



# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Presented To : Tommy Edwards

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

In 2024 CASA Volunteers advocated for the Best Interest of 68 children in Foster Care in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. The children ranged from ages 0 months to 18 years of age. Of these children 49 were under the age of 10. During 2024, 25 children gained permanency through reunification with their family or through adoption.

This work was accomplished by 43 dedicated CASA Volunteers. These amazing people traveled in excess 29,000 miles in order to meet with their assigned child/children to attend court, Family Team Meetings, volunteer training and support the CASA Mission. In order for the volunteers to accomplish the task mentioned they committed over 2,700 hours of volunteer service. We are fortunate to have the support of such a great community.

The CASA Board was instrumental in providing guidance, fundraising and governance of the CASA program in support of the agency's mission. The board was effective in the planning and execution of the CASA Annual Color Run for 2024. The board members consistently promoted the CASA Program and worked to increase community awareness in regards to child abuse and neglect.

Again, CASA of West CenLA is fortunate to be located in the incredible communities of Beauregard Parish, Vernon Parish and Fort Johnson. The volunteers that accomplish this important work for the children all live and work in the surrounding areas. Speaking of community support, CASA of West CenLA has a number of projects that they do each year that gives community members an opportunity to participate in and support the children. There is the monthly Birthday Buddy Program, CASA Christmas Project, Child Abuse Prevention Month and the CASA Color Run.

It is impossible to adequately express how grateful we are to community members, community leaders and local business owners for their continued support. We would like to ask you to contact CASA of West CenLA to see how you can become a volunteer or learn other ways to support the CASA mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# MISSION

**Our Mission is to mobilize trained volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children appointed by the courts.**



## OUR OFFICES

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# 2024 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## CHILDREN

**Children  
Served: 68**

**Children  
Reunified: 10**

**Children  
Adopted: 15**

**Children  
Emancipated: 2**

**Children  
Guardianship: 3**

**Children Total  
Cases closed: 25**

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers  
Active:  
43**

**Volunteers  
Assigned:  
35**

**Volunteers Sworn  
In:  
13**

**Volunteers  
Exited: 16**

**Volunteer Hours:  
2,700**

**Volunteer Miles:  
28,000**



## In-Service



## Child Abuse Prevention Month



## Foster Parent Appreciation Month



Every year we send out thank you cards to our foster parents to show how much we appreciate everything they do for the kids!



**Child Abuse Prevention Month**



**CASA Color Run**



**Christmas Project**



**Christmas Project**



**Community Event**



**Christmas Project**



**Walk Run Thrive NCASA**



**CASA Board**





# **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

## **Revenue**

**\$55,838**

**in cash donations**

**\$65,429**

**in tangible donations**

## **Expenses**

**Court Appointed  
Special Advocates:**

**\$311,670**

**Administrative:**

**\$73,082**



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