

CASA OF TERREBONNE**MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER****MESSAGE FROM LEAD ADVOCATE SUPERVISOR, JENNY DOMANGUE**

It is already March! The trees are beginning to turn green, the grass needs to be cut weekly again, and the birds are flocking in from all around. This time of year, is a time of change and growth. As we enter into the Spring season, let us remember that we have to continuously grow and strive for more. I am challenging every advocate to either see, speak to, or send a piece of mail to their child and to have 100% of our children contacted by their advocate this month! Of course, we want all of our children seen, however, we understand that placements and schedules sometimes make it tough. Also, we, as a program are striving to better ourselves by participating in trainings to improve our Optima documentation. We are also providing our volunteers with additional training and guidance to better their case notes and in turn their court reports. We ask that your contact logs be fact based with AS MUCH DETAIL as possible. Use your 5 senses when writing. Your supervisor should be able to see, hear, smell, touch and experience everything you do. We should know your plan of action following a visit or contact. Be on the lookout for some guiding handouts to ensure that all information is gathered during visits.



Did you know that March is Irish Italian Heritage Month? This celebration was recognized in 1991 to coincide with St. Patrick's Day, which is March 17. Don't forget to wear green, or get yourself pinched! And if you are wondering why, it is because green makes you invisible to leprechauns so if you are not wearing green, they will pinch you because they see you (and can)!

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Bill and Rhonda Lovell were sworn in as advocates on October 2, 2018. This husband and wife duo chose a sibling case with three children. The bond formed between them and the children is admirable. Bill and Rhonda played an active role in the children's lives while maintaining the objective of the children's best interests. The older kids have their names saved in their phones as "Mama and Papa Bear". Like a Mama and Papa Bear, Bill and Rhonda did not let any obstacles get in the way of making sure these children had the best possible outcome for their case. The two older children were in their placements even before coming into care, and the younger child was placed in the same home as her sister. In the end, custody of the children was transferred to their caregivers and everyone was happy! During the course of the case, Rhonda picked up another case involving siblings, and she is currently advocating on that case. CASA is very fortunate to have such dedicated advocates like Bill and Rhonda serving our community. Thank you both for all you do for CASA and the children.

Bill and Rhonda will be receiving an embroidered polo shirt donated by Shelly Toups at Artistic Embroidery.



**FEBRUARY
VOLUNTEER
STATISTICS:**

**52 VOLUNTEERS ADVOCATED FOR
81 CHILDREN
SPENT 154 HOURS AND
TRAVELED 914 MILES**



CASA of Terrebonne
We currently have
153
children on our waiting list!!

			
Sexual	Physical	Neglect	Substance Abuse



Carey Redmond	3/ 6
Jenny Cobb	3/18
Buddy McNabb	3/23
Brittany Jones	3/25
Mary Bergeron	3/27
Jessica Larke	3/27
Kristy Ledford	3/27
Priscilla Callais	3/28
Eddie Olivier	3/29



Congratulations to ***Miranda Price***
 She has won a gift card of her choice for
 visiting with her CASA child and putting
 in her contact logs by the last day of the
 month.

To be entered into the monthly drawing, volunteers
 must see their CASA children and enter contact logs
 by the last day of the month.

SHOUT OUTS

- ♦ Mary Guidry for attending court for her CASA children.
- ♦ Eddie Olivier for attending court for his CASA children.
- ♦ Ann Beeson for attending court for her CASA children.
- ♦ Buddy McNabb for attending court for his CASA children.
- ♦ Jennifer Kryvanick for attending court for her CASA child.
- ♦ Connie Fremin for attending a Family Team Meeting and submitting a court report for her CASA child.
- ♦ Paula Voisin for submitting a court report for her CASA child.
- ♦ Bonnie Dubina for taking on her first tutoring assignment for a CASA child.
- ♦ Christine Evans for attending a family visit and writing a court report for her CASA child.
- ♦ Jennifer Burrough for attending a court hearing for her CASA child.



To request a tutor for your CASA child, fill out the online application on our website and we will match your child with a Traveling Tutor.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO CASA



March Anniversaries

Emily Elmore 16 Years

Jonathan Russo 7 Years

Yvonne White 9 Years

FEBRUARY DONATIONS



CASA AP

Charlene Wallace

Joanne T. Smith

Louisiana Bar Foundation, Jock Scott Grant

Carolyn Lirette, *(In memory of Jerry Hermann)*

Jacqueline G. Cenac

Cody Chatagnier

Carl “Buddy” McNabb

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT HEATHER HEBERT — BOARD MEMBER



1. She is from Alabama and yes she is an Alabama fan!
2. She has mushed a dog sled team.
3. She has been to the Great Divide, where the water from the Rockies runs East and West.
4. She is a certified scuba diver.
5. She has stayed in the same hotel as Vladimir Putin, but she is not a Russian spy.

Current Board Members

Marty Majewski, III—President
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Douglas Gregory
Heather Hebert

Charles Kornegay
Buddy McNabb
Ida Moore
Angelle Thibodeaux

IN-SERVICE:
SELF CARE
PHYSICAL ♦ MENTAL ♦ EMOTIONAL



WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020
WHERE: CASA OFFICE, 402 CANAL STREET
TIME: 5:30PM-8:00PM
PRESENTERS: Christine Aucoin, CASA staff
Tina Evans, CASA Advocate
Amanda Gibson, LSU AgCenter

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The following topics will be discussed:

- ♦ Compassionate care
- ♦ Healthy nutrition
- ♦ Relaxing with yoga, massage and exercise

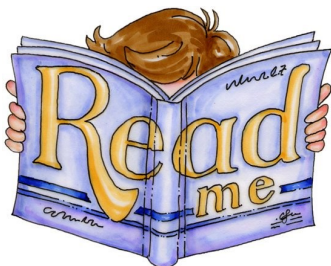
REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.casaofterrebonne.org

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Earn 1 Hour of Continuing Education on YouTube:

The Kansas City Star recently published an investigation called "Throwaway Kids " about the foster care system.

There are 9 short videos in this series including powerful testimonies from former foster children.



THE VOLUNTEER LIBRARY IS STOCKED WITH
FICTION/NON-FICTION BOOKS AND DVD'S TO EARN
CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING HOURS.



CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY BE A **CASA** VOLUNTEER

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (**CASA**) works hard to ensure that children in foster care in Terrebonne Parish will have a safe and permanent home as soon as possible. Join us and make a difference. Together we can change a child's story.

CLASS START DATES:

April 14, 2020

July 7, 2020

October 6, 2020

Contact *Christine Aucoin* to find out how you can become a community volunteer who advocates for a child who has been abused or neglected.

SEVEN WEEKS

Get trained in seven weeks to make a difference in the life of a child in foster care.

FLEX TRAINING

In-person and online training are combined for all learning styles.

APPLY ONLINE

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