



# THE VOICE



**SUMMER 2020**

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear CASA Family,

I absolutely love the month of April as my heart lights up seeing flowers bloom and trees bud as it shows the return of new life on our earth. April is also the heart of our mission as a non-profit Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer child advocacy organization as it validates our mission to serve the best interests of our youth while being preemptive toward educating our families and community. Our main focus is the well-being of the children we serve from their physical to mental health. There is nothing more rewarding for the CASA/GAL volunteer, professional team, donors and leadership to know we are always thriving to ensure all the right things are being done for our children to live in a safe and caring home.

So many children are facing fears that we cannot see at this time and then to imagine the constant anxiety and hurt they are feeling every moment is beyond conceivable. The CASA organization exists to work in collaboration with our judiciary to protect children from further abuse and to find the permanency they need. Permanency is the ultimate objective that really equates to a meaningful relationship. If children can be reunified with their parents, then we work together on services that will help get them there. When parental rights are terminated, then we move toward guardianship or hopefully adoption. Each case, child and story are different and there is no easy solution, but know that because of CASA and because of you - we take a stance every day so that children do not suffer any longer.

Child abuse and neglect is a tough subject and the month of April really helped us reach out to our community in every creative marketing and

outreach way (especially compounding that with the COVID-19 pandemic). I couldn't be more proud of our CASA/GAL volunteers and team with putting eyes on children through our virtual communications and working together to keep children who were already at risk ....safe!

Through our stay at home order, we have collaborated and worked closer like never before. We have continued to receive emergency motions to remove children from unsafe environments that still require us to attend shelter care hearings via virtual meetings. We have learned through child welfare professionals and colleagues that our case load will more than likely triple when we resume back to the courthouse. We will get through this and work closer together than ever before so that no child falls through the cracks.

CASA Kane County relies on individual and corporate donations which we need now more than ever to advocate for every child that comes into abuse/neglect and probate courts. As an officer of the court, our advocacy services are ordered and our judiciary relies on us to have a trained and committed CASA/GAL volunteer ready to take on that next case.

Thank you for your belief in our mission that protects and saves the lives of children every day.

*With Gratitude,*

**Executive Director**  
630-444-3109

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A young child with curly hair is blowing a dandelion seed head. The child is wearing a green t-shirt and is sitting outdoors in a park-like setting with trees and a cloudy sky in the background. The image is used as a background for the text blocks.

# NEW MISSION

*CASA Kane County is a Guardian ad Litem, nonprofit volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of children in abuse, neglect and private guardianship cases within the Juvenile Court system.*

# NEW VISION

*We believe all children in the foster care system will have a safe, nurturing and permanent home where they can thrive with the support and involvement of their community.*

# CASA KUDOS



**CASA/GAL Raul P.** has four young boys in his case that are now set to be adopted by their Aunt and Uncle. It is beneficial that Raul is bilingual as the foster mother does not speak English. There was a misunderstanding as to the date when the boys were to pick up their Chromebooks from school due to the COVID-19 closure. While an Uncle helped the boys by letting them do school work on his computer, CASA/GAL Raul spoke to the school secretary to get the boys their Chromebooks. Raul's kind demeanor worked. Not only did the boys get their tablets but the secretary delivered them to their door!

**CASA/GAL Dave S.** has done a wonderful job advocating for the teen parent on his case. Even when presented with constant challenges, Dave has remained focused and continued to advocate for the safety and well-being of this young man.

**CASA/GAL Kristin H.** has a full time career and a family, but has given her time to advocate for 3 children in two different placements. She has developed a collaborative relationship with everyone on the case, kept in close contact with school personnel and passionately advocated for the best interests of these children.

**CASA/GAL Craig C.**'s youth has a hearing impairment and Craig has been able to seek out multiple resources to assist this youth. Craig has also been able to communicate this information to the agency, and they have been able to work together to ensure that all of his youth's needs are being addressed.

**CASA/GAL Bob M.** has worked hard to advocate for the safety and permanency of the two very young minors on his case. His hard work and dedication is paying off.



**CASA/GAL Linda H.** has advocated for the best interests of the minors on her case. Even when faced with opposition and difficult situations she has maintained perspective and kept the children’s best interests at the forefront of every discussion.

**CASA/GAL Dave N.** has been navigating a difficult case. Dave has worked hard to ensure that the youth on his case will be able to have a safe discharge plan post hospitalization. Thank you Dave for supporting this youth during a difficult time.

**CASA/GALs Diane S. and Theresa L.** accepted their first abuse and neglect cases. We look forward to working with you both throughout the life of your cases. You’ve got this!

**CASA/GAL Deb S.** has been a diligent tracker of the child’s needs on her case. She was able to advocate for her children through a very well written report which the Judge took notice of!

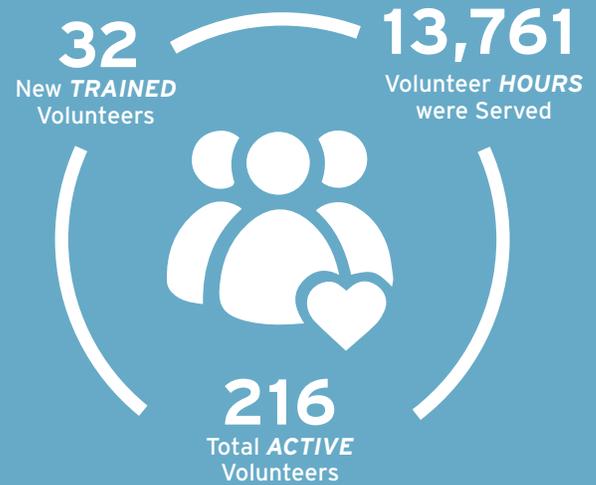
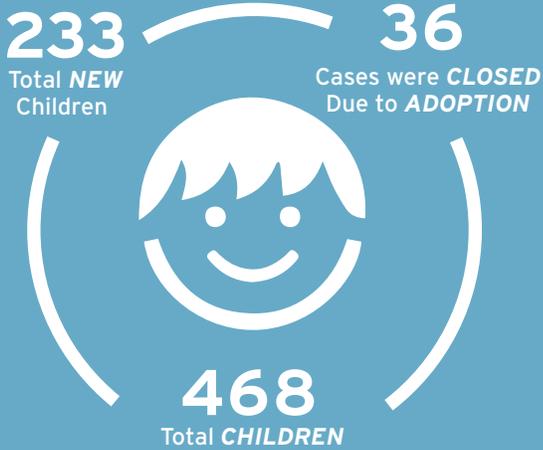
**CASA/GAL Judith H.** has participated in several hours’ worth of meetings and staffing for her CASA child. Whenever she sees something that might be improved she never backs down! She always has the child’s best interest in mind throughout the duration of the case.

**CASA/GAL Jim G.** has done an amazing job of working with two teenage siblings who are residing in different placements. He’s the person these teens consider as their primary contact when interacting with service providers and others. He makes himself available whenever they need to talk to him and drives long distances each month to visit with them. We are so grateful these youths have a reliable and caring consistent figure in their lives.

# WHAT YOU Make Possible

**94%** Children had **NO CHANGE** in their CASA/GAL volunteer

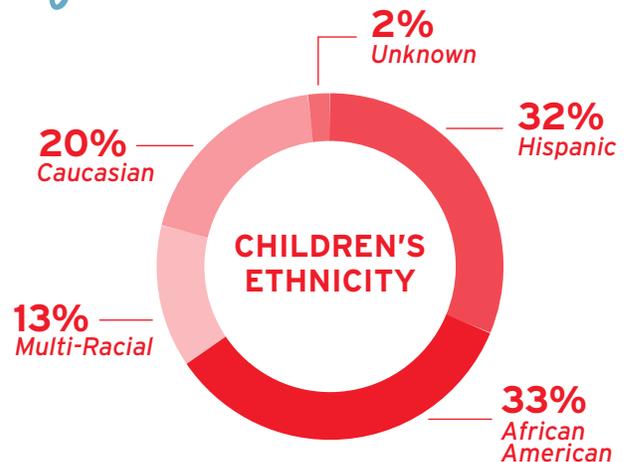
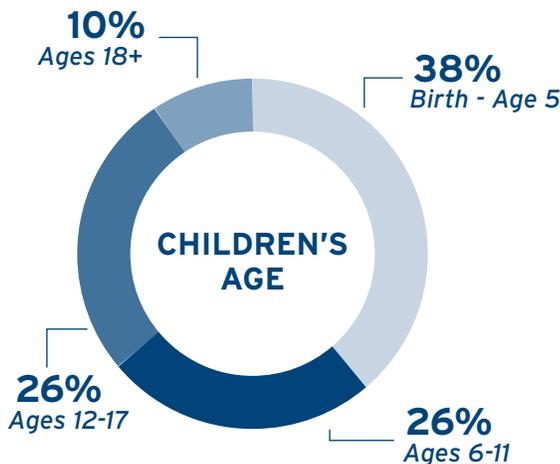
**90%** Children in Abuse and Neglect Court resided in **3 OR FEW PLACEMENTS**

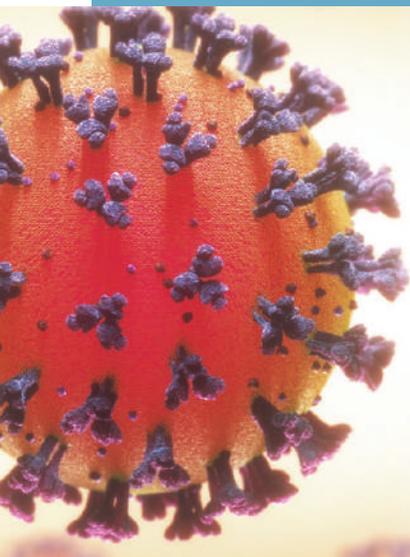


**32** **NEWLY SWORN IN** Volunteers

**99%** Children **DIDN'T EXPERIENCE** a recurrence of abuse/neglect during CASA's involvement

## Child Demographics





# COURT DURING COVID-19

**By, Nydia Molina**

*Director of Case Management/GAL Attorney*

As COVID-19 and its potential life-threatening health implications unfolded this Spring, CASA quickly responded to ensure our staff and volunteers' safety. While CASA staff, along with all other judicial partners, started to work remotely, emergency matters were still handled in-person at the courtroom at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Chief Judge of our Judicial Circuit worked on addressing the potential public health concerns of holding live, in-person court hearings. After receiving guidance from the Supreme Court and in consultation with interested judicial partners, the Court implemented new procedures for handling cases requiring in-person proceedings. **The new methods included the use of Zoom to conduct virtual hearings with all parties having access to the individual video conference for each matter.** The Court provides parties a web link and meeting credentials to share with their clients so that we can proceed remotely. By mid-April, our courtroom started utilizing Zoom to conduct emergency matters and Temporary Custody hearings. Currently, our Judicial Circuit is also rotating the judges hearing Juvenile cases. While each judge previously presided over Abuse & Neglect Court, several also appeared as practicing attorneys.

On April 22, 2020, our Judicial Circuit extended the court restrictions until June 1. Upon our return to "normal," anticipate a change to court procedures. Most likely, the Court will ask us to continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines. **We expect that no more than ten people total will be allowed in the courtroom and the waiting room.** The Court will continue to conduct remote hearings, especially status hearings, for as many cases as possible.

We anticipate these remote court hearings will occur via Zoom. If you are not familiar with this medium of communication, I would suggest trying this out before attending your first court hearing.

Since the Court will be conducting these hearings remotely, we believe the Court will schedule a limited amount of time for the entire video conference to occur. The time restrictions dictate limiting extensive verbal updates on cases during Zoom sessions. These new procedures necessitate accurate, detailed, and comprehensive written case reports to provide all the parties the information needed for Court. **Please notify your supervisor or GAL attorney when there are issues or delays with services for our children.** These types of problems or delays are critical, and we cannot wait for the next permanency review hearing to address unresolved issues.

Another vital responsibility that we have had to adjust is visitations. In March, DCFS suspended all in-person visitation for parents and siblings. Including visits supervised by the agency or another approved entity. **With the lack of in person contact, your eyes and ears become crucial to our cases.** After reviewing the protocols established by National CASA and Illinois CASA, CASA Kane County made the difficult choice to suspend all in-person contact and visits. However, we have, and continue, to encourage virtual visits as a preferred method of meeting our visit mandate. Understanding that families may not have the technology for FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, or other video conferencing modalities, phone contact has been encouraged as well. We appreciate the creativity and thoughtfulness of your virtual visits. CASA/GAL's have read bedtime stories, colored or show and tell time with children. With older youth, you have become an additional connection and outlet for children to vent or just talk.

The modification of our visitation policy does not diminish the impact of your role in Court. The Court expects that we will immediately inform it of any issues or concerns and that all children who are wards will continue to be monitored as safely as possible by both the caseworker and the CASA/GAL volunteer. **Child abuse has not disappeared; it has receded further into the shadows, making it even harder for us to illuminate and eradicate.** We need your help assuring we address all the needs of children and that no child is forgotten or falls through the cracks.

# HABBLAS ESPAÑOL?

**TRAINING DATES**  
**JULY 7–AUGUST 27**

**JOIN US OR REFER A FRIEND  
TO HELP OUR MOST  
VULNERABLE YOUTH!**

**CASA NEEDS  
BILINGUAL  
VOLUNTEERS  
NOW MORE  
THAN EVER.**

**BECOME A DIFFERENCE MAKER AND CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY!**  
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# Welcome

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS



### CHAD ABRAHAMSON

Chad is the Vice President of Operations of Impact Plastics and has recently moved to St. Charles with his husband and four children. He then began his search for an organization to volunteer his time to help make a real difference in their new community. He and his family live in the home previously owned by CASA Kane County co-founder, Doris Hunt. His sister adopted 3 girls where he has seen firsthand how crucial the court appointed advocates are to the process which helped guide him further to be a part of something special.



### RAE-ANNE SORIA

Rae-Anne is a Private Wealth Advisor at BMO Harris Bank in St. Charles, IL. She serves as a lead advisor and relationship manager to high-net-worth individuals, families and organizations, including closely-held and family-owned businesses. She resides in St. Charles with her husband and two boys. She enjoys traveling, Michigan State sports, spending quality time with her friends and family, biking, hiking and reading.



### LISA WEIER

Lisa is the Director of Development for FT Cares Foundation, the charitable arm of First Trust Portfolios in Wheaton. Lisa practiced securities law for 13 years before moving to the non-profit sector where she has gained valuable experience in charitable fundraising, event management and strategic planning. Lisa resides in West Chicago with her two teenage children and enjoys photography, live music and cake decorating.



### MATT SIDMAN

Matt is the CEO, President, Virtual CIO, and Chief Solution Architect of Teqworks in St. Charles, Illinois. Matt, an alumnus of Marmion Academy, currently resides in St. Charles with his wife, Nicole, and son, Aaron. Matt founded Teqworks and Argus Business Consulting Services with his father to provide management and IT consulting services for Chicagoland small-and medium-sized organizations. Teqworks has been recognized as one of the top 100 global Managed IT Service Providers with 10 employees or fewer since 2013.

*We are so appreciative of the time, treasure and talents of our entire Board of Directors!  
Please refer to Page 2 for the **full list of Board Members.***

# Thank you

Congrats to the CASA/GAL Volunteers on these milestone years of service!

Every April we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week by honoring all of our CASA/GAL volunteers and their years of service. Since we couldn't do it in person this year, the CASA team sent our advocates a virtual "thank you" video!



## 20+ Years

Elizabeth Erotas-Rouzer  
Robert Mehrens  
Patricia O'Brien  
Cathy Whiteside

## 20 Years

Jenny Boose  
Mary Lynn Cali

## 15 Years

Patricia Biedess

## 10 Years

Connie Scott  
Linda Weglarz

## 5 Years

Christina Aagesen  
Thomas Aagesen  
Mark Clemens  
Jim Guzzaldo  
Lisa Harkins  
Paul Haske  
Kevan Ketterling  
Judy Lutz  
Raul Pena  
Judy Sanabria



*I could write volumes on how CASA has touched my life and the life of my family. CASA has shown me that ordinary people with loving hearts can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a child entrusted in us to help.*

– CASA co-founder, the late **Doris Hunt**

# It Takes A TEAM!

## WHAT IT TAKES TO OPERATE CASA:

**19** Professional  
Team Members

**25** Board of  
Directors

**35** Chairman Advisory  
Panel Members

**200** CASA/GAL  
Volunteers

ALL SERVING **500** CHILDREN IN  
KANE COUNTY!



## Who's New **AT CASA**



CASA welcomes two new employees to our diverse team! These new team members are no strangers to our organization and we are fortunate to have them join our advocacy family to ensure we can meet our growing child advocacy needs.

**Sandie Cross**, Manager of Education, started out as an active CASA/GAL two years ago. Her passion for our children in the foster care system coupled with wanting to do more at a time we were also in need of her talents to help us grow our education and training to meet our child advocacy needs and compliance. As the Manager of Education her responsibilities include supporting the training of CASA/GAL volunteers; management of our Continuing Education Program and compliance along with the support of our recruitment and development of speakers and new volunteers coming into the organization. Sandie has lived in the Fox Valley for over 25 years, has 3 children, and recently welcomed her first grandchild!

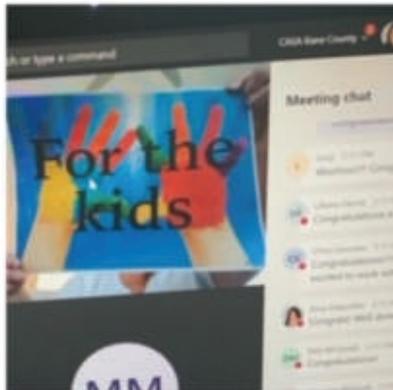
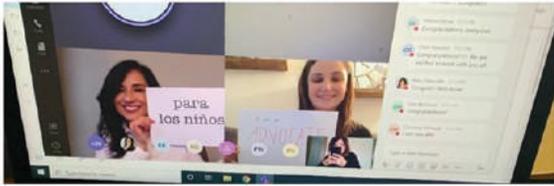
**Lexi Bunce**, Marketing and Graphic Design Coordinator, began consulting with CASA and has been doing so for the past three years. She is an experienced Graphic Designer, who adores working for the greater good of her community. Lexi's responsibilities entail designing and editing the collateral items including flyers, ads, brochures, and promotional items along with the editing and design of electronic and printed newsletters with the website and CASA University. Lexi has lived in the Aurora and surrounding area where she grew up and is passionate about furthering her knowledge in the non-profit sector.

# Virtual SWEARING IN

## Congratulations CASA/GAL Winter/Spring Training Class 2020!

We held our first virtual Swearing-In Ceremony performed by Judge Karayannis on March 31st and memorialized it on Facebook with pictures of our 20 newly sworn-in volunteers holding handmade signs to commemorate the momentous occasion. The CASA/GAL volunteers were in their 7th week of the training session and nearing the finish line.

With our new virtual reality we are happy to share that we just added a new training class to our schedule with thirteen accepted participants for the spring training session. It will never escape us that the community around us continues to pour out its support in meaningful and tangible ways to give our children a voice in court and to know they are valued.



CALLING ALL **FUTURE**  
CASA/GAL VOLUNTEERS!

**DID YOU**  
*Know?*

It may come as a surprise to some that CASA/GAL volunteers do not need to have a background in legal, clinical or social work in order to be an effective child advocate. While there are a few prerequisites like having a certain level of computer skills for report writing and the ability to visit with the child, on a monthly basis sometimes at distant locations, a willingness to serve and dedication to stay are crucial amongst those requirements. Much of the rest of what is needed will be learned during Pre-Service training.

In training, prospective volunteers will learn about their role as well as the role of most other parties in the case. Some of the other parties include the agency workers, foster parents, the attorneys and the biological parents. Most importantly the CASA/GAL volunteer in training will begin to learn how to define their responsibilities. This happens through an eight-week concentrated training that engages all kinds of learning styles in a highly interactive and informative way. Our next training begins July 7th and one of our best sources of recruitment is through our already committed CASA community. If you know someone who is interested, please have them email for more info at [maham@casakanecounty.org](mailto:maham@casakanecounty.org).

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR

# Judge

While I may not be able to see you I can hear you and I know I will continue to hear you as you perform the essential job of a CASA/GAL.

Many of you have had an opportunity to observe courtroom proceeding. During those times I hope that you have observed that not only the attorneys representing CASA rely on your work, but also the consideration the Court gives your work. While court proceeding may at times seem sterile, I want to take this opportunity to assure you each case is important to everyone in the room. I also want you to know that your work as a GAL is invaluable to much of what is said and done in the courtroom every day because you are truly the eyes and ears of the court on behalf of children you serve.

I recently read an article about Katherine Johnson, the NASA mathematician - respectfully referred to as a human computer - and a crucial link in launching John Glenn into orbit and safely bringing him back home. Ms. Johnson's life was largely unknown until the book and movie "Hidden Figures" came out. The article recounted how a young child read about Ms. Johnson and called her work "useful magic."

This is how I feel about the work you all will be doing... Times are difficult for many people - especially now! You may be faced with challenging circumstances, but I am confident what you do, as a Guardian ad litem for a child, will truly be "useful magic"!!

There will never be an equation for the effect you will have on the life of the child you work with, but I for one will see the ripple effects of your work and will always quietly marvel at your impact!

*Thank you,*  
**Judge Karayannis**

# WHAT EXACTLY IS

# “Philanthropy”?

Philanthropy isn't about the size of a gift, it's about the strategy behind it, explains Nancy Anderson of Naperville-based Calamos Wealth Management. Excerpts from her work on the topic are below. First, here are two brief perspectives on why everyone benefits when families become more strategic about their charitable giving—and thereby become philanthropists.

“I am passionate about changing the story for each and every abused and neglected child we serve at CASA Kane County, but to accomplish this, fundraising has to be front and center. Everyone can do something! I am unapologetic about the need to be fiscally responsible; you'll frequently hear me say “no money, no mission.” We are grateful to all donors, regardless of the size of the gift. I have witnessed firsthand how even the smallest act of giving can change lives, both for the giver and the recipient. There is real truth in the old adage “it is better to give than to receive.”

– GLORIA KELLEY, Executive Director | CASA Kane County

“‘Giving makes us happy,’ reports a 2017 study conducted at Indiana University that positively related giving to charitable organizations with life satisfaction. In my experience working with families, I've seen how the generations coming together around a giving strategy can further amplify the satisfaction of making positive community impacts.”

– KRISTI WANO, VP Sr. Wealth Advisor | Calamos Wealth Management

## What sets philanthropy apart from charitable giving? **STRATEGY.**

The word philanthropy derives from a Greek word meaning “love of mankind.” Philanthropic acts, therefore, imply a humanitarian vision—a kind of “seeing ahead” toward an objective.

The word charity, on the other hand, comes from the French word *chrîté*, meaning “providing for those in need” or simply “generosity and giving.” Here, the connotation is responding to a present and apparent need.

While the two words have obvious overlap in common usage, drawing a distinction between them is helpful in my experience to families seeking to maximize the impacts—and amounts—of their giving.

In my experience, when families have firmly established priorities and their financial house in good order, they want to increase their charitable giving. Though they may not think of themselves as “philanthropists,” that is nonetheless what they are preparing to become. They are ready to move beyond responding to planning.

**The first step** in that evolution is to create a philanthropic strategy: **The second step** is to focus on impacts and transfer of values. **Finally, the third step** is to apply your now-established vision—and apply discipline to execute the strategy.

Families can make more impacts as they shift from “charitable donor” to “philanthropist.” And as I've seen regularly, the evolution can bring families closer together, as generations come together to carry on a family's legacy.

# CHARITABLE *giving* IN 2020

By Rick Law, Attorney  
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## **New Tax Laws Encourage Charitable Gifting Now!**

During times of crisis, not everyone can give to the charities that they love. But for those who can, the CARES Act includes new special charitable gifting benefits. If you do not itemize your deductions, a charitable gift of \$300 during 2020 will reduce your taxable income. The gift must be a gift of cash paid directly to a 501(c)(3) such as CASA.

Plus, if you have reached 70.5 years of age, you can get two bites of the tax deduction apple! You can take your Standard Deduction and use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to CASA. A QCD from your IRA can count toward any Required Minimum Distribution but will not count as taxable income.

If you do itemize, substantial incentives encourage you to give very generously during 2020. Some people have the ability and passion to support CASA by donating a very high percentage of their gross annual taxable income.

This year only, to incentivize giving, up to 100% of your gross annual income is legally deductible! Tax-savings attorneys often recommend pairing a Roth IRA conversion with such a gift. The donor would pay no income tax on the conversion and the Roth IRA would grow tax-free with no required minimum distribution; and be received tax-free by your future beneficiaries.

Intergenerational legacy strategies that reduce tax-deferred IRA assets and increase tax-free assets deserve serious consideration.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Rick Law at [ricklaw@lawhess.com](mailto:ricklaw@lawhess.com) or  
Gloria Kelley at [Gloriak@casakanecounty.org](mailto:Gloriak@casakanecounty.org)

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP *make a difference*



Purchase a **BRICK** in CASA's **GROW A HEALTHY CHILD GARDEN** for \$150 to commemorate a birthday, birth of a child, anniversary or loved one.



**HOST A PARTY** or purchase **GIFT CARDS** from Target, Jewel or a Gas card for **YOUTH IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM** for incidentals and basic needs.



Support a child in need with **\$88 a month** or **\$1,000 a year**.

*Our gift/gas card, suitcase and incidental program is an extended part of our mission to help provide youth in care the needed transportation, recreational activities and other needed basic items that are often taken for granted.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT NATALIE BOHNER AT 630-444-3112.**



# THIS ISN'T *goodbye*



## **THANK YOU CARL SCHOEDEL**

**FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
AS CASA'S BOARD CHAIR!**



The inside joke, of course, is that this job can be a lot of work. Honestly, I'm pretty tired. But it's a GOOD tired. Like when you run a marathon - you can look back at your months and years of slow & incremental preparation that culminated in such an amazing accomplishment.

So this experience has been similar for me - as I cross the Board Chair finish line, I think about the years of incremental progress that led to our amazing accomplishments...like the investment in our volunteers through CASA University, like bringing our own staff attorneys in-house, the incredible growth and success of our major events like the Gala and the Golf Outing and the addition of new events like the Sporting Clays and the Concert. When you're in it day to day, the progress seems slow and incremental...but looking back over a decade, the cumulative progress is monumental!



# PLEASE HELP SUPPORT AN **ABUSED** OR **NEGLECTED** *Child.*



Community Support is the key component to the success of our child advocacy program. The effects of child abuse to a child and on a community are long lasting. Advocating for the rights of our youth and ensuring that every child is provided with a caring and dedicated CASA/GAL volunteer is why our program exists and what makes it so unique.

It costs CASA Kane County \$7,500 to provide over 200 trained CASA/GAL volunteers to advocate for one child for an entire year with twenty professional staff that serves over 500 children yearly. Your gift will help provide a child with a caring and committed Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who serves as their Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in the courtroom.

## YOU CAN HELP *Fund* A CHILD

CHOOSE A METHOD THAT SUITS YOU:



### **DONATE/GET**

\$3,750 to \$7,500  
to **FUND A CHILD**  
*and/or ask your employer,  
friends or colleagues to match  
your gift by passing around  
a letter and envelope.*



### **WRITE A LETTER**

to your friends, colleagues,  
family and neighbors  
and set a goal.



### **SEND OUT AN EMAIL**

with a CASA video link and  
our **DONATE NOW** and use this  
description above with a personal  
note from you.

***Please help us fight for every abused and neglected child in Kane County!***

Your charitable contribution speaks loudly for children who will never know you,  
but because of your generosity, they will always be provided a caring and  
consistent CASA/GAL volunteer in their corner.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GLORIA KELLEY AT 630-444-3109.**

## CHAIRMAN'S ADVISORY PANEL

A group of community minded professionals that provide support to CASA's mission.

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 Bob Runke, *Co-Chair*  
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 Kim Byrne  
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 Gary Clark  
 Ryan Corcoran  
 Thomas Duncan  
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 P.J. Fitzpatrick  
 Alison France  
 Gary Gartrell  
 Ernesto Guillen  
 Jill Holmes  
 Jeffery Kubas  
 Tom Lannoye  
 Warren Matson  
 Bill McHenry  
 Dave Ott  
 Mari Pierce  
 Marianne Renner  
 Zaida Rodriguez  
 Ginny Rosso  
 Heidi Vicino  
 Liz Whittaker  
 David Wong  
 Benjamin Zeman

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*Advocate Supervisor*  
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*Manager of Education*  
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 Christina Divito  
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