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**Legislators to Meet with Child Advocates at
CASA Day at the Capitol on Thu., Feb. 14**

Atlanta, Feb. 4, 2019 – CASA Day at the Capitol, an annual event hosted by Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc., will take place on Thu., Feb. 14, at the State Capitol. CASA volunteers, board members, and staff from across the state will meet with members of the Georgia Legislature to thank them for their support of the CASA organization and to share concerns about the children in foster care who have experienced abused or neglect in the state, numbering around 14,000 at any one time.

Constituents will be sharing with legislators about the growth of CASA in Georgia and how legislative funding helps to support the growth of the CASA organization in the state.

Sadly, 113 children in Georgia died from abuse or neglect in 2015. 200 incidents of child abuse or neglect are reported daily in the state and every day, 33 children are victims of confirmed abuse or neglect in Georgia.

The CASA organization supports CASA volunteers, who are citizens in your community who offer individualized attention and best-interests advocacy for children in foster care. The CASA organization is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly-trained adult advocate.

Details

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with remarks by Tom Rawlings, interim director of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, and a legislative briefing, then meetings with legislators, followed by a drop-in thank you luncheon for legislators from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The briefing and luncheon will both take place in the Freight Room of the Georgia Railroad Depot, across from the Capitol.

Volunteers Needed

Everyday citizens can make a big difference to the CASA affiliate in their community by becoming a CASA volunteer or giving a charitable donation. CASA volunteers currently serve 151 of Georgia's 159 counties and CASA continues to work to expand into the few remaining counties in the state not currently served.



Georgia CASA, Inc., located in Atlanta, is a nonprofit organization that develops and supports court-sanctioned, community-based affiliate programs that provide trained and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused or neglected children involved in juvenile court proceedings. The vision of Georgia CASA is for each child to have a safe and permanent home. Last year, over 2,700 CASA volunteers served 11,460 children in Georgia.

To find out more about CASA Day at the Capitol, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/casa-day-capitol-2019/> or call 404.874.2888.

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