



# CASA CONNECTION

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**Abuse Hotline**  
**1-800-222-8000**

## The Holiday Season with CASA

As you know, it is our mission to provide a voice for the abused and neglected children on their journey through the youth court system. We are constantly recruiting and training everyday citizens to be this voice. These trained CASA volunteers will be with the children throughout their journey, no matter how long it takes. Without these community-minded citizens, we would not be able to serve these deserving children.

The holiday season is the time of the year when our community supporters begin reaching out to us, asking "what can we do to help". Many have already contacted us to let us know their plans. Rather it is providing gifts for our children or a monetary donation or even helping out around the office, your support is needed and appreciated. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community willing to make a difference.

Contact the office for further assistance or to discuss ways that you would like to help.

As always, we appreciate all that you do to support us and the children we serve.

## 2016 AARP Andrus Award Recipient



Joyce Nelson has been selected by AARP, the nonprofit organization for people 50 and older, to receive the 2016 AARP Mississippi Andrus Award for Community Service. Joyce was selected for her dedication and volunteer service to her community. She has been an active CASA Volunteer since 2001 and has been instrumental in inspiring others to volunteer.

AARP Mississippi will honor Joyce at an award ceremony which will be held October 5 at the Pascagoula Senior Center. AARP Mississippi will also provide a donation of \$1,000 to Jackson County CASA on behalf of Joyce. We are honored that she has selected our program to share in this special honor with her. We are grateful to AARP and Joyce for this generous donation. More importantly, we are grateful to have Joyce as a member

of our CASA family.

Congratulations Joyce! We are so proud of you.

## October Birthdays

**October 1**  
Jade Starling

**October 4**  
Elizabeth Hatten

**October 6**  
Troy Ross

**October 20**  
Dylan Demouey

**October 21**  
Conal Lancaster

**October 23**  
Rachel Armstrong  
Lucy Selman

**October 24**  
Cassie Crocker  
Debbie Gill

**October 27**  
Middie Blake



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