

CHATTAHOOCHEE CASA

FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

SERVING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



*"No one has ever become
poor by giving."*

Anne Frank

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TOTAL SERVED **216** **HOURS** **4,714**
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS **95** **MILES** **23,577**
COURT REPORTS **228**



Grants & Fundraisers

GA CASA: \$63,924
 VOCA: \$172,913
 CESF: \$43,228
 United Way of the CV: \$87,200
 Red Shoe Party: \$21,093
 Individual Donors: \$3,700
 GA Power Foundation: \$5,000
 Columbus Board of Realtors: \$1,000

Permanency Outcomes

Reunifications: 13
 Adoptions: 26
 Guardianships: 4
 Living w/ Relatives: 6



49 children who experienced juvenile court intervention because of abuse or neglect achieved permanency in FY 2022.

Volunteer Stats & Demographics

Age	Race	Gender
21-29: 14	W: 41	Male: 10
30-39: 24	AA: 43	Female: 85
40-49: 24	H: 6	
50-59: 24	Multi: 2	
60+: 9	Other: 3	

Children Stats & Demographics

Age	Race	Gender
0-5: 91	W: 56	Male: 120
6-11: 69	AA: 132	Female: 96
12-17: 50	H: 4	
18+: 6	Multi: 18	
	Other: 6	



Chattahoochee CASA Volunteer of the Year
Danny Lockhart



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FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

To the Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. Board and Foundation members, Leadership team, and Staff, Thank you for your continued support of Chattahoochee CASA. We are proud to be serving the children of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

We also acknowledge and celebrate our partnerships with other agencies who so graciously believe in the CASA mission and provide us with support as we serve children in this community. THANK YOU to United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Georgia CASA and National CASA/GAL Associations, GA Power Foundation, Red Shoe Party sponsors and ticket holders, Department of Family and Children Services, and community members who contribute their time, talents, resources, connections, influence, and financial resources as Friends of CASA.

At Chattahoochee CASA, we have the privilege and responsibility of working with volunteers to advocate for children experiencing foster care in our community. Our CASA Volunteers step into the lives of children and families at a critical time. They stand in the gap so the children we serve can have an opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home and the hopes of a brighter future. They are change-makers for children-- helping to improve their experience in foster care and making steps towards permanency.

As we reflect on FY 22, we celebrate 95 CASA Volunteers who have chosen to make child advocacy a part of their lives. Thank YOU for your commitment to bring urgency, consistency and personalization to each victim ensuring their voice is heard!

Whether you give of your time to advocate for a child in foster care or you support the program through community awareness and funding, it takes a village and we are so glad you're in it with us!

Keagan Clark

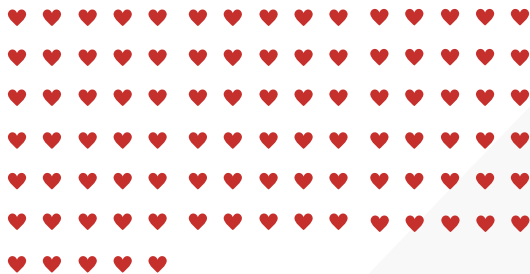


ADVOCACY in ACTION

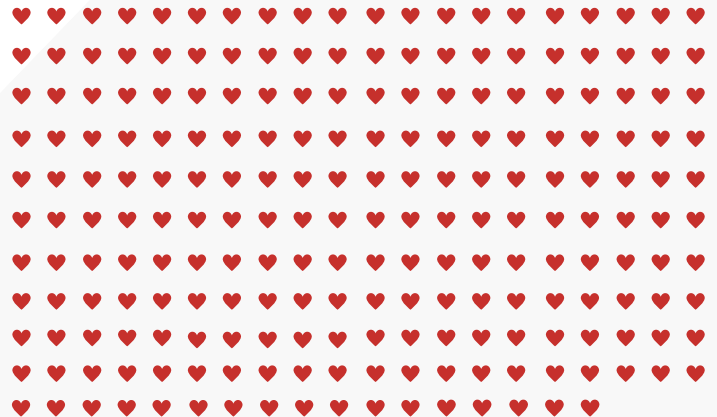
5 paid staff supporting



95 Volunteers providing advocacy for



216 children in the Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Chattahoochee, and Marion County child welfare system



Behind each number is a child, a promising future, and a CASA Volunteer committed to making a difference

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ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

CASA Staff Development

GA CASA Council of Programs, GA CASA Volunteer Supervisor Meeting, GA CASA Training of the Facilitator, CPR/1st Aide, Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light, Georgia Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Mandated Reporter training, GA CASA Recruiter Meet-Up and Legal Advocacy Convening, Voices 101, Family Drug Court 101, Rise 21-NADCP Annual Conference, CJCC Victims Assistance Training, Self-care and Secondary Traumatic Stress, virtual Juvenile Court hearings, ZOOM staff meetings and case staffings, and continuous virtual trainings relevant to child welfare, trauma, advocacy, and working with families

Recruitment/Awareness

Instagram and Facebook accounts, monthly e-newsletter, multiple speaking engagements with local churches and civic groups, vendor at local events, 2 fundraiser billboards and created virtual opportunities to stay engaged with the community and offer support; combined efforts reached over 18,000 people.

Volunteer Training

CASA screened, trained, and had sworn-in 16 new volunteers and completed 5 virtual training sessions. Through volunteer retention and 16 new CASAs, 63 new children received a CASA Volunteer.

Events & Fundraiser

CASA celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week & NCASA/GAL Volunteer Day with recognition of all our Volunteers; hosted a Holiday Party for Volunteer and stakeholders; collected and distributed toys and volunteered at the Annual Foster Care Christmas Party; participated in CASA Day at the Capitol; supported/participated in Child Abuse Awareness campaigns and events; planned and hosted the 5th annual Red Shoe Party raising awareness and \$21,093 for the program.



Community Involvement

CASA is an active member of Columbus GA Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals, United Way Emerging Leaders United, Tri-Community Directors of Volunteer Services, Children's Treehouse Child Advocacy Center, Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), Child Fatality Review Board, Domestic Violence Roundtable, Muscogee County Family Drug Court, Child Abuse Protocol Committee, Harris County Attendance Protocol, attends Harris and Muscogee County Family Connections, and is a proud community partner of the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley.

2021 Volunteer of the Year



When **Danny Lockhart** applied to train as a CASA Volunteer in January 2020, he defined himself as “caring and a problem-solver who aggressively seeks to help others overcome problems”. These words reflect what Danny has modeled in his almost 2 years as a CASA. As a business owner, Chief of his Volunteer Fire Department, and an international cyclist, nothing stops Danny from making time to fulfill his role as a CASA. The one thing that is not reflected in his self-description is how very humble Danny is about all the things he does. His friends call him honest, friendly, and dependable.

Danny says that when a “child is safe and its needs are provided, the child is better as part of [their] family” but “if the hardships cannot be overcome, society should provide an alternative environment for the child”. Danny has a strong desire to help reduce the damage caused by neglect and thereby help children later in life. As an active member of society whether it's cycling, coaching soccer, or serving the Volunteer Fire Department, Danny represents the CASA program with integrity and commitment.

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THANK YOU TO OUR FY 22 PROGRAM SUPPORTERS

\$2500 and up

Georgia Power Foundation
Lockwood Partners- Cecil & Bettye Cheves
WC Bradley Co.
Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. Foundation

\$1000-\$2499

Columbus Board of Realtors
James and Margaret Clark
LOGOS - Andy Young
Heritage Timber Company, LLC
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Tierra Watkins
Melanie Whitten
Mark and Sheryl Wise

In-Kind

Rivercity Swingsets
Eye Candy Visual Arts
The Loft
Emmie Ruth Wise
Signature Clothing & Accessories
Your Pie
Stumpy's Hatchet House
River Flow Yoga
Ride on Bikes
National Infantry Museum
Springer Opera House
The Animal Farm
Divine Dinners
The Sweetest Picnics
Fancy Nails
Coca-Cola Space Science Center
219 Southern Market
AC Hotels Marriott
Treadstone Climbing Gym
Wild Animal Safari Pine Mountain
Pat a Cakes Bakery
CaraVails Day Spa
Launch Trampoline Park
Maltitude
Sydney's on First

FY 22 GRANTORS



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THANK YOU TO OUR FY 22 VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

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Jan Allen
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Brenda Bannister
Toya Barnes
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Daisy Lynton
Libby Malkinski
Jessica Maney
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Sbrena Randall
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Callie Martin
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Dacia Sheffield
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Samantha Walker
Joy Walton
LaTangela Washington
Tierra Watkins
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CASA STAFF

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Stephanie Redmond
NaEisha Owens
Bailey Bishop

Program Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer Supervisor
Volunteer Supervisor/Trainer
Volunteer Supervisor/Recruiter

FY 22 Friends of CASA

Andrew Redmond
Antoine Patterson
Holli Melancon - Keep Well Cards
St. Francis Hospital
Columbus Board of Realtors
TSYS-Global Payments



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