

FY25 Annual Report

Chattahoochee

CASA

SERVING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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.



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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

A program of
 **Twin Cedars**
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

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 honored to be serving the children of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

We appreciate your partnership more than you know. 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 could not do this important work without your support.

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 time, your energy, and your heart to support the CASA mission. Thank you for recognizing a need and standing up to make a difference!

Keagan Clark

Chattahoochee CASA
Program Coordinator



2025 Volunteer of the Year JESSICA BANKSTON

Jessica was sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate on 5.18.21, and accepted her first case of four siblings on 6.7.21. Several of the children needed extensive therapeutic, behavioral, and academic services. Jessica advocated for each child's unique needs through collaborative partnerships with various community partners including the Department of Family and Children Services, therapists, hospitals, and school personnel. Jessica 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. On 3.13.25 and after 2,076 days in foster care, two of the siblings found their forever home! Jessica continues to identify and advocate for additional services that will ensure stability and support in the potential adoptive placement for the two remaining siblings.



Jessica accepted a second case on 3.29.22. Through her fierce advocacy efforts, her CASA child found her forever home through adoption on 6.28.24, after being in the Department's custody for 927 days.

Jessica is dependable, professionally persistent, and humble. She has been active in the children's lives, following them across multiple placements, and ensuring that all necessary and required services are in place. She has volunteered over 936 hours and driven over 4,500 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 ongoing needs to all involved parties and works to ensure their best interests are addressed!

Jessica's attention to detail, collaboration, and her commitment to her CASA kiddos make her such a huge asset to, not only Chattahoochee CASA, but the children she serves. Jessica 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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Grants & Fundraisers

GA CASA:	\$123,425
VOCA:	\$93,385
ARPA:	\$113,831
United Way of the CV:	\$87,200
Red Shoe Party:	\$56,461
Individual Donors:	\$3,075

173

**TOTAL
CHILDREN SERVED**

67

**ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer Demographics

Age	Race	Gender
21-29: 10	W: 32	Male: 7
30-39: 15	AA: 27	Female: 60
40-49: 14	H: 1	
50-59: 12	Multi: 5	
60+: 16	Other: 2	

271

COURT REPORTS

3,570

HOURS

25,200

MILES

Children Demographics

Age	Race	Gender
0-5: 66	W: 50	Male: 95
6-11: 65	AA: 109	Female: 78
12-17: 35	H: 0	
18+: 7	Multi: 10	
	Other: 4	

Permanency Outcomes

Reunifications:	7
Adoptions:	12
Guardianships:	16
Living w/ Relatives:	4

**CHATTAHOOCHEE CASA
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Jessica Bankston



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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, Prevent Child Abuse GA conference, GA CASA State Conference, Juvenile Court 101, TCYFS Supervisor training, Trauma Informed Care and PTSD, Sexual Harassment Prevention, SANE Exam training, HIPPA and Confidentiality, Role of the Victim Advocate training, Best Practices when Advocating for Special Education, Drug Free Workplace training, DEI training, Breaking Down Barriers, Civil Rights 101, Long-term Effects of Domestic Violence, Communicare 101, Victims Compensation 101, Application/Screening/Interviewing CASA Volunteers, Council of Accountability Court Judges annual conference, Mandated Reporter training, National Youth Advocacy and Resilience Conference, Leaders in Advocacy- GA CASA Drivers Affinity, Amerigroup GF360, Leadership Columbus (K. Patterson), Regional Practice Scan & Share, 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.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CASA is an active member of Non-Profit Development, Children's Treehouse Child Advocacy Center: Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), Muscogee County Family Treatment Court, Child Abuse Protocol Committee, Harris County Attendance Protocol, Georgia CASA Council of Programs Representative and Board Member, Harris and Muscogee County Family Connections, and is a proud community partner of the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley.



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; supported CASA Day at the Capitol by reaching out to legislators; supported/participated in Child Abuse Awareness campaigns and events; and planned and hosted the 8th annual Red Shoe Party raising awareness and a record-breaking \$56,461 for the program.

30

NEW Children Served



8

NEW Volunteers Sworn-In



15k

People Reached through Community Outreach



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THANK YOU TO OUR FY 25 PROGRAM SUPPORTERS

\$2500 and up

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. Foundation
Georgia Power Foundation
Harris County Ironworks, LLC
James and Margaret Clark
Katherine A. Coss and Lisa M. Bechard
Family Donor Advised Fund
Amy Gill, Realtor
Southern Power
WC Bradley Co.
Melanie Slocumb

\$1000-\$2499

Heritage Timber Company, LLC
Amerigroup
AACR, Inc.
Gary and Emily Byrd
Rodgers Metal Craft
Kingdom Builders- North Highland
H&H Solutions
Chris and Leah Lane
Richard and Pamela Huckaby
Peter and Sharon Anello

\$500-\$999

BC Stone Homes
Skylar and Keagan Clark
Hart Steel
LTR Glass, Inc.
Bob English, State Farm
Law Office of Amy C. Walters
Days Gone By Properties, LLC - Nancy Burgin
Rivertown Pediatrics
The Church in the County
Jay Gemes, State Farm
Andy and Stephanie Redmond
Travis and Shelby Ward

\$250-\$499

Serff Orthodontics
Grace Church
Friendly Phone
Morgan Amos, Realtor
Brittney and Walker Smith
Sweetgums Dental, LLC
Sissy Boutique
Carolyn Todd
Daniel Appliance
Law Office of Thomas Tebeau III
Todd and Bethany Smith
Lori Auten
Phillip Weaver
Cristina Barrett
Lisa Johnson
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

\$1-\$249

Rosalind Alston	Lawrence and Carol Kline
Craig Andrews	Todd and Gwen Lewis
Jessica Bankston	Laura Lowe
Leah and Ryan Barnes	Leanna Lynch
Teresa Branch	Chris and Callie Martin
Garry and Tammy Briggs	Keilani McDaniel
Symantha Cook	Laelah McEntire
Don and Vickie Davis	Karen Moore
Maryann Diggs	Calvin Morant
Amy Duncan	Thomas Morey
Brooks Edwards	Etinosa Oba
Kimberly Eller	Jennifer Odom
Debra Enslen	Niya Oxford
Keith and Melissa Farley	Kelsey Parker
Becky Fletcher	Jason and Whitney Pease
Clinton Fonder	Candice Person
Jennedna Forte	Matt and Dixie Powers
Diane Fountain	Sonya Price
Nancy Fountain	Keashia Raven
Boyd and Alice Giles	Drew Rodgers
Terri Goodfellow	Kimberly Rozycki
Delaney Groce	Princess Scott
Amie and Art Guin	Mike and Yanci See
Yvonne Hart	Matt and Erin Sizemore
Doug and Carol Harvey	Trannie Smith
Dawn Hightower	Verronica Smith
Tiffany Manning-Hunter	Nicole Thompson
Megan Kelley	Smithie Vaughn
Yu Joong Kim	Melissa Wilson

In-Kind

AFLAC
AC Hotel
Andy Young
Big Dog Running Company
Bloomwood
Blue Canary
Broadway Estate Jewelry
By Invitation
Callaway Gardens
Caravail's
Carol Kline
Chancellors
Cheers Beverage Shop
Club Pilates
Columbus and the Valley Magazine
Columbus Clingstones
Crumb Cookies
Dave Arwood, PMB Broadcasting
Dear Stella
Erin Gregory
El Carrizo on Whittlesey
Flawless Aesthetics
Georgia Aquarium
Jarfly
Jessica Kennedy Art
Kate Scrivner
Launch
Laura Lowe
Maltitude
Massage and Co.
National Infantry Museum
New Creation Salon- Kim Walker
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Orange Theory
Pat-A-Cakes Bakery
Parlor Doughnuts
Pigeon Forge Soap Company
Posh Peach
Ride on Bikes
Riverflow Yoga
Rocket Fizz
Rumble Boxing
Simplify with Margaret
Southern Views Magazine
Springer Opera House
St. Francis Emory Healthcare
Sylvan Learning of Columbus
The Bottle Shop
The Happy Heart Art
The Pearl Columbus
Three Dog Bakery
Valley by Albright Interiors
Wild Animal Safari
Zoo Atlanta



Program Funding Supported by



THANK YOU TO OUR FY 25 VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

Ja'Lisa Adams
Jennifer Alexander
Mariah Andrade
Jessica Bankston
Brenda Bannister
Brooke Brantley
Charlotte Burton
Katherine Coss
LaShana Dabney
Latoya Davis
Richa Dixit
Antonio Dunston
Kimberly Eller
Debra Enslen
Sonja Esteras
Rebecca Fletcher
David Ford
Jennedna Forte
Jay Gemes
Clark Gillett
Ebony Glover
Delaney Groce
Clarissa Hallman
Joyce Harris-Stokes
Holly Heck
Jamesia Hicks
Edith Hudson
Keishauna Jackson
Signi Johnson
Megan Kelley
Rachel Kirkman
Leah Lane
Rachel Lee
Alexandra Leighton

Danny Lockhart
Laura Lowe
Samantha MacDonald
Sarah Maglione
Ashley Marquez
Callie Martin
Jennifer Mays
Laelah McEntire
Emily Moore
Karen Moore
George Nance
Markita Newbern
Julie Nuckols
Drashti Patel
Melissa Paul
Whitney Pease
Sophia Pettey
Mary "Lisa" Powers
Sonya Price
Nakia Robinson
Barbara Rome
Kayla Shepard
Todd Smith
Trannie Smith
Jennifer Teague
Eboni Thomas
Barbara Tidwell-Strickland
Katherine Turner
Victoria Vaughn
Tierra Watkins
Miriam Williams
Delores Woodberry
Wendi Wyatt

CASA STAFF

Keagan Clark	Program Coordinator
Kenya Patterson	Advocacy & Advancement Coordinator
Tiffany Manning-Hunter	Volunteer Supervisor/Trainer
Shelby Fountain	Volunteer Supervisor
Anna Norris	Volunteer Supervisor
Bailey Bishop	Social Media/Fundraising (contract)

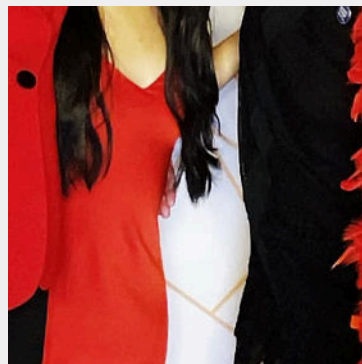
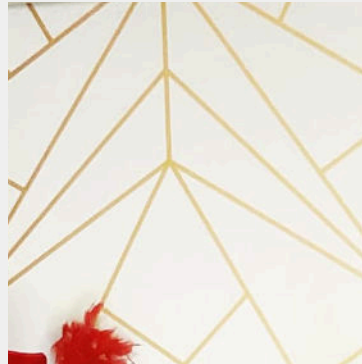
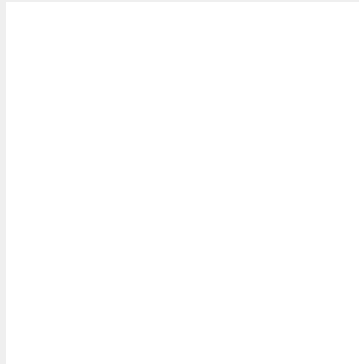
FRIENDS OF CASA

Andy and Stephanie Redmond
Andy Young
Dave Arwood, PMB Broadcasting
AFLAC
Creative- Haley Borin Photography
Chattahoochee Pine Beatles
Balloon Babe
Common Link Permanent Jewelry
St. Francis Emory Healthcare
The Pearl Columbus



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