



CASA By The Lakes presents...

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a Friends of CASA event.

April 13th at 6PM

Spring Hill Suites Marriot
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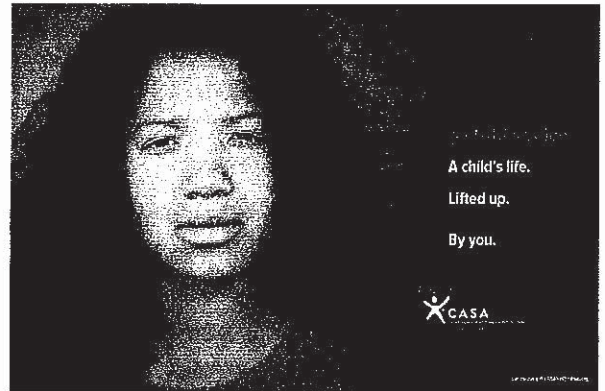
Join us for a night of celebration as we share with you what great things are happening with your local CASA! Enjoy a great meal, silent auction, and a message from The Honorable Judge Rob Mattingly. You'll even be given the opportunity to partner with our organization. We believe every child deserves precious moments and you can help make that a reality!

Call 270-761-0164 or email casapr@murray-ky.net
to reserve your seat and learn how you can become a sponsor.

So you're interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate?

Here are the basic requirements for becoming a CASA volunteer:

- Must be 21 Years Old
- Must submit a volunteer application
- Must submit to background checks
- Must complete the 30-Hour Initial CASA Training
- Must be sworn in by our local Family Court Judge
- Must maintain confidentiality



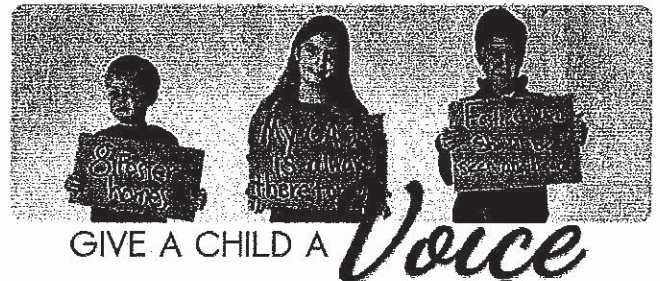
Once you become a CASA Volunteer here are a few of your duties:

- Visit the child(ren) you are assigned to at least once monthly
- Turn in a monthly activity form to the Advocate Coordinator to show volunteer hours and mileage spent
- Write a formal report to the court when your case is up for a hearing
- Attend all court hearings that pertain to your case
- Complete 12 hours of "In-Service Training" annually
- Maintain confidentiality
- Create a personal relationship with the child(ren) you are assigned to
- Be the voice of the child(ren) you are assigned to in court!
- Recommend services for the child(ren)/families you serve
- Be a positive and reliable adult in the lives of the child(ren) you serve!

To obtain a CASA Volunteer Application, please call the CASA By The Lakes office at 270-761-0164 or email Angelia Boyd at casapr@murray-ky.net

CASA By The Lakes:

- Our Mission is to advocate for the timely and safe placement of abused and neglected children, speaking for the best interest of the children in court, and offering encouragement, stability, and hope during a complex and critical time in the lives of these children.
- Established in Calloway County in 1999, expanded to Marshall County in 2007
- 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, affiliated with the National CASA Association and the KY CASA Network
- Approximately 100 children are served annually by CASA By The Lakes
- 76 children have been served so far in 2017 so our numbers will more than likely double this year.
- Volunteers come from ALL walks of life!
- Volunteering: Court Appointed Special Advocate, Board Member, or Volunteer



Did You Know?

That according to the National CASA Association, a child with a CASA/GAL Volunteer:

- Is more likely to find a safe, permanent home
- Is more likely to be adopted
- Is half as likely to re-enter foster care
- Is more likely to have a plan for permanency, especially children of color
- Is more likely to have a consistent, responsible adult present in their lives
- Is less likely to be bounced from home to home
- Will get more help while in the system, by having more services ordered
- Will do better in school
- Will increase their value of achievement
- Will have a greater sense of acceptance
- Will have better models of conventional behavior

In 2016, CASA Volunteers across the U.S. contributed more than 6 million hours of volunteer service and 250,323 abused and neglected children had a caring CASA/GAL Advocate watching out for their best interests!

To find out more about how YOU can become a CASA Advocate in Calloway or Marshall County, call 270-761-0164 or email at casapmurray@gmail.com

CASA of Calloway and Marshall Counties (DBA CASA by the Lakes) is a 501(c)3 organization.
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Who Are We? Located in the 42nd Judicial District of Kentucky, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) by the Lakes is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports quality volunteers whose mission is to advocate for the timely and safe placement of abused and neglected children in Calloway and Marshall Counties. CASA volunteers speak for the best interest of children in Dependency, Neglect, and Abuse Court and advocate for each child to have a safe, permanent home. Volunteers also offer encouragement, stability, and hope during a complex and critical time in the lives of these children.

In 2016 CASA volunteers served 96 children in Calloway and Marshall Counties – a 30.7% increase over 2015! We have already served 76 children in 2017! Unfortunately, that was only 1/5 of the children in our area who could have benefited from the services of a Court Appointed Special Advocate. Imagine the impact CASA would have if even more volunteers stepped forward!

CASA by the Lakes is currently recruiting volunteer advocates. Are you ready to stand up for a child who needs you? Inquire today about the power you have to change a child's life.

New Advocate Training begins soon!

Other Ways to Get Involved!

Sponsor an Event such as the Friends of CASA Banquet or the CASA Chill Challenge and Fun Run!

Join the CASA Board of Directors and help CASA make decisions regarding it's future!

Donate Items including gently used books, stuffed toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items for children birth to18, cell phones, used ink cartridges, stamps, copier paper and other office supplies.

Tell your friends about CASA and help CASA reach individuals who may not be aware of the unfortunate statistics regarding abuse in our area.

Contact your Representatives and ask them to support CASA's efforts!

Regardless of how you choose to support CASA by the Lakes we want to thank you for helping us to serve abused and neglected children in our community.

.*All donations are tax exempt



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FOR CHILDREN

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History of CASA by the Lakes

In 1997, a group of concerned community leaders came together to determine how the needs of at-risk children could best be served

From this group, CASA of Calloway County emerged and was awarded National CASA funding in July 1998. The program assigned its first volunteer advocate to a child's case in February 1999. The program has grown from one volunteer to maintaining approximately twenty volunteer advocates in its 15 years of existence.

The program was located in Calloway County in western Kentucky at the time of establishment, and grew to include the neighboring Marshall County in 2007.

On January 1, 2013 CASA of Calloway and Marshall Counties, Inc. changed its name to CASA by the Lakes in an effort to streamline marketing and create a united front between our two communities. While the name has changed, CASA's mission remains the same. CASA volunteers are dedicated to serving the abused and neglected children of Calloway and Marshall Counties and advocating for each child to have a safe and permanent home.

Our Volunteers

CASA by the Lakes volunteers come from all walks of life, with one similar goal: they all want to make a difference in the life of a local child!

"I never thought working with these children would change my life so much. I may be advocating on their behalf, but they are teaching me so much about resilience, determination, and hope." A CASA Volunteer



Requirements

Individuals interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate must:

- Be 21-Years-Old
- Submit Application
- Pass Background Check
- Participate in Interview Process
- Complete 30 Hours of Training
- Maintain Confidentiality
- Complete 12 Hours of In-Service Annually
- Agree to a Volunteer Term of up to 1 Year

What to Expect:

Following acceptance into the CASA program and the completion of mandatory interactive training, CASA volunteers can expect to spend 10-15 hours per month working the case to which they are assigned (a case may include more than one child.) During that time, volunteers will interact with the child and may speak with the individuals who play active act role in that child's life including teachers, counselors, biological parents, foster parents, etc.

CASA by the Lakes volunteers are then responsible for reporting their findings back to the judge via detailed court reports and testimony. CASA staff work closely with volunteers throughout their cases to ensure that the children assigned to the CASA program receive quality services and that the volunteer feels secure in their role as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.



You can make a difference in the life of a local child!
The change starts here. ←



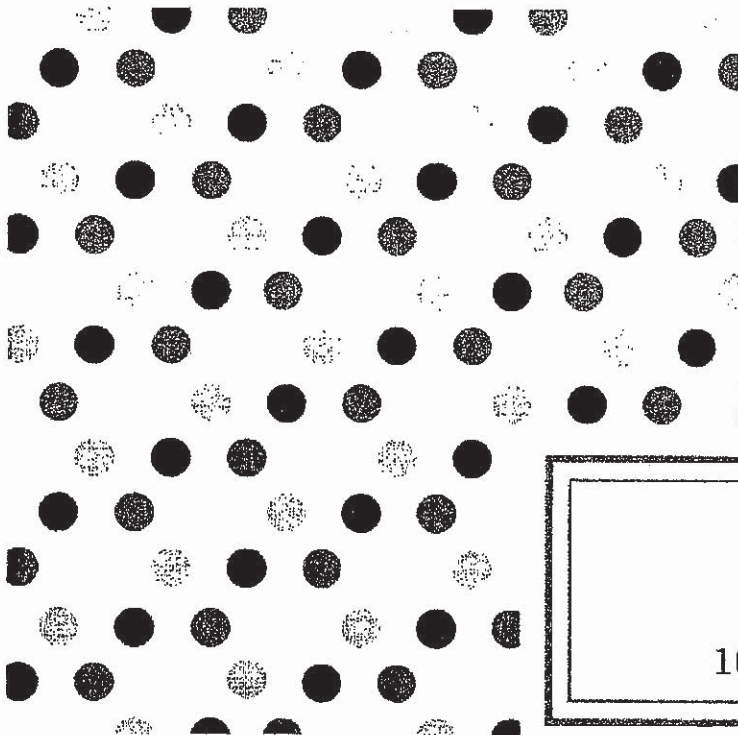
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MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted July 2013

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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."



- Elizabeth Andrew

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A Word from Angelia:

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Our goal is to spread the word all over Calloway and Marshall County about CASA so that we can some day advocate for every child touched by abuse and neglect. Last year we served 96 children which was a 37% increase from the year before. This year we have already served 76 children and it's only March. With your help we can break the cycle and give these children hope and a better tomorrow. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, so lets take this opportunity to step up together to make a difference because if we as a community don't step up to help each other, who will?

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Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
Select CASA by the Lakes
and shop. Amazon will
give .5% of eligible
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Contact us to sign up for
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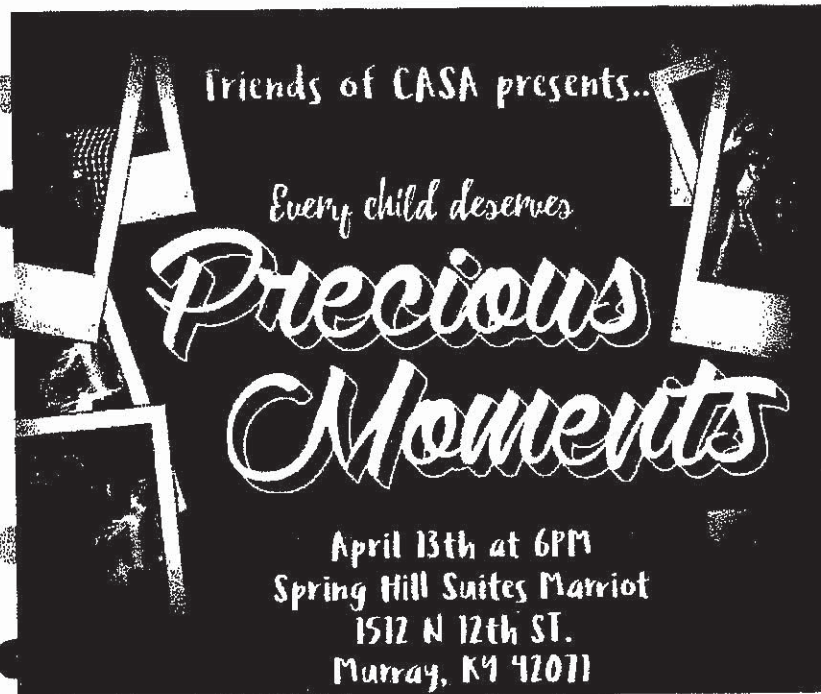
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Every Child deserves Precious Moments. Close your eyes and think of your most favorite childhood memory. A special trip, a shopping day with mom to find a perfect dress, the day dad let you drive the family car. Did you just smile? I hope so. These are the memories every child deserves. Unfortunately the children we serve are victims of abuse, neglect or dependency, due to the inability of their parents to care for them. CASAs work diligently with the families to help them with their case plans. We offer stability, comfort and hope to each child we serve because every child, deserves precious moments. Please consider becoming a sponsor and/or join us at our annual event. We will have a silent auction, a banquet, and our very own Judge Rob Mattingly will be speaking. Contact any of our staff members at 270-761-0164 for more information and to reserve a seat.



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Outreach

Do you need someone to speak at your next community or church organization function? We would love to come share about CASA! We can speak about what CASA does and various ways community members can get involved.

Friends of CASA

Casa by the Lakes serves families in Marshall & Calloway Counties. We can't do it without the faithfulness of our Friends. If you would like to become a 'Friend of CASA' through monthly giving you will join a special group of people reaching out to the abused and neglected children of our community. Choose your donation level:

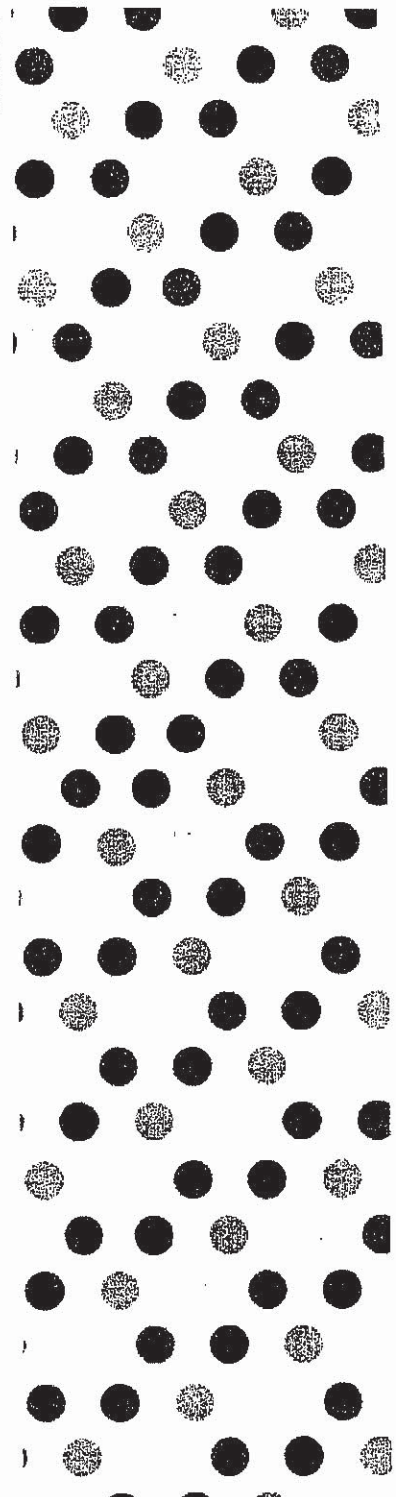
\$85.00/month provides a child a CASA for 1 year

\$50 a month will provide printing services

\$35.00 a month will provide Volunteer training

\$25.00 a month will provide a comfort basket for a child

Donations can be mailed to:
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Into the Future of CASA by the Lakes

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Our vision is to continue to help families, expanding our reach to every child of abuse and neglect. Our heart is to provide a safe space for the families we serve. A place where CASA families, foster parents, CASA workers and community partners can interact and work together for the best interest of the children involved. We are on the lookout for a bigger facility. Our dream is to have a place dedicated to our children, where they can come and forget about their worries and be a kid again even if only for a moment. A place that we can prepare a meal and sit down with our families to emulate a healthy home. A place with no judgement. A place for healing hearts, where love overflows and all our welcome. Please join us in this vision. Spread the word, be on the lookout for the perfect place, donate your talent, your time, and/or your money, and most of all pray for CASA to be the best it can be and for the future of our children.

