

October

newsletter

Blayne & Carol Bergeron

Volunteers of the Month



127

children
are in need
of a **CASA**
Volunteer!

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Becoming a CASA can be a scary endeavor. We work in some very tough situations and with people who come from rough backgrounds. It can be mentally exhausting scouring through all the information regarding your chosen child or children. However, something that we have found very beneficial not only to the new CASA volunteer but to our program, is to partner up with someone and be assigned to multiple children. We have several partnerships within our program, but this month I want to spotlight a very special partnership. Not only are they partners in CASA, they are partners in life: Carol and Blayne Bergeron, advocates of the month for October 2018!

This duo features a leading lady, Carol, whose profession is to make people feel beautiful through transforming their hair in color, cut or style. Carol swore in on May 2nd 2018. It also features Blayne, a man of many personalities. As his supervisor, I have to brace myself when he calls because I am never sure which Blayne I will get. Will it be rock star Blayne? Will it be undercover agent Blayne, who will make me question everything I know to be true? Or will it be the big teddy bear Blayne? Either way, I know that the phone call will be an important one regarding either of his cases. That is correct. Blayne is actively working two cases. He swore in on August 19, 2015. We already knew which case we were going to present him with as we needed his expertise on the case. He readily took the case and has made tremendous progress. Then when his wife decided to become a CASA he willingly took on a case with her as well. They accepted their case together on May 7, 2018, and quickly got to work. From my understanding, Blayne directed and guided Carol through the process but allowed her to do much of the hands-on work so that she would become comfortable with the system and individuals involved. She became so comfortable with the system that she testified at their last court hearing and did a phenomenal job. Their case closed on September 18, 2018 with reunification. We congratulate them on a job well done.

So yes, advocating on behalf of an abused or neglected child can be intimidating. However, if you can find yourself a partner, it becomes a little less scary. Don't let fear stop you from making a difference in the life of a child! Blayne and Carol will be receiving a donated polo shirt by Shelly Toups at Artistic Embroidery.





WAY TO GO!



- Jessica Barker for accepting your new case. You are a blessing to these children.
- Yvonne White for submitting your court report on time, attending the FTM and attending court. Also thank you for being an active part of the family's life and encouraging all to work towards a common end to the case!
- Eddie Olivier for submitting your court report on time, attending court, and for taking the time to work through struggles with the foster parents and children.
- Raymonda Guidroz for submitting your court report and attending court. You are such a blessing to your CASA child and all of us.
- Ann Beeson for attending multiple court hearings this month. Thank you for your active commitment to these children and their well-being. You are doing ALL you can, remember that!
- Congrats to Carol and Blayne Bergeron for successfully completing their first case! Reunification is always a joyous occasion! Thank you for all your hard work on this case!
 - Sallie Preston for making yourself available for court. We appreciate your dedication!
 - Carey Redmond for attending court for you CASA child. You are doing a fabulous job!
- Gabby Hernandez for attending a quarterly staffing and assisting your CASA teen with his homecoming proposal. You are amazing!
 - Rushelle Fitzgerald for attending court for your CASA and visiting family in jail. You rock!
 - Norma Macks for attending court for your CASA baby. You are amazing!
- Earleather Celestine for submitting a court letter and finishing your case with reunification with the family. You are exceptional!
 - Dillon Dumond for submitting a court report and attending court. You are great!
- Amber Ward for attending court, traveling 4 hours for a family visit, and attending an FTM for your CASA children. You are magnificent!
 - Silvana Santos-Alegria for scheduling a teacher conference for you CASA child to follow up on her educational needs. You are amazing!
- Jason Griffin for being a huge advocate for your CASA child for the last 5 years and closing out your case in an adoption. We are beyond grateful for you!
- Corree Eschete for completing a court report and making yourself available to meet with probation regarding your case. You are superb!

- Lindsey Bull for attending court for your CASA child! Keep up the good work!
- Jennifer Kryvanick for attending multiple hearings and submitting your first court report!! You are doing an amazing job!
- Heather Pulley for attending court and observing visits at DCFS for your CASA child! Excellent work!
- Emily Elmore and Joy Tingle for writing your court report and attending court. Your continued support for your CASA child, from multiple visits to teaching him to write cursive, is admirable!
- Connie Fremin for attending court and submitting not only your court report but an additional court letter!! You are doing an awesome job!



CASA Volunteers:

- **Ann Beeson 10/9**
- **Blayne Bergeron 10/19**
- **Stacie Lirette 10/19**
- **Tyler Rousseau 10/21**
- **Lori Olivier 10/28**
- **Joy Tingle 10/4**
- **Heather Pulley 10/17**
- **Joni Oncale 10/27**
- **Lindsey Bull 10/28**

CASA Kids:

- **Tim Hitt 10/30**
- **Dean Schouest 10/13**
- **Carol and Blayne Bergeron 10/21**
- **Ann Beeson 10/31**
- **Lindsey Bull 10/24**
- **Peggy Boudwin 10/9**
 - **Betty Wallace 10/13**

(these names are volunteers assigned to cases)



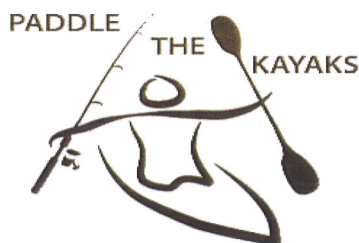
*Happy
Birthday*



SAVE THE DATE:



Presents:



FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 27, 2018

7:30am-2pm

**Trade Winds Marina & Lodge
7681 Highway 56 Chauvin, LA**

\$40.00 entry fee per person

Entry includes: event shirt, lunch and raffle

CASH PRIZES

All paddle-craft welcomed!!!

Tickets may be purchased at:

www.paddlethekayaks.org

or CASA of Terrebonne

402 Canal St. Houma, LA 70360

(985) 876-0250

****All Proceeds to Benefit CASA of Terrebonne****

SUPERVISOR CORNER:

- Remember that the last day of the CASA month is the 26th. Anything after that date is counted towards the following month.
- Contact logs are due no later than the last day of the month. (The rule of thumb is within 3 days of said activity).
- Please maintain contact with your supervisor so that we can help you as you need.
- Reminder: Please have your CASA kids complete the wish list for Christmas by Oct. 8th.

We still have Raffle tickets for sale! Come by to get some!



Volunteer Statistics:

52 volunteers
advocated for **85**
children.

Spent **107** hours
on cases.

Traveled **512**
miles to see their
CASA kids and
families.

In- service:

Understanding
Adrenal Fatigue
in the Recovery
Process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpFW4-49nN0>

Credit: 1Hour

Donations & Grants:

- CASA AP
- Charlene Wallace
- Anonymous

Thank you!