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Our Community Angels

Our CASA children had a wonderful Christmas. This would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of our community supporters. Numerous Jackson County businesses, organizations and citizens made contributions that ensured the holiday season would be extra special for the deserving children we serve. They are truly God's Angels!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to each of the following supporters for their donations to our children. There is no way that they could ever know how much their donation, no matter how large or small, has meant to the children and each of us at Jackson County CASA, Inc. We wish we could show you the beautiful smiles on the children's faces as they opened their gifts, but we can't. So just know that your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated.

OUR CHRISTMAS ANGELS

American Business Women Association • Bienville Orthopaedic

Lisa Cannon • Britt Cross • Angela & Tony Casanave

Chevron Refinery, Operation Candy Cane

Debbie Gill • Dixie Dart Association • First Baptist Church, Pascagoula

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The Golden Nugget staff and employees

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Ocean Springs East—Renee Selman & Ocean Springs Washington Ave.—Laurie Mohler)

Jackson-George Regional Library System • Tracy Jackson & family

Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi Ocean Springs

Keesler Federal Credit Union, Gulfport—Samantha Bignell • Gwen Kennard

Krewe of Vesta • Jerry Lee's Grocery • Lowe's Gautier • Carol & Steve Messer

Mississippi Business Women

J. Donald Matherne, Ph.D. • Ocean Springs Poor Mans Yacht Club

Rotary Club of Gautier • Surface Jet, Inc., Jeffrey Cole

Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Taite

Two Men and a Truck • Julia Weaver • Zachry Group

Many Anonymous Donors

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THANK YOU



Court Dates

Your Court date is **very important**. Your **presence is needed** at all Court hearings. However, if you are unavailable to attend, please contact the CASA office and provide an update of your case. CASA staff will present your report to the Court. **Your input is essential. Your child/children are counting on you to provide their voice in Court. Please review the schedule carefully. If you have any questions, contact any staff for assistance.**

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Foster Care Review—County Conference

County Conference's are held every six months to discuss and review the permanent plan of the child/children in foster care. Your attendance and input is requested. The review is **NOT** a court hearing, however, the testimony delivered during the conference will be provided to the Court to aid in making decisions about the Child's best interest. **Please contact the CASA staff if you are not able to attend.**

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Latest Program Statistics

JC CASA is a volunteer-powered organization that advocates for the abused and neglected children of our county. We have an amazing group of dedicated volunteers that provide a voice for these children throughout their court process. As of November 30, 2020, **83 Volunteers** have served **194 children** from **104 families** with **4876 donated hours of service during the 2020 calendar year.**

January Birthdays

January 1

Rhonda Massey
Mark Riley

January 6

Cathy Wildschuetz

January 26

Rob Kirkland



In-Service Dates for Volunteers

To maintain your CASA standing you are required to complete 12 hours of In-Service training each year. Be sure to include any completed In-Service hours on your monthly reports. We would like to discuss topics that would be beneficial to you. Please contact the CASA staff if you have special requests.

January 14: Advocates For Freedom is dedicated to ending the exploitation, sale and enslavement of men, women and children. Through awareness and education, AFF has been leading the way to stop Human Trafficking throughout Mississippi and beyond. Susie Harvill will be at the CASA office building for 2 presentations on Human Trafficking, January 14. Two sessions will be offered, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Call the CASA office or visit our website at <https://jccasa.net/events-for-volunteers/> to register for one of these sessions.

January 25: John Harry is the Associate Pastor and heads up the discipleship and care ministries at Church on the Rock. His work history includes serving as the Development and Public Relations Officer for Home of Grace, a Faith-based Recovery program located in South Mississippi, Interim Pastor of East Howard Baptist and an Addictions Counselor at the Home of Grace and PASCO (a transition facility located in Mobile, AL). January 25, Mr. Harry will be at the CASA office building for 2 presentations on the "Opioid Impact" on our community, families and the children we serve. Two sessions will be offered, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Call the CASA office or visit our website at <https://jccasa.net/events-for-volunteers/> to register for one of these sessions.

Beginning January 11, we will host our first volunteer training for 2021. Sessions will be held January 11, 13, 19 and 26. If you would like to participate in any of these sessions, please contact Brenda Lancaster at the CASA office, 228-762-7370 or email her at brenda_lancaster@co.jackson.ms.us

Ken Rice, Thank You for Your Years of Service!

I knew the moment the CASA mission became a part of you! I saw your compassion from the first moment you were introduced to CASA, and I knew. I watched you as the stories were told and your heart would skip a beat, and I knew. Your dedication became a mission and set forth an example for others, and I knew.

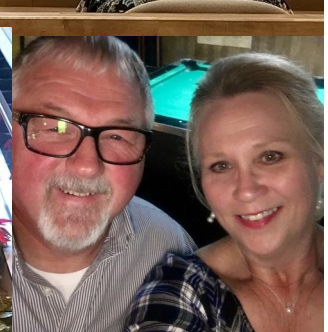
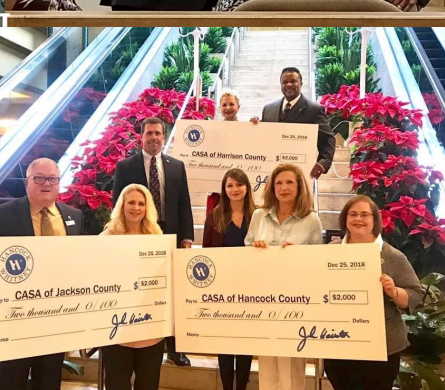
You diligently worked alongside our CASA family so that the staff and volunteers knew how much you appreciated and admired them for their work. You carried this same genuine spirit into our board and committee meetings and at our many events.

Ken, thank you for your service and commitment to CASA. Thank you for your smiles and laughter that brightened my day. Thank you for your wisdom and leadership that has helped our program to grow & grow & grow. Thank you for the countless hours that you have given to our program, it has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for being YOU!

And finally, THANK YOU for "Changing a Child's Story" by being a CASA Superhero and one of the best Champions for Children I have had the pleasure to know! I am honored to have worked alongside of you these past years and look forward to many more.

May God bless you as you have blessed others, me included. You will forever remain a part of our CASA family.
~ Frances

Thank You Ken



Christmas With CASA

Thanks to our community supporters the CASA children had a very special Christmas. Just take a look at many of the special contributors pictured below.



Ken and Frances



The Holiday Happening



Sherri and Frances



Santa? Larry?



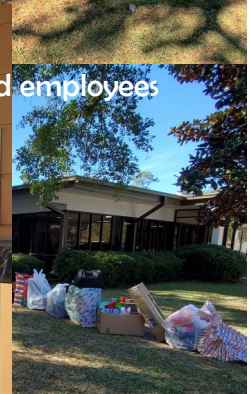
Chevron, Operation Candy Cane



The Tracy Jackson Family



The Golden Nugget, staff and employees



Zachry



Ocean Springs
Poor Mans Yacht Club



Keesler Federal Credit Union,
Gulfport

Christmas With CASA



Krewe of Vesta



CASA Staff sends Christmas Cards



Ocean Springs Main Branch
Lori Mohler



Gulfport Branch
Elizabeth Harwell and Alana Barnette Woods



Ocean Springs East Branch
Renee Selman



Gulf Coast Realtors Association



Jonathan
Holiday Happening Supervisor!



Thanks Santa for our new sign



Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi Ocean Springs



CASA Volunteers help out at the
Holiday Happening

Lauren Elishman, Teresa Jaye, Tashema Cannon,
Paige Watson, Erin Kramer and Larry Fowler