



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

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## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Donna M. Brunet*

In the short time that I was Executive Director for CASA of Terrebonne in 2017, I realized that this was the place I was meant to be. I of course knew about CASA having been a volunteer for almost seven years, but actually being an employee is so much more rewarding. I love my new job!! I am still trying to remember names and meet everyone so please be patient with me.

While doing research to find a quote that would describe our volunteers and what they do, I came across three that really fit the bill:

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."*

*— Sherry Anderson*

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

*— H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

*"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." — Tom Brokaw*

These three quotes really embody all that our volunteers are – priceless, happy and making a difference. Our volunteers choose to do this work out of the goodness of their hearts. They are truly an inspiration to all of those around them. Because of our volunteers, we were able to achieve the following results in 2017:

- 104 volunteers advocated for 155 children
- 31 new volunteers were sworn in
- Volunteers spent 3100 hours advocating for their kids
- Volunteers traveled over 26,231 miles

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for making such a big difference in the lives of the children and families that you serve!

I also want to send a big "thank you for your service" to Nicole Wesley for leading the CASA of Terrebonne program for the past three years. She has definitely left me with some big shoes to fill, but I am truly grateful for the opportunity to continue her pattern of success. Of course, Nicole is still a part of CASA as she has now become a volunteer.

I also want to thank Darcus Landry for her service to CASA. Darcus was employed by CASA from January, 2010 through May, 2017, first as a recruiter/trainer and then as an advocate supervisor. Thank you for your many years of service to CASA.

CASA of Terrebonne was blessed with many successes last year:

- Enhanced visibility in the community
- Developed new and maintained outstanding community partnerships
- Conducted three successful fundraisers: 17-week raffle, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Boil Off & 5K, and Draw Down raffle
- Increased volunteer recruitment, training and retention

In addition to our amazing volunteers, CASA of Terrebonne has a wonderful staff and board of directors who are always willing to help out and volunteer above and beyond what is required of their positions. We also have amazing donors, sponsors and community partners who provide funding and services to our organization, without whom we would not be able to function as well as we do.

CASA of Terrebonne's goal has been, and always will be, to serve all children in foster care in the Parish and ensure that each and every child is found a safe, secure and permanent home as quickly as possible. Work done by CASA volunteers and staff goes so much further than the words of the mission statement – it comes straight from the heart!

**The mission of CASA of Terrebonne, Inc. is to be an independent and objective presence in the courts by speaking for the best interest of abused and neglected children of Terrebonne Parish.**

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT	
GRANT INCOME	\$297,824.38
FUNDRAISERS	11,044.80
DONATIONS	57,992.37
MISC. REVENUE	4,460.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$371,322.35</b>



Herman J. Courville Foundation

EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$115,865.32
MANAGEMENT	201,653.89
FUNDRAISING	20,235.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$337,754.41</b>



Beacon Light Baptist Church



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Bayou Community Foundation



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Carl "Buddy" McNabb**  
President



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Vice-President



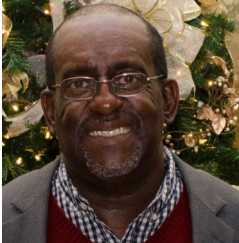
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**We salute your  
commitment and  
dedication to  
CASA!!**

## STAFF



**CHRISTINE AUCOIN**, *Office Manager*

**SULMA REYES**, *Advocate Supervisor*

**DONNA BRUNET**, *Executive Director (October-December)*

**JENNY SAPIA**, *Lead Advocate Supervisor*

**NICOLE ONCALE**, *Community Relations Coordinator*

**VALENTINE VERDIN**, *Advocate Supervisor*

**NICOLE WESLEY**, *Executive Director (January-October)*

**DARCUS LANDRY**, *Advocate Supervisor (January-May)*

**RAVEN DEMPSTER**, *Vista (January-August)*





# VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES OF THE MONTH

ANN BEESON



JANUARY

GLORIA LANDRY



FEBRUARY

LINDA FORD



MARCH

SHANA  
ROBICHAUX



APRIL

IDA MOORE



MAY

VAL VERDIN



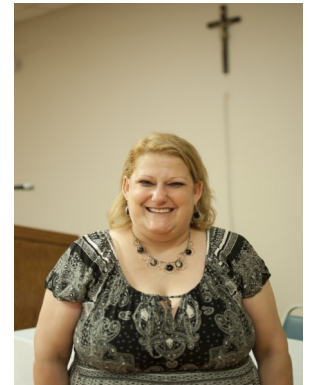
JUNE

BETTY WALLACE



JULY

TRACI  
HAWTHORNE



AUGUST

JODY DUSENBERRY



SEPTEMBER

JILL PERE



OCTOBER

SARA BOND



JAMARA DOIRON



NOVEMBER

CORREE ESCHETE



DECEMBER

# 2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS



**MOSELY / COURVILLE**

**CHARMAINE  
&  
CURLY BERGERON**

**ANGEL OF THE YEAR**

**ARTISTIC EMBROIDERY  
OWNERS: SHELLY &  
JARED TOUPS**



**BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**MARY GUIDRY**

*(WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DONNA BRUNET)*



# 2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## 5 YEARS of SERVICE



**Charlene Wallace**



**Linda Fleniken**



**Stacie Lirette**



**Peggy Boudwin**



**Ann Beeson**



**Catherine Schwab-Coreil**



# VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



**ANN BEESON**  
*(with Lead Advocate  
Supervisor Jenny Sapia)*



**Linda Fleniken**  
*( with Advocate  
Supervisor Sulma Reyes)*

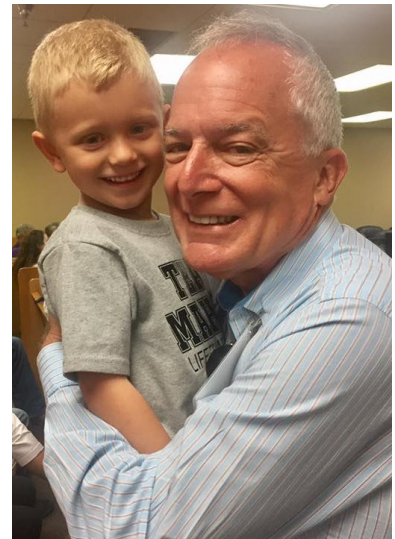


# THE YEAR IN REVIEW





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FINDING  
FOREVER  
HOMES



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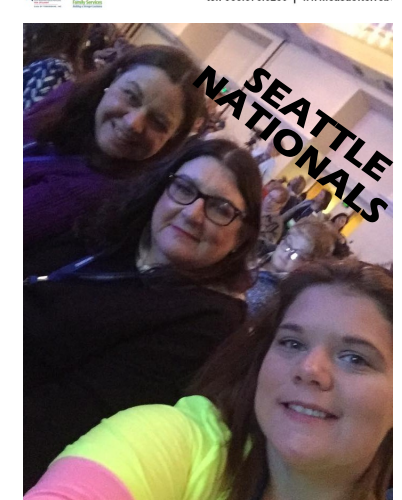
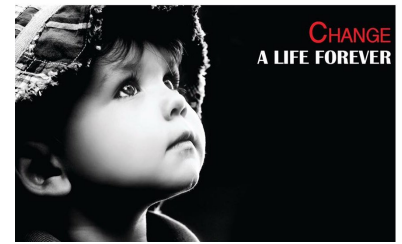
## CLASS #45



## CLASS #46



## CLASS #47



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UP FOR  
A  
CHILD!**



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Charlene Wallace

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FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY IN  
SUPPORTING  
CASA!!







**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

**CASA OF TERREBONNE, INC.**

# **BE A VOICE : BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER**



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