

CASA OF TERREBONNE NEWSLETTER

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*Message from
Executive Director,
Donna M. Brunet*

October is bullying prevention month so take the time out to talk to your children about bullying.

"When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable. Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time."

"Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy." Stopbullying.gov

Here are some national statistics about bullying:

The 2017 [School Crime Supplement](#) (National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice) indicates that nationwide, about 20% of students ages 12-18 experience bullying.

In surveys, approximately 30% of young people admit to bullying others.

70.6% of young people say they have seen bullying in their schools.

70.4% of school staff have seen bullying. 62% witnessed bullying two or more times in the last month and 41% witness bullying once a week or more.

When bystanders intervene, bullying stops within 10 seconds 57% of the time.



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN !!

*Sarah & Jacob
Ghere*



Jacob and Sarah Ghere were sworn in as CASA Volunteers on 11/15/2018. They were assigned to their first case on 12/10/2018, and as a husband and wife duo they took on the commitment of two little souls. Upon assignment they immediately jumped into their case and contacted all of the parties. They inquired with the school and followed up on academic progress and lack thereof. They are present at their CASA children's school functions and have found ways to relate to them. Jacob and Sarah have always been pleasant and have encouraged the parents to comply with their case plan. Even when they were a little hesitant with new settings, like the jail, they made themselves available to obtain first-hand information. At one point the children were in two separate homes, but that did not hinder their commitment to both children. They coordinated their schedules and made face-to-face visits and attended sibling and family visits to ensure the children were doing well. When the case took a turn, they were the first to contact our office with their concerns. Their sweet demeanor and compassion for people made them great candidates for a second case. When they were approached about two teenagers, they were nervous about it but they again dove in and seem to be enjoying their new connections. We at CASA are so blessed to have them as part of our CASA family.

Sarah and Jacob will receive a polo shirt donated by Shelly Touns with Artistic Embroidery.

SHOUT-OUTS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Kim Eubanks for seeing her case through to closing and accepting a new case.

Emily Elmore and Joy Tingle for submitting a court report, attending a court hearing and a staffing for their CASA child.

Michelle Verret for seeing her case through to adoption after 4 years and even after the child was placed in Ohio.

Megan Verret for taking her first case and for attending a court hearing for her CASA child.

Destiny Clement for attending court for her CASA child.

Amber Ward for completing a court report and attending court for her CASA child.

Tina Evans for completing a court report and attending court for her CASA child.

Rushelle Fitzgerald for completing a court report, attending court and seeing her case through to closing for her CASA child.

Kim Pickard for taking on an existing case, writing a court report, attending court and a Family Team Meeting and being there to help with homecoming preparations for her CASA child.

Kristy Ledford and Leah Voisin for submitting their first court report and attending a court hearing for their CASA children.

Mitzi Rieve for attending court for her CASA children.

Jonathan Russo for seeing his case through to adoption for his CASA children.

Jamara Doiron for attending a Family Team Meeting and a court hearing for her CASA child.

Norma Macks for attending court for her CASA child.

Suzanne Vice for seeing her case through to adoption for her CASA children and being part of the celebration.

Emily Gilmore for submitting a court report and attending court for her CASA child.

Sarah Ghere for attending court for her CASA children.

Connie Fremin for sharing her experience and knowledge at the Pre-Service training class and for taking on another case.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 6, 2019
Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
(invitations will be mailed out in November)

SEPTEMBER - VOLUNTEER STATISTICS:

59 Volunteers advocated for
96 Children
234 Hours spent
1600 Miles traveled



CASA of Terrebonne

We currently have

132

children on our waiting list!!



Sexual



Physical



Neglect



Substance Abuse



Jacob Ghery	10/2
Joy Tingle	10/4
Ann Beeson	10/9
Charles Bergeron	10/11
Mary Guidry	10/11
Heather Pulley	10/17
Blayne Bergeron	10/19
Miranda Price	10/26
Joni Oncale	10/27
Lindsey Bull	10/28
Lori Olivier	10/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Congratulations to **Meagan Verret**. 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.

Bet you didn't know!

5 Fun Facts about Shelly Toups - Board Secretary



1. She is witty.
2. She wants to own every animal she sees.
3. No one can drink after her...especially her milk!
4. Her therapy is working in her yard.
5. Her true happy place is Happy Bay in Saint Martin.



Finding Forever Homes!

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS:

CASA – AP

NICHOLAS AND ELAINE FRY



Above **Jon Russo** and
Below **Zann Vice**
shown with their
CASA children.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

You asked...We listened. The CASA month will now run from the 1st through the 31st (or 30th). However, ALL contact logs are still due by the last day of the month.

Please remember that you must see your CASA child each month. If you are unable to visit, please contact your supervisor. Make all attempts to contact your child another way (phone call, card, letter, etc). All contact logs are due into OPTIMA by the end of the month.

If you need assistance please contact your supervisor or Jenny Domangue as soon as you can. We are all here to help you.



Current Board Members

Marty Majewski, III—President
Mary Guidry—Vice President
Bonnie Naquin—Treasurer
Shelly Touns—Secretary

Charles Brown
Christopher Chiasson
Kathleen Duplantis
Patricia Floyd

Douglas Gregory
Heather Hebert
Carl "Buddy" McNabb
Angelle Thibodeaux





Check out our new and improved website (same web address)

Here's how to register for any upcoming in-service:

Go to the Volunteer section and click on events and the event you want to attend.

Click on the register button and then input your e-mail address and you are done.

An e-mail is sent to you to confirm your registration.

We have three more in-services offered before the end of the year.

NOTE: Beginning in 2020, your only option to register for an in-service will be through the website.



Noon until 1:00 pm at
the CASA office

♦ **Thursday, October 17,
2019 - Topic: Identifying
At Risk Children**
**Presented by Lonnie
Lapeyrouse w/ Magnolia
Family Services**

**Lunch provided and RSVP
REQUIRED VIA E-MAIL-**
caucoin@casaofterrebonne.org

**Or register by going to the
website (see directions above)**

We are collecting items to donate to The Haven. If you wish to participate , please bring the following items when you attend the in-service: toilet paper, paper towels, or after-school snacks.

A Walk in Her Shoes

CASA of Terrebonne In-Service

Presented by: Melissa Williams

Training Coordinator at The Haven



Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Place: 402 Canal Street (CASA office)

The following topics will be presented tonight:

- ⇒ Definition of trauma and the brain and body's response to trauma
- ⇒ Sources and impact of trauma and barriers to seeking help
- ⇒ Support for trauma survivors and practical ways to support healing
- ⇒ Tips for Self-Care

Snacks provided and RSVP required to caucoin@casaofterrebonne.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION E-LEARNING

WEB SITE: <https://moodle.lcwta.org>

LOG IN INSTRUCTIONS:

Username: Use your e-mail address

Password: Advocate1!!

NOTE: FIRST TIME USERS ONLY—YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO EDIT YOUR PROFILE IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN A COURSE

Click on My Courses, Click on Subject, then Specific Course to enroll in

Click Enroll Me, then follow steps to complete course

REMINDER: ENTER TRAINING TO OPTIMA WHEN YOUR COURSE IS COMPLETE

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE FUN WHILE EARNING YOUR CONTINUING
EDUCATION HOURS!!

COME AS YOU ARE OR DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN AND BE READY
TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND SOLUTIONS TO "WHAT SCARES YOU?"

