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3rd Annual 5D Barrel Run—September 23

Free Admission/Food Trucks Available/Silent Auction



Exhibitions from 10:00 to 1:00
Kiddies Start at 2:00
First Draw Closes at 2:00
Books Close Last 10 Riders
Open Starts at 2:30

Kiddies: \$10 + Prizes
5D Open EF: \$40
Youth EF: \$25
3D Senior EF: \$25
Processing Fee: \$10

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of competition!
We will have food
trucks and (dry)
bounce house fun
provided by
Bounce &
Waterslide
of Lucedale**



An agency of United Way for Jackson and George Counties since 1999



FYI



Thank you to the first lunch guest in Lucedale, **Steve Lott**. The staff was excited to be there to meet with all the folks who came by for lunch and took time to visit and learn about the new satellite office and the mission of **CASA**. Special thanks to **MGCCC** for allowing us to use their facility and to **Melisa Hamilton** for preparing the delicious spaghetti lunch.

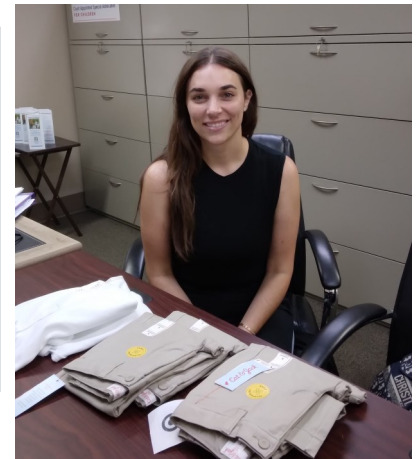


A huge thank you to the members of **Leakesville United Methodist Church** for allowing **CASA** to use their facilities to prepare and serve the dinner meal. These wonderful ladies helped with preparing and serving the food and provided some delicious desserts: **Olivia Eubanks, Shelley Dobbins Eubanks, Emily Williams Smith, and Madelyn Eubanks**.



CASA staff members **Teresa Jaye, Karen Horn, Amber Ehlers, Jonathan Mills, Frances Allsup, and Beverly Goff** traveled to Lucedale and Leakesville to participate in the recruitment and awareness events and meet with community members who were dining in to support **United Way** of Jackson, George and Greene Counties. They used these opportunities to spread the word about **CASA's** presence and mission to all of those who dropped by for lunch or dinner.

Shown at right: **Nickole Duggan** with the **JABOS** group arrived just in time with the requested uniform items for a foster child just starting school. The generous support of this organization means so much at back-to-school time and throughout the year as they try to meet any specific needs for the children **CASA** serves.



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Toni Noble came by with some school supplies along with a generous donation from **Papa's Peanuts** that can be used to purchase any additional items for back-to-school needs. **Toni** is shown at right with **Frances Allsup, CASA** executive director.



FYI



A huge thank you to the wonderful employees of **Chevron** for their amazing response to the **MyBE-LONGings** spring donation drive. Thanks to their generous efforts, some 50 bags were filled. Many additional items of new clothing were made available in all sizes along with a great selection of diapers and wipes. They also donated a number of gift cards to help volunteers purchase any specific items the children might need when they come into custody. The storage facility was also donated for **CASA's** use by a former **Chevron** employee! Special thanks to **Katarina Scott** and **Courtney Poole** for their amazing efforts to make all of this happen. **Katarina** is shown at left with her assistant **Amber Farley** as they made the deliveries. Pictured at right is Outreach Coordinator **Teresa Jaye** with **Katarina** as they filled the unit. Shown at right: **CASA** Advocate Supervisor **Amber Ehlers** was a huge help on moving day. Items are available to any child **CASA** serves in Jackson, George, and Greene Counties.



Thanks to **Hank Cochran** with **Modern Woodmen of America** and **Karen Wright** with **Better Home and Garden Real Estate** for these generous uniform donations available for children in foster care in George County. We are so thankful for these wonderful community partners! Pictured at left: **Beverly Goff**, **CASA** Advocate Supervisor in the George County satellite office, receives some of the donations from **Hank Cochran**. Shown at right are more of the donated uniform items—just in time for back-to-school distribution.



Pictured above: **Teresa Jaye** and **Karen Horn** represented **CASA of Southeast Mississippi** at the **National Night Out Against Crime** event at the Moss Point Riverfront Park hosted by area law enforcement and **District Attorney Angel Myers McIlrath** (pictured in the middle above). The event allowed community members to learn more about the **CASA** program in a fun, family environment. Thank you to all who dropped by the **CASA** table. Pictured at top right: Outreach Coordinator **Teresa Jaye** and Moss Point **Mayor Billy Knight** as he welcomed all who came out to celebrate the evening. Pictured at right: District 2 Jackson County Supervisor **Ennit Morris** and **Teresa Jaye** were on hand for this community event.



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Pictured at left: Members of the **Pascagoula Mayor's Youth Council 2023-2024** kicked off their first Program Day with information focused on Nonprofits and Health. The **United Way** and **CASA** were two of the morning's featured nonprofit presenters. The **PMYC** provides a forum for high school juniors to become actively engaged in the community. Members learn the inner workings of municipal government and discover opportunities that await them in the city. They also participate in service initiatives to help local organizations. This outstanding group of future leaders from Pascagoula and Resurrection Catholic High Schools asked thought-provoking questions about volunteering and the training required to become a volunteer.



Congratulations to **CASA of Hancock County**, recently named **Hancock Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year**. Pictured above: **Cynthia Chauvin**, Executive Director, along with **CASA** staff, governing board members, and a number of dedicated volunteers proudly accepted the award.

Pictured at right: At the morning session, **Beverly Goff**, Advocate Manager, and **Karen Horn**, Training Coordinator, spoke with the **PMYC** students about the mission of the **CASA** program and the role of a volunteer.



Pictured at left: **Linda Day** and her husband came by the office on two different occasions and left backpacks and supplies after hearing that some of our **CASA** children needed these items for back to school.



Advocate Supervisor **Amber Ehlers** poses with some of the items donated by members of the **Dixie Dart Association**. Several boxes of back-to-school supplies, markers, and some filled backpacks completed their donation.



Coffee Time with CASA of Southeast Mississippi - Teresa Jaye will host the first session live on **Facebook** on Monday, **September 11 at 8:30 am**. She will share information on upcoming events, feature interviews with staff, and so much more. There will also be time for Q & A during these lives. Tell a friend, grab your favorite beverage, and join us each week on **Facebook**.

New CASA Volunteers

Pictured at right: Congratulations to **Brenda Debose-Mosley**, **CASA's** newest volunteer, who was sworn in by Greene County Youth Court Referee **Cheryl Pierce** on August 24. **Brenda** is a resident of State Line and will be serving in Greene County. Call the **CASA** office today (228-762-7370) to learn how you too can become a **CASA** volunteer!

Also completing pre-service training during August and awaiting induction are **Alicia Capps, Amanda Goodwin and Grace Kelly**.



CASA of Southeast Mississippi, Inc.
2023 FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
4903 TELEPHONE ROAD, PASCAGOULA

Overview: Parts 1 and 2
 September 5 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Bleux Case
 September 12 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Green Case
 September 19 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Amarillo Case
 September 26 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Redd Case
 October 3 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Wrap-up
 October 10 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Induction/Court Observation/Optima Training
 To Be Determined*

Thank you to these restaurants that have allowed us to place table tents in their locations to increase awareness of the **CASA** mission in George County:
 Crosby's Seafood Market and Cafe
 Havens Down-Home Creamery
 Lucedale Coffee House
 Lucedale Doughnuts
 McAlister's-Lucedale
 Ranchos Los Fuentes



Call me at
 228.762.7370 or
 228.218.2116.



Teresa Jaye, Outreach
 Coordinator

CASA of Southeast MS is in desperate need of your gently used - new shoes. We have a goal to meet and we need your help ASAP!!



Volunteers Needed



You can make a difference!

Pre-service training is now available in both Jackson and George Counties.

Call 228-762-7370 and ask for Karen Horn to join one of the two up-coming

CASA of Southeast Mississippi, Inc.
2023 FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
355 COX STREET, LUCEDALE

Overview: Parts 1 and 2
 September 7 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Bleux Case
 September 14 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Green Case
 September 21 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Amarillo Case
 September 28 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Redd Case
 October 5 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Wrap-up
 October 12 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Reminder— to maintain your active CASA standing, you are required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education training each year. Be sure to include any completed Continuing Education hours on your monthly activity reports that are submitted in OPTIMA.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff will be sharing information about the BBBS program and their referral process. This program will be held in the Courtroom of the Jackson County Youth Court **September 19 at 9 am**. This will be a good opportunity for you to ask and learn more about how you can connect the children you come into contact with to their local services. If you have any questions, please contact **Kelly Qualls** at kelly@bbbssa.org with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast. ***Ignite the Power and Promise of Our Youth.***

September Outstanding CASA Volunteer

Debbie Gill is the September **Outstanding CASA Volunteer**. **Debbie** has been a **CASA** volunteer since 2008. During this time, **Debbie** describes her **CASA** experience as a range of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. She has been fortunate to have several cases where adoptions occurred, including one with four biological siblings ranging in age from 8-13! She has also had cases with disappointing outcomes, but each one has taught her something. **Debbie** stated, "If you continue as a volunteer, you will definitely develop emotional toughness. Through hardship, perseverance, and commitment you will gain life experiences that can never be duplicated outside of **CASA**. You will learn to work with difficult parents, adolescents, and children, but you will also make lifelong friends with many families and children."

Debbie's most memorable case involved a 9-year-old who weighed only 29 pounds when taken into custody. The child has been adopted into a loving forever home and is doing well today. **Debbie** says she has developed more compassion but also learned how to be very firm when necessary in her **CASA** journey.

Debbie has been a resident of Jackson County for 44 years. She is a retired nurse and has three grown children and six grandchildren.



September Birthdays

September 9

Amanda Methven
Sandy LeBatard

September 17

Marie Souza

September 27

Grace Kelly

September 20

Brenda Debose-Mosley
Megan Rogers
Jim Johnson



Latest Program Statistics

As of July 31, 2023, 111 CASA volunteers served 146 children with 1,755 donated hours of service for the calendar year. Thank you to each dedicated volunteer who has worked to provide a voice for a child who is journeying through the Youth Court process. As the number of children in custody continues to grow, we are in need of additional advocate volunteers to serve in 2023!