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**Pamela Curley of Enotah CASA Awarded as  
2018 CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia**

*Atlanta, August 7, 2018* – Pamela Curley, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer with Enotah CASA headquartered in Dahlonega, has been chosen as the 2018 Karen N. Sibley CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia. (The award is named in honor of the late founding board chair of Georgia CASA.) She was awarded at the Georgia CASA Conference on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta.

Pam, a resident of Blairsville, has been a CASA volunteer advocate with Enotah CASA for nearly a decade. She previously served as an advocate in Florida and North Carolina. Pam has advocated for nearly 50 children in Towns and Union counties, while giving over 5,000 hours and driving more than 30,000 miles. Pam is a CASA volunteer who never gives up, stands her ground, and doesn't assume "no" means the end.

Pam possesses an uncanny ability to work with everyone involved in child welfare, from attorneys to community partners to foster parents to case managers and beyond. She helps other CASA volunteers troubleshoot their cases and is always eager to enhance her child advocacy skills, regularly participating in CASA volunteer peer groups and trainings. Additionally, each December, she works with the foster child enrichment program in Towns and Union counties to ensure children in foster care have joyful holiday celebrations.

With tenacity, Pam successfully helped to ensure that two 17-year old youths would not age out of foster care. One youth was adopted, just weeks before she turned 18, due to Pam's unwavering advocacy over a five-year period. Due to Pam's attention to detail, the other youth reached permanency in a relative guardianship. By having trusted adults in their lives, these young people have bright futures.

Pam is truly an everyday hero, standing up in court and working outside the courtroom to ensure children and youth have their voices heard and their best interests met.

Georgia CASA, Inc., develops and supports affiliate CASA programs throughout Georgia. The CASA program is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family. Through individualized attention, CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children, bringing urgency to a child's needs, both in and out of a courtroom.

Last year, over 2,400 CASA volunteers served over 11,000 children in Georgia. Currently, 47 affiliate programs are located across Georgia, serving 150 counties. To contact Enotah CASA, visit [www.enotahcasa.org](http://www.enotahcasa.org) or call 706-864-0300. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit [www.gacasa.org](http://www.gacasa.org) or call 404-874-2888 or 800-251-4012.

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