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A Busy Month for CASA

October 6 - Amelia Lisowe, a 7-year old girl from Arkansas, delivered a donation of night lights for our foster children. She wanted to be a volunteer, but everywhere she went she was told that she was too young, so she created her own nonprofit, *Lisowe's Lights*. Her goal is to give a night light to every child in the United States that is in foster care because nobody should have to be scared of the dark in a new place when they are already so scared.



October 13 - Patti Tate, a longtime supporter of our program, delivered and assortment of handmade quilts for our CASA children. The quilts will make great gifts this Christmas.

October 18 - Thank you to the Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi-Ocean Springs for making and donating Halloween bags filled with candy for our children. We are so grateful! I know every child who received a bag enjoyed every piece!

October 7,8,9 - CASA joined the Pascagoula Men's Club at *Cruisin' ® the Coast* which was held at Pascagoula Beach Park. For the three-day event, staff and volunteers enjoyed a parade of beautiful antique automobiles and wonderful musical entertainment while spreading the CASA Mission. Several CASA volunteers helped out while enjoying the day's event, Trudi Dixon, Larry Fowler, Cathy Groff, Denise King, Nora Turner and Paige Watson. We are looking forward to *Cruisin' 2022*.

October 2 - Jackson County CASA took part in the *Zonta Festival* to bring awareness to our mission and to recruit more volunteers. Mentor Advocates, Lucy Newman, Ruth Payton and Nora Turner, along with CASA Advocates Aunderia Johnson, Bobbie Lankford and Judy Schneider were there to share our mission with those that visited our booth.

October 16 - JC CASA joined the Pascagoula Men's Club at their annual Barbeque Cookoff. More than 20 teams entered the cookoff. Attendees had the opportunity to taste samples from each team. CASA staff, Beverly Goff and Laura Hasty, joined by CASA volunteers, Bobbie Lankford, Lucy Newman and Nora Turner, spent the day bringing awareness to our CASA mission and recruiting new volunteers. We had a smokin' good time!

October 17-24 - CASA staff and volunteers manned a booth at the Jackson County Fair. The staff and volunteers spent time talking to visitors about our CASA mission and recruiting volunteers.

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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November Birthdays

November 6
Tammy Howell

November 13
Teresa Jaye

November 18
Trudi Dixon
Joyce Nelson
Ken Rice

November 30
Brandon Riches

November 7
Lauren Eshliman
Albert Horton

November 14
Marenda Harper



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 September 31, 2021, **108 Volunteers** have served **197 children** from **112 families** with **3604 donated hours of service for the 2021 calendar year.**

Foster Care Review

County Conferences are held every six months to discuss and review the permanency 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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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.

Spilled Milk, based on a true story, is a novel by K.L. Randis that is available for checkout throughout the month. Brooke Nolan is a battered child who makes an anonymous phone call to social services about the escalating brutality in her home. When they jeopardize her safety, condemning her to keep her father's secret, it's a glass of spilled milk at the dinner table that forces her to speak about the cruelty she's been hiding. Brooke then battles a broken system that pushes her to keep her father in the home. She risks losing the support of family, coming to the realization that some people simply do not want to be saved. *Spilled Milk* is a novel of shocking narrative, triumph, and resiliency.

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

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Photo Gallery



Above center: Candy King & Trudi Dixon



Tonya & Larry Fowler



Below: Bruce Lynn, Con Lancaster & JB George



Brenda Lancaster, Cathy Groff,
Larry Fowler & Nora Turner



Paige Watson, Sarah Young & Denise King



Angela Lynn & Jonathan Mills

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