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CASA Blues

2022 CASA BLUES
Putting the music back in little lives!
PRESENTED BY
JACKSON COUNTY CASA, INC.
Jackson County Civic Center
Friday, March 11 \$50 per person 6 PM—10 PM
Jackson County Fairgrounds
FEATURING: N2 BLUE
Contact JC CASA for more information
or to purchase tickets,
228-762-7370 or jccasa.net
A fun party with music, food, drinks and silent auction!

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Our seventh annual fundraiser, CASA Blues, is set for Friday, March 11, 2022, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Jackson County Civic Center on Shortcut Road in Pascagoula. Join us for a night of fun dedicated to putting the music back into the little lives of some very deserving children here in Jackson County. N2 Blue Band is back and ready to get the party started. The tickets are \$50 per person, which includes some delicious food, drinks, and great music for dancing. There will be a huge silent auction featuring a wide variety of items donated by local merchants sure to satisfy the tastes of every bidder.

We invite you to share this event information with your family, friends, and co-workers that might be interested. All proceeds raised go towards supporting the local CASA mission of advocating for the needs of the abused and neglected children of Jackson County since 1985.

You may contact any of our Board members for tickets (see our website jccasa.net), go to our **Facebook** page (Jackson County CASA) to purchase tickets through **Eventbrite**, or contact any CASA staff for tickets. The CASA office is located at Jackson County Youth Court on Telephone Road in Pascagoula and the phone number is 228-762-7370.

Superbowl BBQ Pork Butt Fundraiser



JACKSON COUNTY CASA
SUPERBOWL
PORK BUTT FUNDRAISER

Order Deadline: *February 9th*

PICK UP DAY: FEBRUARY 12TH
1:00-3:00pm

Jackson County Fairgrounds
2902 Shortcut Rd, Pascagoula,
MS 39567

\$40 for a 10-12lb Pork Butt

To place an order, visit our website at <https://jccasa.net/fundraisers/> or call the CASA office at (228) 762-7370.

It's that time again!

Jackson County CASA's second annual pork butt fundraiser has come again. This time, the event is being held on Superbowl weekend. Let us put the "pigskin" in your weekend and take the guesswork out of it for you! Our friends Noel Grafe & Dustin Stanford with HomeTown Barbeque are cooking (smoking) all pork butts, so we have no doubt that these butts will be a touchdown!

\$40 for a 10-12 pound delicious Pork Butt!

Pick up day is **Saturday, February 12th**, between 1-3 pm at Jackson County Fairgrounds, 2902 Shortcut Rd., Pascagoula.

All final orders must be placed by **Friday, February 9th**.

Visit our website at <https://jccasa.net/fundraisers/> to order online or call our office at (228) 762-7370.

Spring Volunteer Training

To learn more about the training, contact the CASA office or visit the website jccasa.net



Jackson County CASA, Inc. 2022 SPRING VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Overview: Part 1 and interview
March 22 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Overview: Part 2
March 24 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Bleux Case
March 29 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Green Case
April 5 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Amarillo Case
April 12 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Redd Case
April 19 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Wrap-up and Optima
April 26 6:00 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

Induction
To be scheduled *

Latest Program Statistics

JC CASA is a volunteer-powered organization that advocates for the abused and neglected children of Jackson County. We have an amazing group of dedicated volunteers that provide a voice for these children throughout their court process. As of December 31, 2021, **110 Volunteers** have served **217 children** from **127 families** with **5,091 donated hours of service during the 2021 calendar year.**

2022 Volunteer Training Begins



The winter pre-service training for volunteers wishing to join the Jackson County CASA team has gotten off to a wonderful start for 2022. The class is very diverse and eager to learn all the skills and information needed to become a successful volunteer who can provide the voice of a child who has suffered from abuse and/or neglect. A special thank you to our veteran volunteers who were eager and willing to share their own case experiences when those in training contacted them. This is always one of the activities that makes a tremendous impact on the trainees and answers a lot of their questions/concerns. These folks are currently working through the sample cases and will do Optima training before induction. They are really looking forward to working their first case and doing the court observations. We are anticipating at least eight new volunteers and one transfer will be joining the CASA team by late February. They are equally excited about meeting additional CASA volunteers at events and continuing education activities throughout the year. The next training session (spring training) will begin on Tuesday, March 22. Please invite anyone you think would be a super volunteer to check out the CASA Facebook page ([jccasa.net](https://www.facebook.com/jccasa.net)) for the specific dates and times for training or simply invite them to give the office a call a 228 -762-7370 for more information.



The program is in serious need of volunteers to help advocate for the children of abuse and neglect in Jackson County. Children of all ages, 0—18+, need your help. See page 3 for more information on the next pre-service volunteer training.

FYI



Jackson County residents, businesses, and organizations are very caring and generous, especially for the vulnerable children we serve. Two of our foster children arrived at the office in need of a few things. Gratefully, we were able to provide them with several items that were donated by members of our community. The Honorable Angel Myers McIlrath and staff collected and donated duffle bags for our children. The boys were thrilled to select a bag and fill it with a variety of items. They also enjoyed watching the fish swim and hide in the coral. The aquarium was donated and is maintained by Tommy Sessum. Many children and adults have enjoyed this beautiful addition to the office.



CASA of Hancock County held its annual *Mardi Gras Gala* January 22 in Bay St. Louis. This was the tenth anniversary for this fundraising event. Jackson County CASA Executive Director, Frances Allsup, attended the Gala and helped to celebrate this milestone for the program with its Executive Director, Cynthia Chauvin.
Left: Cynthia Chauvin and Frances Allsup

Volunteers work so hard advocating for the children they serve. Many develop a strong bond and stay in contact with their children for a lifetime. They have attended graduations, weddings, and birthday parties. Volunteer Cathy Groff served a family of children for over two years before they were adopted by their foster families. Recently, Cathy joined the celebration for one of the children's second birthday. *Right: Jay, the birthday boy, with Cathy*



February Birthdays

February 1
Jonathan Mills

February 16
Katie Allsup

February 27
Angela Lynn

February 5
Sharon Beckman

February 21
Vicki Applewhite

February 10
Sherita Knowles

February 25
Jane Hicks

