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January 13, 2021

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We are honored to be named #1 in the Small Organizations category for the Oregon Business 100 Best Nonprofits to work for in 2020! Employees and volunteers at CASA of Jackson County and

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COMMUNITY HOPE



Wondering how many of you reading this have a broken heart. Right now, your heart might be broken from loss of your home, or loss of part of our community that is no longer standing, loss of a loved one, or general loss of security and safety. You are not alone. This year we have been faced with many unpredictable events that have left all of us disheartened and feeling loss.

We are grieving alongside our CASA volunteers and families who have lost their homes. No words can describe what they are going through. We have tried to help by providing various resources including clothing, shoes, diapers, toys, books, games, and shoulders to cry on. We know additional help will be needed as the aftermath of the fire unfolds, but our network of organizations is there and will continue to be there to help.

I have to say that Southern Oregon stands to me as an example of how to face the aftermath of a tragedy, pull together, love one another, and begin to heal. Everywhere I go people are helping one another. Local organizations have pulled together to collect and distribute donations, bridge language gaps, solve housing concerns, and more. Politics have quieted, people's hearts have opened and the love and caring in our community can readily be seen. What a gift in the midst of darkness.

We are far from perfect down here in Southern Oregon, but we are what we were made to be; kind, generous, loving, and willing to roll up our sleeves to help our neighbors. As a dear friend always says, "EGBOK", which was coined by Ken and Bob, who hosted a radio show in Southern California decades ago. It stands for Everything's Going to Be OK. And I believe it will.

J Mylenek

Jennifer Mylenek,
Executive Director and Child Advocate

Ever have a knee hug? A longtime CASA volunteer referred to the best "knee hug" he ever had when he told about three siblings he advocated for who had been moving from foster home to foster home, while also recovering from abuse and neglect. This CASA had searched for and found a caring relative who went through the steps to adopt them. When he went to visit the siblings in their new and permanent home, he got a knee hug from one sibling who wouldn't let go. The child said, "thank you. We'll never have to go back or move again." We recently acknowledged this volunteer for his amazing and long term service to children but our appreciation could never live up to the special "knee hug" he received that day.

Just one of the many rewards our CASAs get to experience while they are busy helping kids.

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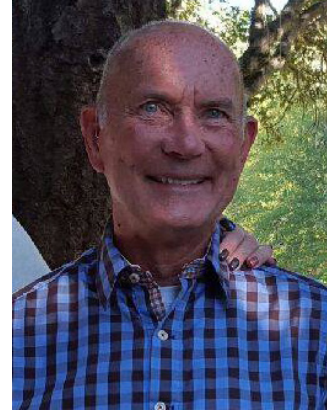
IN MEMORY OF JIM BERRYMAN

Throughout the hallways of CASA, we are surrounded by scripted quotes on the walls from CASA's who have left us too soon. They remain here, part of us forever, with their impactful quotes from CASA children reminding us every day why we are here and why we do what we do.

Beloved CASA and Board member, Jim Berryman, passed away in July. When the realization of the severity of his illness became understood, Jim submitted his formal letter of resignation to the Board of Directors at CASA. In one of the most heartfelt, powerful moments in the history of our board, his letter was read aloud in a board meeting, followed by a unanimous vote to reject his letter of resignation. There was no hesitation. A letter was sent to Jim in response, and he remained a board member. As he spent his final days with family, he continued to check in with his CASA children, helping them to transition to and get to know their newly assigned CASA advocate.

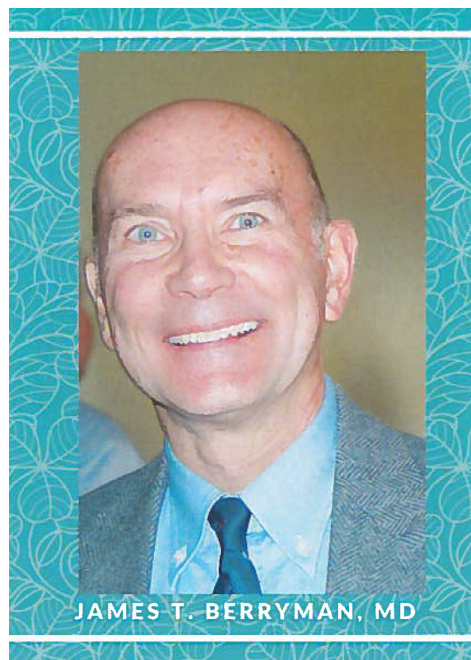
In honor of what was so important in his life, Jim's family chose to have gifts in his memory designated to CASA. Over the coming weeks, over \$20,500 came in online, in the mail and delivered in person with memories and tears. Here we are in October, and gifts in his memory continue to come in each week.

We will always remember Jim's caring and uplifting personality. His quiet preservation will remain with us at CASA, in the hearts of our board, staff, volunteers and community partners. We will continue his legacy. His memory and undeniable impact will also live on in the families of the eight children whom he advocated for. Those children will walk forward in their futures, because Jim was consistently there for them. They will be stronger and confident because Jim believed in them and walked beside them through difficult times in their lives. He will never be forgotten.



"I see our work as CASAs as a way to contribute to the future of our city and county. These children are our future. If we help these children deal with the unfortunate situations in which they find themselves, they will have a better chance of fulfilling their potential and becoming assets to our community in the future."

- CASA Jim Berryman



JAMES T. BERRYMAN, MD

A LOVELY TRIBUTE

"Caring enough to research a child's rare genetic defect.

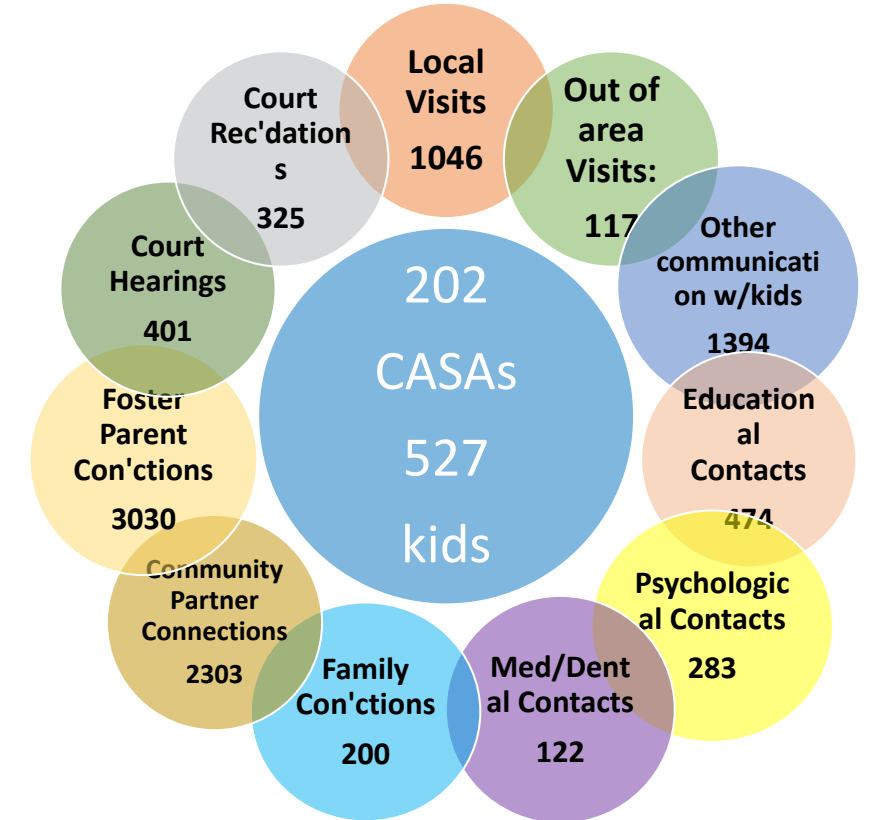
Strong enough to stand up to a judge for a child.

Man enough to kneel to reach a child.

That was Jim."

- A CASA client

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