top left), LyondellBasell (top right), and Westlake Chemical (bottom left).

Belonging Matters—Helping Youth Explore Permanency

by : Children's Bureau

How is this article relevant to CASA?

As a volunteer, you have an important role ensuring that young people explore permanency options and understand the necessity of developing permanent connections for support and resilience as they near adulthood. This article includes tips based on shared experiences of youth formerly in foster care, along with links to helpful resources.

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/bulletins_belongingmatters.pdf

**Volunteers, if you would like to receive in-service credit for this article, please turn in a paragraph review after reading the article.*

CASA DIVISION UPDATE:

Our program is currently serving 213 children across 133 cases in our community!

We are now actively seeking new CASA Volunteer Advocates! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a voice for a child in foster care, please contact laken@fyca.org or call 337-436-9533 for more information.

CASA Volunteer Advocate Trainings are offered monthly! For more information contact Laken.

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