

Give A Child Hope! Campaign



CASA OF JACKSON COUNTY, INC.

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President

September 25, 2018

Dear Supporter of CASA,

As we prepare for fall and the first anniversary of our move, we find ourselves reflecting on the blessings that you, as a donor, have given to us, and in turn, to the children in our community. The changes that our new building has provided to our CASA Program has allowed our staff, board members and CASA volunteers to embrace a renewed feeling of hope.

With space to grow, we have been able to hire two new Case Supervisors, including one specializing in Community Outreach. This has allowed our team to oversee 46 additional CASA volunteers. Our first training in our new building successfully graduated 29 CASAs, our largest graduating class in history. Donors, our Board, employees and volunteers working together have decreased our waiting list to 234 children, down from 463 at the end of last year.

Our volunteers have stated how much they appreciate having space to meet and privately discuss cases. In addition, all of our continuing education classes are now held here at the office, providing a feeling of belonging and home for everyone. While they are here, CASAs know they can pick up school supplies, clothing and books for their CASA children in one, centralized location. Now that we have visual control over donated inventory, we have reached out to Child Welfare to let them know we can help when they have children come into care with only the clothing they are wearing.

This year, through August of 2018, our 195 volunteers provided voices for 684 children in Jackson County. These results are because of you. You believed in us through your contribution and now, together, we can show more vulnerable children in our community how much we believe in them. Your support helps make our community healthier and stronger every day by enabling the recruitment, training and supervision of more volunteers to advocate for more children. Being there and believing in them helps pass on your hope to the children who will one day be the future foundation of our community.

We thank you.

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