

Chattahoochee CASA

SERVING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Affiliate of National CASA/GAL & GA CASA Associations

**EVERY KID IS ONE
CARING ADULT AWAY
FROM A SUCCESS
STORY.**

Josh Shipp



OUR MISSION

Chattahoochee CASA strives to improve the lives of abused and neglected children and their families by ensuring that the court has adequate information to make sensitive decisions and court orders promoting the health, safety, and well-being of each child.



OUR GOALS

The CASA program has two primary goals: to advocate for the health, education, and medical needs of children in foster care helping them achieve permanency and to recruit, train, and swear-in a sufficient number of quality volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in juvenile court proceedings.



OUR VISION

Chattahoochee CASA's vision is for every child in foster care to have a Court Appointed Special Advocate helping to change their story.

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GRANTS & FUNDRAISERS

GA CASA:	\$123,425
VOCA:	\$93,385
ARPA:	\$124,251
United Way of the CV:	\$87,200
Red Shoe Party:	\$40,561
Benefit Concert:	\$5,065
Individual Donors:	\$3,715

VOLUNTEER STATS & DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	Race	Gender
21-29: 17	W: 39	Male: 8
30-39: 20	AA: 42	Female: 82
40-49: 15	H: 2	
50-59: 25	Multi: 2	
60+: 13	Other: 5	

CHILDREN STATS & DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	Race	Gender
0-5: 81	W: 62	Male: 104
6-11: 68	AA: 114	Female: 89
12-17: 38	H: 0	
18+: 6	Multi: 12	
	Other: 5	

CHATTAHOOCHEE CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Karen Moore

193

TOTAL
CHILDREN SERVED

90

ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

233

COURT REPORTS

3,758

HOURS

29,447

MILES

PERMANENCY OUTCOMES

Reunifications:	11
Adoptions:	9
Guardianships:	7
Living w/ Relatives:	4



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FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

To the Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. Board and Foundation members, Leadership team, and Staff, Friends of CASA, community partners, funders, and program supporters,

Thank you for your continued support of Chattahoochee CASA. We are proud to be serving the children of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

We acknowledge and celebrate our partnerships with all of you who so graciously believe in the CASA mission and provide us with ongoing support. THANK YOU to United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Georgia CASA and National CASA/GAL Associations, 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. We get the privilege every day to show up for the children who need us most and we could not do it without your support.

Beginning with a heart for children in need and a desire to impact the community, CASA volunteers are community members who have been carefully screened, trained, and sworn-in by the Juvenile Court. Once appointed, CASA Volunteers are change-makers for children in foster care advocating for their health, safety, wellbeing, and permanency. It is our mission to be advocates for children across all barriers to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and build a stronger, more resilient future generation for our community.

To our Volunteer Advocates,
Our program would simply not exist without you and your selfless commitment to the children you serve. Thank you for sharing your heart to support the CASA mission and make a difference in the lives of others.

Whether you give of your time to advocate for a child in foster care or support the program through community awareness and funding, we all play a role in ensuring safe, happy childhoods!

**BEHIND EACH NUMBER IS A
CHILD, A PROMISING FUTURE,
AND A CASA VOLUNTEER
COMMITTED TO MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.**

Keagan Clark

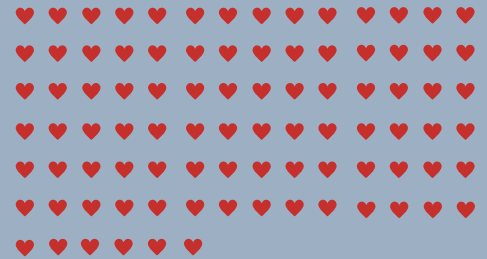


ADVOCACY in ACTION

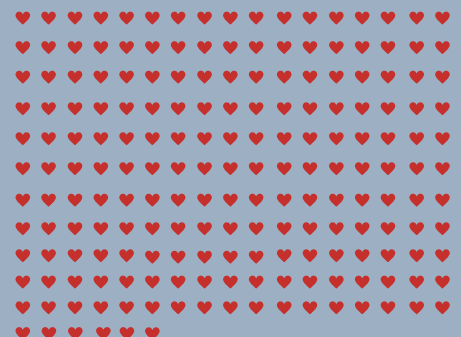
6 paid staff supporting



90 Volunteers providing
advocacy for



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





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ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

CASA STAFF DEVELOPMENT

CASA staff participated in GA CASA Council of Programs, GA CASA All-Volunteer Supervisor Meeting, GA CASA Training of the Facilitator, GA CASA New Volunteer Supervisor Training, CPR/1st Aide, Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light, GA Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, GA CASA State Conference, Juvenile Court 101, MD-CANI, TCYFS Supervisor training, Trauma Behaviors Across Childhood, Understanding the Effects of Trauma, Foster Care Stakeholder's Meeting, Leaders in Advocacy- GA CASA Drivers Affinity, Volunteer Management 110/120/130/140, Amerigroup GF360, JCAMP, School Discipline, Volunteer Coaching, The Promise of Hope and Healing, Building Rapport with your CASA Kid, Leadership Columbus (K. Clark), Regional Practice Scan & Share, Region 8 Stakeholder meeting, Family Treatment Court Stakeholder meeting, Juvenile Court hearings, staff meetings, bi-weekly case reviews, and other trainings relevant to child welfare, trauma, advocacy, and working with families.



RECRUITMENT & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Recruitment and outreach efforts include Instagram and Facebook accounts, monthly e-newsletter, over 30 speaking engagements or vendor opportunities with local churches, schools, civic groups, and events, fundraiser billboards, Super Bowl LVIII commercial, GA CASA radio/tv ads, and a 12-hour telethon on WTVM. Combined efforts reached over 20,000 people.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING



CASA screened, trained, and had sworn-in 32 new volunteers and completed 3 virtual training sessions. Through volunteer retention and 32 new CASAs, 90 active volunteers served 193 children to include 37 new children being appointed a CASA volunteer.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

CASA celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week with recognition of all our Volunteers; hosted a Holiday Party for Volunteers and stakeholders; collected holiday toys and gifts for local children; participated in CASA Day at the Capitol; supported/participated in Child Abuse Awareness campaigns and events; and planned and hosted the 7th annual Red Shoe Party raising awareness and \$40,561 for the program.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



CASA is an active member of United Way Emerging Leaders United, Tri-Community Directors of Volunteer Services, Non-Profit Development, Children's Treehouse Child Advocacy Center: Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), Child Fatality Review Board, Domestic Violence Roundtable, Muscogee County Family Treatment 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.

2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Karen Moore was sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate on 3/30/2017 and quickly accepted her first case of five siblings on 4/12/2017. All five children were in need of services, with the two youngest children requiring more extensive interventions to include therapeutic, behavioral, and academic services. If there was a need, Karen saw to it that it was addressed. She collaborated with a host of community partners including the Department of Family and Children Services, therapist, hospitals, and school personnel. Karen demonstrated that no task or conversation was too difficult when it came to the needs of her CASA kiddos, and most importantly, she never let a "no," stop her from advocating for them.

Through Karen's fierce advocacy efforts, the three oldest children achieved permanency through adoption on 7/12/21 and the fourth sibling found her forever home through adoption on 3/9/23. When three more younger siblings entered the Department's custody on 9/26/23, Karen immediately asked to be appointed to their case and recommended family time between all eight siblings as she understood the importance of sibling connection. On 3/11/23, the fifth sibling achieved permanency through adoption.

Karen has been active in each child's life following them across multiple placements and ensuring that all necessary and required services are in place. She has volunteered over 400 hours and driven over 3,500 miles to visit each child. She is present for every court hearing and readily available to testify on behalf of the children and their needs/wishes. She provides a thorough record of the children's on-going needs to all involved parties, and works to ensure their best interests are being considered in every decision! It is Karen's attention to detail, collaboration, and her commitment to her CASA kiddos that makes her such a huge asset to not only Chattahoochee CASA, but to the children she is appointed to. Karen is a CASA because "children are our most precious resource and it should not hurt to be a child. I make the difference!"



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Maltitude
Massage Envy
Midtown Coffee House
Moe's BBQ
National Infantry Museum
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Old Town Optique
Parker's Pantry
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Pat-a-Cakes Bakery
Real Cuts
RiverCenter
Riverflow Yoga
Rocket Fizz
Rumble Boxing/Club
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