

CASA OF TERREBONNE ANNUAL REPORT

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CASA STAFF

2019



Valentine Verdin, Advocate Supervisor **Donna Brunet**, Executive Director
Anna Merlos, Office Manager, **Jenny Domangue**, Lead Advocate Supervisor
Sulma Reyes, Advocate Supervisor, **Christine Aucoin**, Outreach and Training Coordinator



2019 Staff
Retreat



2019 HIOT Golf
Tournament

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the past 18 months, we advocated for **165 children** in Terrebonne Parish.

As Executive Director of CASA of Terrebonne, it is my pleasure to bring you our 2018-19 Annual Report. Our success is only possible because of our partnership with many caring individuals and organizations in the community. As we look back on the past 18 months, I want to take a moment to say thank you for your support. Because of you, **165 children** had the powerful voice of a CASA volunteer to speak up for them in the courtroom, in schools, and in our community.

We are grateful for the support of our board members, donors, and staff. More importantly, we are grateful for our dedicated advocates, our "superheroes", who work tirelessly each day to stand against child abuse and rewrite the stories of children who have been removed from their homes due to severe abuse and/or neglect. These children have experienced terrible trauma and their lives have been turned upside down. They never asked to be on this journey through the court system and are there through no fault of their own. We will never understand the depths of their pain or the fears that they face. Thankfully, we have quality trained Volunteer Advocates ready to step in and help turn their tears into smiles.

They help to ensure that a child's dreams can become a reality. The certainty of change is also an ever-present reality for the vulnerable children we serve. Our child advocates meet that uncertainty with constancy, becoming that one adult who shows up in so many significant ways during a frightening time in a young life. Seeing beyond each child's difficult circumstances, CASA volunteers recognize the promise and potential within each child. While we have come a long way, there are still many children in our community who need a CASA to advocate for them. We look ahead to the future, offering leadership, collaborating with stakeholders and working to expand and strengthen our program until we achieve our goal of a court appointed special advocate for every child in foster care. Thank you for playing a vital role in our story and for your continued support.

Donna Brunet
Executive Director

As some of you may have noticed, our Annual Report is coming out a little later this year than in years past. That's because last year we changed our year from a regular January – December year to a fiscal year which is July – June. We did this so as to align with our funder, CASA AP (Assistance Program). Therefore, this Annual Report covers 18 months instead of the usual 12.



Donation in memory of Ricky Rieve

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.



HIOT Fundraiser Banquet



Donation from Blair Voisin

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue	
Grant Income	\$467,836.91
Donations	\$22,991.40
Fundraisers	\$15,707.00
Interest Income	\$7,723.22
Miscellaneous	\$15,636.33
Total	\$529,894.86

Expenses	
Program Services	\$565,716.57
Administrative	\$16,035.83
Fundraising	\$5,808.13
Total	\$587,560.53

Average cost to serve 1 child in the Thibodaux Region in 2018 - \$2,053.92

The Thibodaux region is comprised of the following Parishes: Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John & Terrebonne



2019 Bayou Community Foundation Grant Ceremony



2019 Danos Foundation Grant



South Louisiana Bank, Jimmy Klingman

Audit and IRS Form 990 – Independent auditors review our financial statements each year, preparing our audited financials and tax returns. Access to our audit and tax filings can be found online at www.casaofterrebonne.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carl "Buddy" McNabb, President



Martin Majewski, III, Vice-President



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Stacey Martin, Secretary



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Charles Brown, Sr.



Kathleen Duplantis



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Shelly Toups



Mary Guidry



Merkle "Skipper" Kornegay



Leo Pitre



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Angelle Thibodeaux



Christopher Chiasson



Douglas Gregory



Heather Hebert



Volunteer Advocates of the Month

2018 Volunteer Spotlight



Joni Oncale



Timothy Hitt



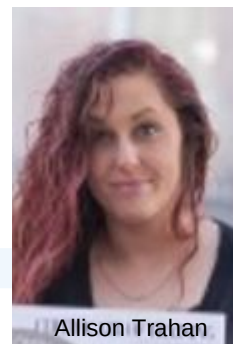
Destiny Clement



Rushelle Fitzgerald



Michelle Verret



Allison Trahan



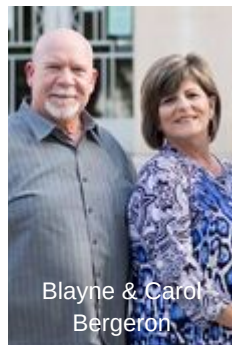
Carol Marmande



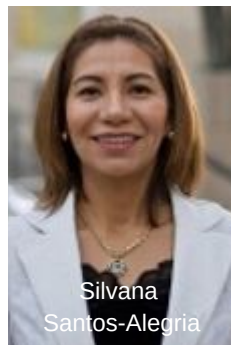
Lacy Polencot



Whitney Miller



Blayne & Carol
Bergeron



Silvana
Santos-Alegria



Jennifer Kryvanick

2019 Volunteer Spotlight

CASA of Terrebonne is grateful to **all** of our volunteers who have dedicated their time and talent to advocating for abused and neglected children in our community.

"There is no greater reward that the child you advocate for is safe, happy & loved!"

- AMBER WARD



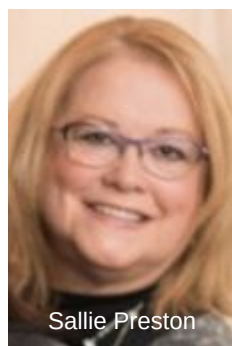
Amber Ward



Connie Fremin



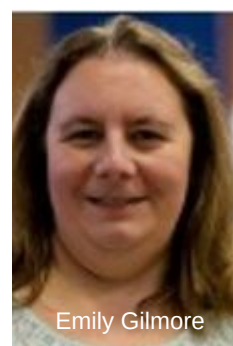
Skipper Kornegay



Sallie Preston



Annette Bilello



Emily Gilmore

2018 - 2019 Volunteer Classes



Class # 48

Back Row:
Connie Fremin
Emily Gilmore
Amber Ward

Front Row:
Lindsey Bull
Jesse Wilson
Nikki Trosclair
Carol Bergeron

Sworn in by:
Honorable Judge Randall Bethancourt

Class # 49

Mitzi Rieve
Heather Pulley
Norma Macks
Amanda LeBlanc
Jennifer Kryvanick
Tressa Hebert
Blair Duplantis

Sworn in by:
Honorable Judge Matthew H. Hagen



Class # 50

Back Row:
Marty Tipton
Kathi Murphy
Mary Guidry
Charles Bergeron
Jacob Ghery
Sarah Ghery

Front Row:
William "Bill" Lovell
Rhonda Lovell
Tasha Lirette
Sarina Lirette
Rebecca Clement
Sam Spry

Sworn in by:
Honorable Judge Randall Bethancourt



Class # 51

Back Row:
Michael Brown
Anna Merlos
Allison Eschete
Miranda Ledford

Front Row:
Kristy Ledford
Leah Voisin
Brittany Jones

Not Pictured: Kim Eubanks

Sworn in by:
Honorable Judge Randall Bethancourt



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2018



BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Carl "Buddy" McNabb was awarded the 2018 Board Member of the Year by CASA Executive Director, Donna Brunet. Buddy is a great advocate for CASA and never fails to promote CASA whenever he gets the chance.



ANGEL OF THE YEAR

The Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office was awarded the 2018 Angel of the Year by CASA staff. The Sheriff's Office Inmate Work Program was instrumental in the move to our current office.



MOSELY-COURVILLE AWARD

Stacy Bergeron was presented the 2018 Mosely-Courville Award by the Courville Foundation for her help with fundraising efforts.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Traci Hawthorne was sworn in as a CASA in August 2014 and took her first case just a month after. Traci's Advocate Supervisor, Valentine Verdin, describes her as **resilient**. "She faced obstacles that could have understandably taken down many people; however she stands tall for what she believes in", says Valentine. Traci takes on hardships in her cases but never waivers in her vision or decisions. Traci stands for what she believes is the best interest for the children and CASA is proud to have such a remarkable person on our team!



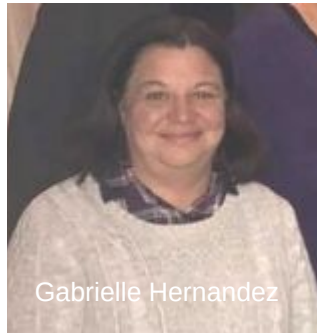
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YEARS
OF SERVICE



Christina Evans



Jonathan Russo



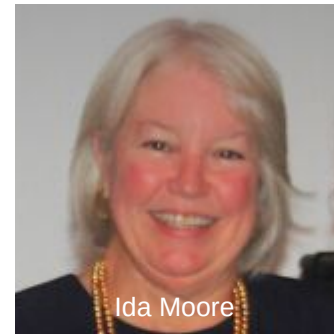
Gabrielle Hernandez

2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

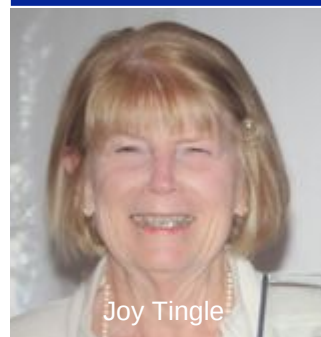
*"These children need a voice.
If there is just one thing you
can do is to be their voice!"*

JENNIFER KRYVANICK

10
YEARS
OF SERVICE



Ida Moore



Joy Tingle

15
YEARS
OF SERVICE



IN MEMORIAM: MERKLE "SKIPPER" KORNEGAY

On February 10, 2019 we lost Mr. Merkle "Skipper" Kornegay, a man who was full of compassion, wisdom and who would go above and beyond for something he believed in. Mr. Skipper was an influential member of CASA since his swearing-in on February 22, 2006. He advocated on 11 cases for a total of 22 children, four of which he was actively working at the time of his death. He knew his kids, he knew his cases, and he knew what he was recommending was right.

Mr. Skipper joined the board of directors in 2010 as one of the only board members to actively have a case. As a board member he was instrumental in fundraising. In both 2014 and 2015 Mr. Skipper was named as CASA of Terrebonne's board member of the year. In 2015, he single-handedly raised approximately \$15,000 for CASA of Terrebonne. May his legacy live on through the countless lives that he touched through the years.

SERVING OUR CHILDREN

January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Carol Marmande at CASA Children's Adoption Hearing

AGES

0-5 years	-----	78
6-11 years	-----	46
12-18 years	-----	36
Unknown	-----	5

GENDERS

Female	-----	90
Male	-----	75



Sally Preston at CASA Child's Adoption Hearing



Jonathan Russo at CASA Child's Adoption Hearing

CHILDREN SERVED

2014	-----	82
2015	-----	145
2016	-----	135
2017	-----	155
2018-2019	-----	165



Tim Hitt at CASA Child's Adoption Hearing

RACES

African American	36
Caucasian	104
Hispanic	4
Multi-Racial	20
Other	1

OUTCOMES

Adoption	17
Aged-Out	5
Legal Custody to a Non-Relative	1
Legal Custody to a Relative	8
Unknown/Other	18
Remain with Family/Parent	2
Returned to Parent	28



Skipper Kornegay at CASA Children's Adoption Hearing

146

The number of children on the waiting list for a *CASA Advocate* as of June 30, 2019.

Thank You to our 2018 - 2019 Donors

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$5,000+

CASA AP
Pathway South, LLC (LA Charities Trust)
The Courier & Daily Comet
Bayou Community Foundation
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LA State Bar Association	
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Piranha

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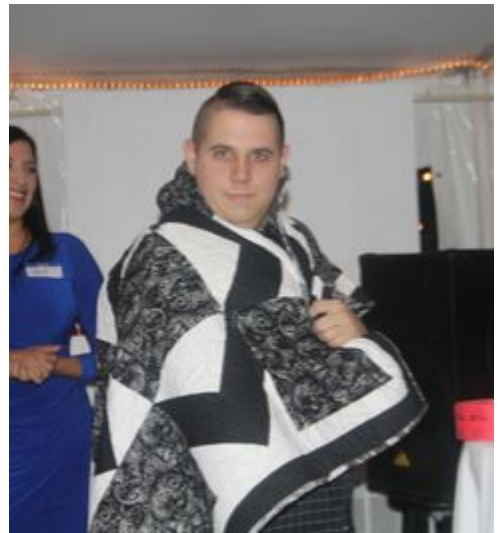
*"It's not how much
we give but how
much we put into
giving."*

- CHARLES DICKENS



YEAR IN REVIEW





Thank You from CASA of Terrebonne





Change a Child's Story
BECOME A **CASA** VOLUNTEER



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