CASA OF TERREBONNE, INC.

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CASA OF TERREBONNE

OUR MISSION

CASA of Terrebonne's mission is to be a voice for children in foster care by advocating independently and objectively in the courts for their best interest.

OUR VISION

CASA of Terrebonne envisions a community where every child in and beyond foster care is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe, loving, and permanent home.

STAFF

Christine Aucoin, *Executive Director*
Jenny Domangue, *Lead Advocate Supervisor*
Crystal Espinosa, *Administrative Assistant (April 2026-current)*
Nahja Holloway, *Advocate Supervisor*
Anna Merlos, *Outreach/Training Coordinator*
Valentine Verdin, *Advocate Supervisor*
Edward Olivier, *Advocate Supervisor (retired March 2026)*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Reis Prevost, *President*
Mary Guidry, *Vice-President*
Shelly Toups, *Secretary*
Justin Lirette, *Treasurer*
Charles Brown, Sr.
Cindy Courville
Natalie Falgout
Nikki Harwood
Tori Hill
Carl “Buddy” McNabb
Bonnie Naquin **resigned in December 2025**
Desiree Neal
Brett Portier
Timothy Stevens

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on this year of service, my heart is filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, advocates, and supporters who continue to stand beside CASA of Terrebonne and the children we serve. The work before us is difficult, often heartbreaking, and deeply personal. Every day, we walk alongside children who have experienced unimaginable circumstances, carrying the responsibility of being their voice, their advocate, and their source of hope.

Our advocates are the heart of this program. With the support of our staff, they step into challenging situations, build relationships, gather information, and provide the court with thoughtful recommendations. While the child welfare system has many challenges, we know that having a consistent and caring advocate can change the trajectory of a child's life. These children are more than cases; they are children we care about, fight for, and remain committed to protecting.

To our Board of Directors and supporters, thank you for believing in this mission and investing in our ability to serve more children. Because of your commitment, we can recruit and train advocates, provide critical resources, and ensure more children have someone standing beside them. Together, we remind children that they are seen, heard, and valued while helping create brighter futures.

-Christine Aucoin



"THERE CAN BE NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY'S SOUL THAN THE WAY IN WHICH IT TREATS ITS CHILDREN."

- Nelson Mandela

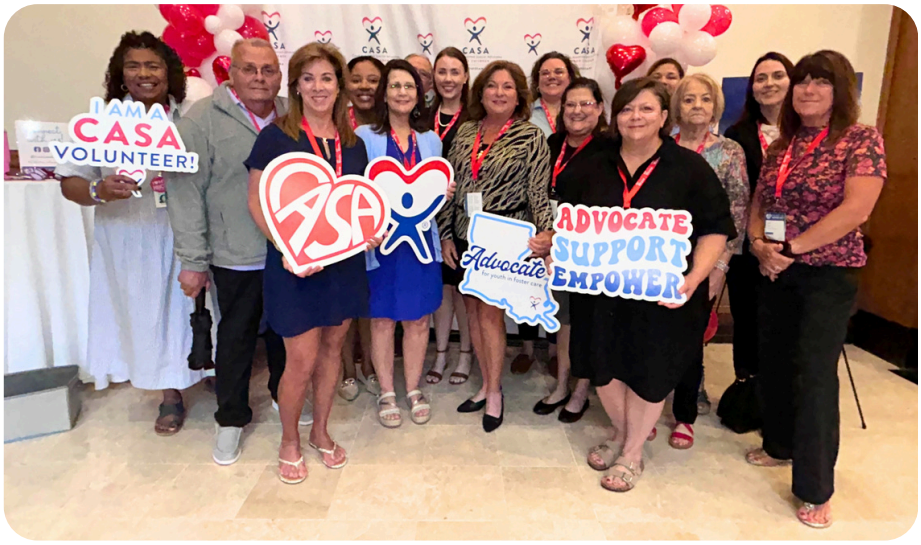
WHAT IS A CASA?

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are everyday people from the community assigned by judges from the 32nd Judicial District to advocate for a child's best interest while in foster care.



LOUSIANA CASA CONFERENCE

This year the staff attended the Louisiana CASA Conference in Baton Rouge with many of our volunteers. We always leave these events filled with fresh ideas and a renewed spirit on how we can better serve our CASA children.



AWARENESS

Throughout the year, CASA of Terrebonne actively collaborates with the community to raise public awareness, provide education, and recruit new advocates. Our program partners with other non-profits, organizations, and businesses to support these initiatives.



Several members of the CASA of Terrebonne staff and Board of Directors attended the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon, where Anna had the opportunity to share CASA's mission with local business leaders. She encouraged Chamber members to partner with CASA by supporting our work and helping ensure every child in foster care has a dedicated advocate.





The Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle visited the CASA of Terrebonne office during their Nonprofit Tour. Christine, Anna, and Jenny had the pleasure of sharing about our program, how the Women's Giving Circle grant will help us continue our mission, and ways the ladies can help spread the word about CASA in our community.

CASA IN THE COMMUNITY

Herman J. Courville Crawfish Boil-Off

CASA of Terrebonne thanks everyone who attended the 2026 HJC CASA Crawfish Boil-Off, especially the cooking teams and the Herman J. Courville Foundation with its volunteers for making the event a success.





Rotary Club of Houma-Terrebonne

Our Executive Director, Christine Aucoin, presented at the Rotary Club of Houma-Terrebonne to share about the work CASA volunteers are doing in our community, advocating on behalf of a growing number of children in the foster care system and how more volunteers are needed!

At CASA of Terrebonne, our strength comes from the support of our community, especially at local events. Each year, we're grateful to partner with organizations across Terrebonne Parish, giving us the opportunity to raise awareness, build relationships, and celebrate the power of community.

Community events attended in 2025-2026:

- **Bayou Arts Festival**
- **Chamber of Commerce Luncheons**
- **Chamber Nonprofit Spotlight**
- **Leadership Terrebonne's Community Concerns Day**
- **Mac N' Cheese Festival**
- **Shell Hero Cook-Off**
- **Houma Irish Italian Parade**
- **I Do Bridal Show**









EDUCATE

National CASA requires an additional 12-hours of continuing education each year to ensure that advocates are educated and informed on issues within the juvenile dependency system and also specific areas of interest that relate to their individual cases.

In-Services



CASA hosted a Judges Panel where volunteers had the incredible opportunity to learn directly from those who help shape the courtroom experience every day. Thank you to Judge Dagate, Judge Ellender, and Judge Pickett for their time.

TBRI® Training

Lead Advocate Supervisor and TBRI Practitioner, Jenny Domangue, hosts three annual trainings on Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), a trauma-informed approach that focuses on meeting children's needs through connection, empowerment, and fear reduction.



Revive Your Inner CASA



CASA hosts an annual 'Revive your Inner CASA' event giving advocates the opportunity to network with other advocates and learn techniques for self-care.

Staff Training

CASA hosted an Advocate Supervisor Roundtable with CASA programs from across South Louisiana, bringing together teams from five programs to share ideas, discuss challenges, and support one another in serving volunteers and children.



IMPACT

CASA of Terrebonne is the only parish program focused solely on advocating for foster children in the court system by amplifying their voices, connecting them to essential services, and helping move cases toward permanency more efficiently.

121 CHILDREN SERVED

Gender of Children

Female
62

Male
59

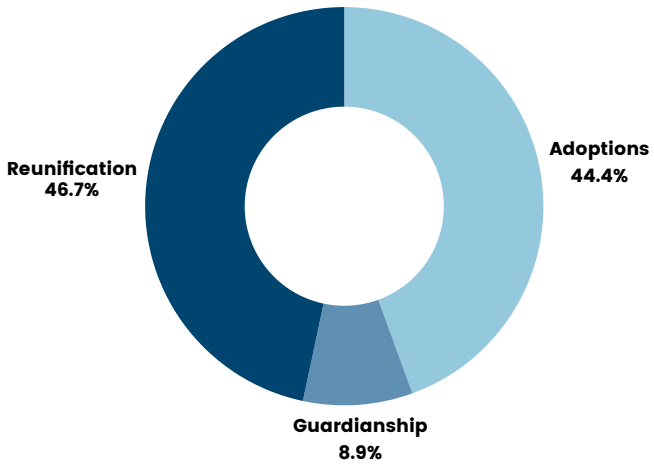
Ages of Children

48 *Age 0-5*

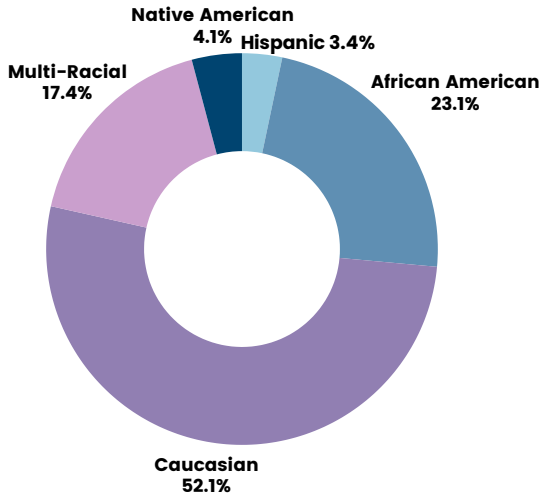
36 *Age 6-11*

37 *Age 12-18*

Closed Cases Outcomes



Child Demographics



CASA volunteers drove **17,356.20 miles** to visit their CASA children & gave **2,089.11 hours** of their time this year.

CELEBRATING FOREVER HOMES



Carl “Buddy” McNabb



Priscilla Callais



Tasha Lirette



Casey Verdin



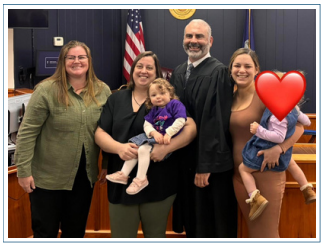
Allison Eschete



Kelsey Falgout



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Lani Tarr



Tori Hill and
Shannon Rhodes



Catherine Viator

RECOGINZING OUR ADVOCATES

We are grateful for our 69 volunteer advocates who served 121 foster children in Terrebonne Parish this past year.

Nathan Aucoin
Cynthia "Ann" Beeson
Sadie Benoit
Kacie Benson
Carol Bergeron
Elaine Beyer
Bette Billiot
Karen Billiot
Jennifer Bonvillain
Laurie Breaux
Tammy Brouillette
Terri Brown
Priscilla Callais
Michelle Chaisson
Denise Cuartas
Gina Danos
Hollyn Davis
Jeana Delfin-Gonzalez
Gabrielle Erny
Allison Eschete
Kimberly Eubanks
Christian Falcon
Kelsey Falgout
Emma Frickey
Emily Gilmore
Debra Giroir
Paige Gisclair
Meagan Hasler
Traci Hawthorne
Kevin Hebert
Penny Hebert
Sarah Hebert
Tori Hill
Timothy Hitt
Angele Jackson
Andrea LeBlanc
Kristy Ledford
Tasha Lirette
Ashlie Martin
Emma Martin
Carl "Buddy" McNabb
Carolyn McNabb
Kathi Murphy
Katherine Porche
Susan Porche
June Price
Alexandria Prosperie
Sherry Punch
Carey Redmond
Shannon Rhodes
Ann Robichaux
George Robichaux
Emily Robinson
Jonathan Russo
Lance Smith
Theresa Solet
Elizabeth Stevens
Michael Stevens, Jr.
Lani Tarr
Sandy Trahan
Amanda Twiner
Casey Verdin
Tonya Verrett
Catherine Viator
Leah Voisin
Danielle Walker
Allison Watzek
Yvonne White
Breeon Williams

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING
Graduates

CASA of Terrebonne is proud to introduce our new advocates who were sworn in during 2025-2026. In their time as advocates, they have already made a great impact for the foster children in our community!

CLASS #73



Nahja Holloway, Kacie Benson, Laurie Breaux, Gabrielle Erny, Ann Robichaux, and George Robichaux were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Timothy Ellender, Jr.

CLASS #74



Emily Robinson, Michelle Chaisson, and Theresa Solet were sworn in by the Honorable Judge David Arceneaux.

CLASS #75



Emma Martin, Andrea LeBlanc, Angele Jackson, Candie Falcon, Bette Billiot, and Brett Portier were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Juan Pickett.

2025 Vegas Nights

EVENT SPONSORS

High Rollers Sponsors

Champagne Energy & Environmental Solutions
EMT Electronics

Frank Sinatra Sponsors

Park Lane Styling & Consulting

Vegas Strip Sponsors

Olivier Biodefense, LLC
Olivier International, LLC
Trapp Cadillac Chevrolet, Inc.

Lady Luck Sponsors

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Rotolo's Pizzeria
South Louisiana Bank
Spilt Liquor Productions
Synergy Bank
The Brick Yard
Work Boat Electric Services

Heart Break Hotel Sponsors

Barker Buick GMC
Jones Walker LLP
Parish President, Jason Bergeron
Thalab Elite Athletic Performance, LLC
The Boxer & The Barrel









Volunteer Appreciation Social

Celebrating Our Advocates

Each year, our staff hosts the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Social. The 2025 event honored the dedication of volunteers, board members, and supporters. Every individual brings a unique story that helps strengthen the CASA community.

Advocate of the Year: Emily Gilmore



Emily has been a devoted CASA volunteer since 2018, serving nine children across four cases, but what truly defines her is her unwavering commitment to showing up. From stepping in mid-case during an unexpected change, to traveling to Pineville to support her CASA child, and standing beside that child as she prepared to give a deposition against her assailant, Emily has been a steady, compassionate presence in the most difficult moments. She advocates with humility and heart, making a lasting impact far beyond the courtroom.

Rookie of the Year: Tori Hill

Tori joined CASA in the fall of 2024 and has truly made a meaningful and lasting impact through her heart and commitment. In her first year, she took on two cases, advocating consistently for a 10-year-old girl and partnering with fellow advocate Shannon Rhodes to support twin baby girls. Tori shows up fully for every child she serves, bringing empathy, steadiness, and a strong voice when it matters most. Beyond her advocacy, she has also stepped into a leadership role by serving on the CASA board, helping strengthen the program behind the scenes. Her dedication, both in and out of the courtroom, has made a difference for the children and for CASA of Terrebonne as a whole.



Board Member of the Year: Shelly Toups



Shelly has supported CASA for many years and was honored as our 2017 Angel of the Year for donating shirts every month since 2007, a tradition she continues today. She later joined the CASA board as secretary, a role she still holds. Shelly brings creativity, enthusiasm, and heart to everything she does, helping spark new fundraising ideas and playing a key role in the success of events like the Houma Invitational Oil Tournament and Vegas Nights.

Angel of the Year: Jared Toups - Former President of Houma Invitational Oil Tournament

We are deeply grateful for the Houma Invitational Oil Tournament, whose steadfast support since 2019 has shown what true community partnership looks like. Their generosity, giving more than $150,000 over the past six years, has helped CASA of Terrebonne train and support volunteers while strengthening our entire program. We are honored to recognize the Houma Invitational Oil Tournament as CASA of Terrebonne's 2025 Angel of the Year.



Mosely/Courville Service Award: John Matherne



The Herman J. Courville Foundation organizes an annual crawfish cook-off and our program receives the proceeds. This annual undertaking requires the help of many volunteers and each year the HJC Foundation recognizes one volunteer for their hard work. The recipient of the 2025 Mosely/Courville Service Award is John Matherne.

Service Awards

PENNY HEBERT

10 years



JENNIFER BONVILLAIN

5 years



TAMMY BROUILLETTE

5 years



SHERRY MAHANEY

5 years



FINANCIALS

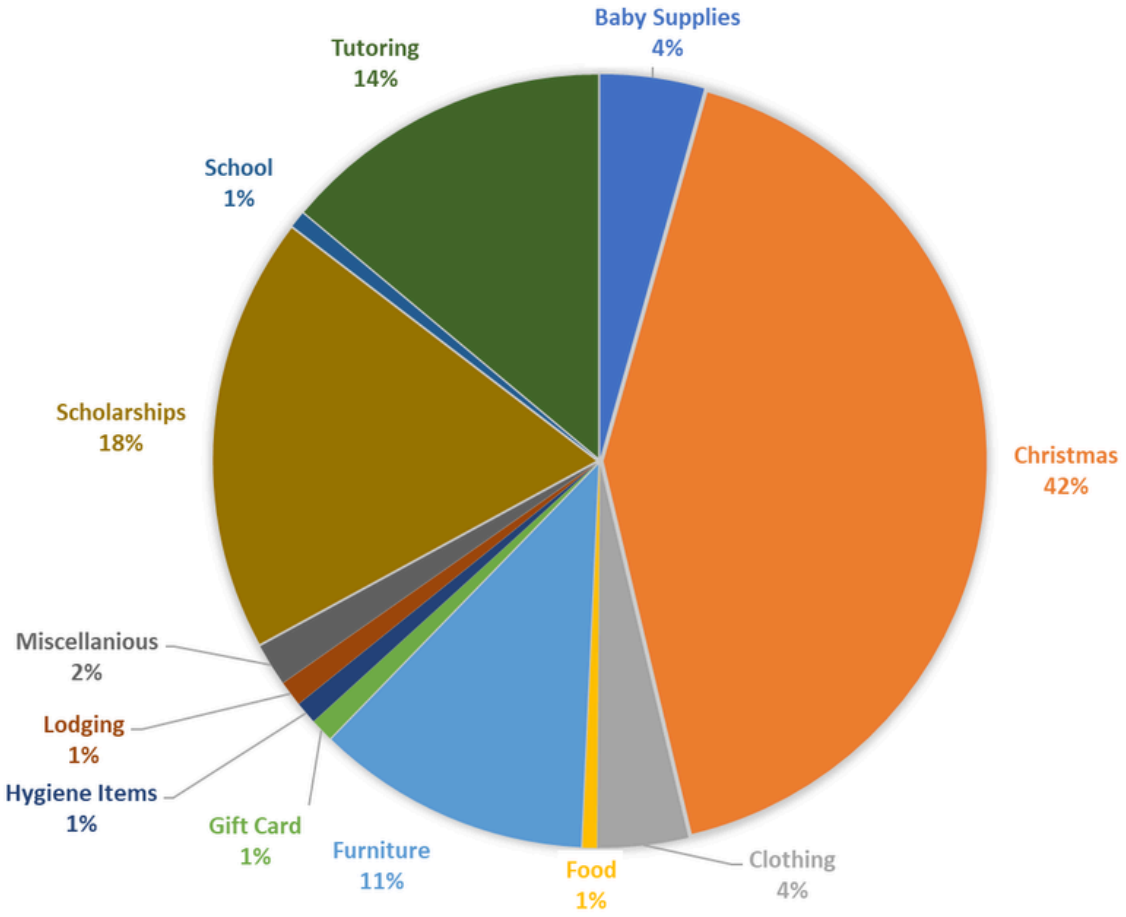
Revenue

Grants	**$416,140**
Donations	**$103,551**
Investment Income	**$82,155**
Fundraising	**$62,690**
Other Income	**$735**
Total Revenue	**$665,271**

Expenses

Program Services	**$452,048**
General/Administrative Services	**$63,606**
Fundraising	**$20,224**
Total Expenses	**$535,878**

TOTAL CASA CHILDREN EXPENSES FOR THE 25-26 FISCAL YEAR



This pie chart represents the amount of funds spent in the 2025-2026 fiscal year on various necessities for our CASA Children.

DONATIONS

DIAMOND - Over $10,000

Houma Invitational Oilman's Tournament
Louisiana Charities Trust Grant
Herman J. Courville Foundation

PLATINUM - Over $5,000 - $10,000

Bayou Community Foundation Grant
LA Bar - Jock Scott Community Grant
Shell Oil Company
The Danos Foundation Grant

GOLD - Over $1,000 - $5,000

Houma Oilman's Fishing Invitational
Tori Rayne
Marty Majewski
Shell Grant
The Gray Foundation Grant
Fourchon Oilman's Association Grant
Carl Detiveaux
John Monteiro, Jr.
Linda Fleniken
Houma Bearing Service, Inc.
Enterprise/Taylor Charitable Entities
Charles Theriot
Tim Wiemann
Leblanc & Associates, LLC
Nick & Elaine Fry
Research Triangle Institute Grant
Shell Hero Cook-Off

SILVER - Over $250 - $1,000

Jason Matherne
b1 BANK
Brian Matherne
Theresa Robichaux
Anonymous
Jerilynn Thompson
Kenneth & Yolanda Trahan

BRONZE - Up to $250

Charles Brown
Lynn Cinnater
Mike & Joy Tingle
Morris & Sandra Hebert
Christopher Paul
Emily Elmore
Mark & Margaret Lee
St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church
Anonymous
Catholic Daughters Americas
Court Cardinal Gibbons #177
Terrebonne Historical & Cultural Society, Inc.





IN-KIND DONATIONS

Artistic Embroidery
Cajun Meat Market
Chicken Salad Chick
Clement Insurance Agency
Coburn's of Houma
Copeland's
Honey Baked Ham
Houma Coteau Travel Plaza
Lisowe's Lights
Livin So Loud, LLC
Moe's Southwest Grill
Nothing Bundt Cake
Rotolo's Pizzeria
Rotary Club of Houma-Terrebonne
St. Francis De Sales School
St. Louis Bayou Blue Ladies Auxiliary
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1848
The Canefield
The Giving Quilt
The Shack of Houma
Walk On's of Houma
Nathan Aucoin
Janet Babin
Sadie Benoit
Tori Hill
Andrea LeBlanc
Sharon Prevost
Ann Robichaux
George Robichaux
Lance Smith
Casey Verdin
Adaline White

All Toy Drive Business Participants











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