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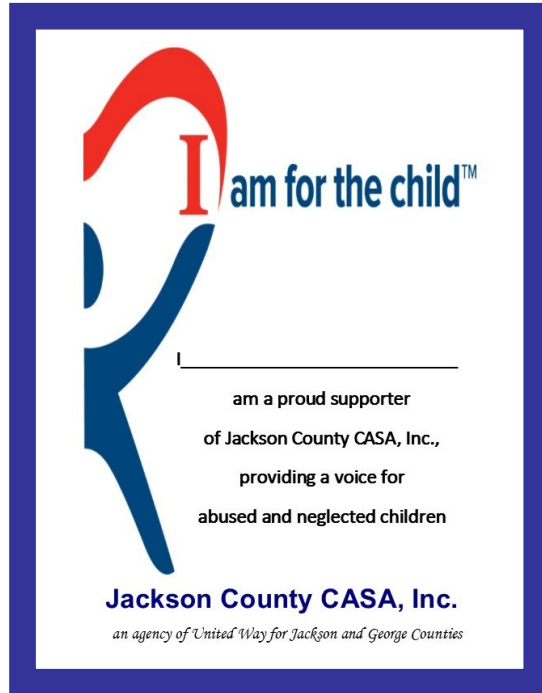
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Raising Funds for JC CASA



Jackson County CASA, Inc. has partnered with Paradigm Investment Group, parent company of the local Hardee's restaurants, for a major fundraising event. Participating Hardee's restaurant's in Jackson County, located in Gautier, Moss Point and Pascagoula, will be accepting donations on our behalf throughout the month of July. Beginning July 1, visit any of the participating Hardee's to make your contribution.

CASA squares (pictured at left) will be offered to customers for a \$1 or more donation. You will be given the opportunity to put your name on a donation card that will be posted in the restaurant for display.

We are extremely grateful to Hardee's for their support and we appreciate this opportunity to spread the word of our mission.

Stop by any participating restaurant and join Hardee's in their support of our mission, providing a voice for the abused and neglected children of Jackson County.

July Birthdays

July 1
Cynthia Wilson

July 13
Melissa Stanfield

July 25
Alexis Watson

July 4
Mike Wheatley

July 19
Brenda Lancaster

July 31
Nita Bosarge

July 8
Priscilla Battley

July 20
Misty Russell

July 12
Adrian McCullum

July 23
Charlotte McClendon



Happy 4th of July



This Independence Day, take a step back and cherish your life and the country you live in while appreciating the sacrifices people made to give us independence today.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Abuse Hotline
1-800-222-8000



Court Dates

Your Court date is **very important**. Your **presence is needed** at all Court hearings. However, if you are unavailable to attend, please contact the CASA office and provide an update of your case. CASA staff will present your report to the Court. **Your input is essential**. **Your child/children are counting on you to provide their voice in Court**. **Please review the schedule carefully**. **If you have any questions contact Amy or any staff for assistance**.

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County Conference's

County Conference's are held every six months to discuss and review the permanent plan of the child/children in foster care. Your attendance and input is requested. The review is **NOT** a court hearing, however, the testimony delivered during the conference will be provided to the Court to aid in making decisions about the Child's best interest. **Please contact the CASA staff if you are not able to attend**.

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Latest Program Statistics

JC CASA is a volunteer-powered organization that advocates for the abused and neglected children of our county. We have an amazing group of dedicated volunteers that provide a voice for these children throughout their court process. As of May 31, 2017 we have **110 Volunteers** serving **164 children** from **91 families** with **10,581 donated hours of service**.

We want to thank our Volunteers for making a difference in the lives of children in need.

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



In-Service Dates for Volunteers

To maintain your CASA standing you are required to complete 12 hours of In-Service training each year. Be sure to include any completed In-Service hours on your monthly reports. We would like to discuss topics that would be beneficial to you. Please contact the CASA staff if you have special requests.

Summer Volunteer Training: Volunteer training will conclude this month. The final classes will be held 10-13 with the Induction ceremony scheduled for July 17. You can earn In-Service hours by attending any part or all of the training. You can also earn hours by recruiting new volunteers to participate in the training. Contact any CASA staff for details.

Volunteer Recruitment: Volunteers are NEEDED. If you know someone that has expressed interest in getting involved with our program, please let them know about our upcoming Fall training which will be held throughout the month of September. **If each volunteer would recruit just ONE person then we could increase our ability to serve more children.** Anyone interested can drop by the CASA office to pick up an application, call us and we will mail them a copy or they can access the application on our website www.jccasa.net

FYI

June 1 was United Way Night at the MGM Field in Biloxi when the Biloxi Shucker played the Mobile Bay Bears. The United Way for Jackson and George Counties sold tickets for this special game, with the proceeds benefiting the agency. Company sponsorships from community leaders helped provide tickets for CASA children and their foster families to attend this special event. Many thanks to the United Way and the community sponsors for providing this fun-filled outing for our CASA children.



Dr. Tyler Sexton

Frances attended the Dixie Dart Club Charity Dart Tournament on June 4 at the VFW in D'Iberville. The tournament was hosted to benefit Jackson County CASA. June 25, Frances Allsup and Volunteer Katie Allsup attended the club's meeting where they were presented with a monetary donation from the proceeds of the tournament. They also accepted a donation of back-to-school supplies that were collected by the club members for our CASA children. The Dixie Dart Club will continue to collect school supplies throughout the next few weeks. Many thanks to our friends for their donation and support of our mission.



Dixie Dart Club Donates

Dr. Tyler Sexton was our guest speaker for our June 13 In-Service Training. This special In-Service was well attended by our volunteers and staff members of CPS and JC Youth Court. Dr. Sexton provided valuable insight into ways that he and his staff can help our respective agencies meet the needs of the children we serve. Thank you Dr. Sexton!



Frances with Beverly Goff

Summer Fun Day for our CASA children was WONDERFUL! The event was organized by Volunteer Beverly Goff and her husband Victor and Echo and Bryan Hamilton owners of H&H farms in Moss Point, the location of the special event. The Fun Day was held Saturday, June 17. Yes, the weather was a factor but it did not stop the fun. Most of the families that signed up for the special day arrived with enthusiasm. The children were anxiously anticipating the horseback ride and patiently awaited their turn. The guests also enjoyed many other activities including a bouncy castle, corn-hole, horseshoes, sack races, face painting and more. The chance of winning a door prizes added to the excitement. Even the rain did not stop the fun. However, it did bring the picnic lunch inside. A long row of tables was quickly placed through the center of the barn. The perfect spot for families and guests to enjoy their lunch; hotdogs and hamburgers with all the traditional sides. To commemorate this day, each child received an *I Survived Summer Fun Day* t-shirt. Events like these provided a wonderful opportunity for us to see the children enjoying traditional family fun, laughing, smiling and simply having a grand time! It was truly a heartwarming event. We want to thank all of our volunteers for working so hard to insure that their children made it to this event. We are also very grateful to the staff and volunteers of H&H Ranch that assisted with all the events of the day. The Goff's and the Hamilton's went the extra mile to make this a memorable event for our CASA children. They reached out to many people and businesses in their community for help. We want to thank those that contributed to this wonderful event. Special Thanks to:

Dena's Pawn Brokers, Tilley Farms, Bozo's Seafood Market & Deli, J W Transportation, First Federal, Nelson Outdoors, Ward Marine Services, Inc., Upperline Equipment, LLC, Brenda Thompson, Gulf Sales, Blossman Gas, RDD International, LLC



Adrian, Echo Hamilton, Frances and Middie Blake