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CASA Fundraiser



Our goal is to sell 150 pork butts. Order yours today.

228-762-7370

To place your order through our website: https://jccasa.net/fundraisers/

If you would like to help us reach our goal, contact the CASA office. We will provide you with order forms and flyers.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

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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 a 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 January 31, 2021, **87 Volunteers** have served **125 children** from **69 families** with **227 donated hours of service for the 2020 calendar year**.

March Birthdays

March 2 Billy McCasland March 15 Sarah Watson Young

March 9 Aunderia Johnson March 30 Keith Delcambre



March 14 Larry Fowler

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.

March 20: *DreamTree Enterprises,* a behavioral healthcare organization for children, teens and young adults, will host an Art Therapy in-service for our volunteers and staff. Join us at their facility, 3100 Ladnier Road, Gautier, for this special in-service to learn about the healing affects art therapy can have on a child's life. Utilize your artistic skills to better your characteristics as a CASA volunteer, and learn as *DreamTree* gives you hands on experience in exercising these skills with your foster child. A tour of the *DreamTree* facility will be provided. You will have two opportunities to participate in this event, 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Sessions are limited to 10 participants, so claim your spot now. **To register, Contact Advocate Supervisor Sarah Watson, sarah_watson@co.jackson.ms.us or visit our website, jccasa.net.** We will be painting, so please dress accordingly.

March 22: *The Tower* provides voluntary services to identified victims of human trafficking through its multidisciplinary professionals and community partners to achieve safety, recovery and restoration. Participation in the program is voluntary and requires consent, active participation and adherence to the established guidelines for the safety and well-being of all clients and staff. Representatives from *The Tower* will meet with volunteers and staff to share "How we can bring value and collaboration as another part of the puzzle when providing services for child victims of human trafficking." The presentation will be held at the CASA office. **To register, Contact Advocate Supervisor Sarah Watson, sarah_watson@co.jackson.ms.us or visit our website, jccasa.net**

Additionally, many independent In-Service opportunities can be found on the our website, jccasa.net

Volunteer Training Starts April 12

Our winter pre-service volunteer training has just wrapped up, with Induction set for March 4. We will welcome 10 new volunteers to our CASA family. Our next pre-service volunteer training is set to begin April 12.

We are using the new CASA curriculum, Guided Learning. This curriculum allows the participants to work independently with a National CASA certified training facilitator to guide and support them through the training. The participants will meet weekly for the review. The training dates are April 12, 14, 20 & 27 and May 4 & 11, each session will last approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Visit our website, jccasa.net or contact the CASA office, 228-762-7370, for an application or for additional information.





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February 11 CASA Care and Coffee In-Service





Courtney and Audrey Poole deliver

My BELONGings bags for our foster children. A special thanks goes to Resurrection Catholic School for helping fill the bags with personal items for children of varying ages.







Thanks to Chevron Refinery, our office and training room has taken on a much more professional and organized look. We were so blessed to receive such a generous donation.



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Office Cleanup Day Gee ladies! What happened to our entrance table?

Golden Nugget donates water. Thank You!