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### **Sandee Hooper of Family Support Council Board Is Recipient of 2019 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia**

*Atlanta, Aug. 6, 2019* – Sandee Hooper, board member with Family Support Council, the sponsoring agency for Murray/Whitfield CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), received the 2019 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia at the Georgia CASA Conference on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Atlanta.

Beloved by the Family Support Council staff, Sandee does all she can to ensure the agency is running smoothly and has adequate support for all operational areas. Sandee makes the staff feel appreciated and special, always greeting everyone with a warm smile, kindness, encouragement, and laughter.

Sandee has a special way of inspiring and motivating others. For CASA, she has been a strong internal and external advocate and a constant source of inspiration for the CASA director. She captures the good happening in the local community and reflects it back in a way that others not only witness how they can be a part of the great work, but desire to do so. A chief recruiter of new CASA volunteers, she casually but intentionally works CASA into conversations with anyone she knows who would make a good CASA volunteer. Sandee masterfully helps people realize they have something truly valuable to offer as a child advocate. She gives much thought, time, and energy to CASA and has been a tireless and heartfelt cheerleader to the hard-working staff.

Sandee is a model board member, advocate, and champion for Murray/Whitfield CASA, Family Support Council, and the larger community.

Georgia CASA, Inc., develops and supports affiliate CASA programs throughout Georgia. CASA has community volunteers who provide compassionate, one-on-one attention, offering children experiencing foster care hope for a brighter childhood and future that comes from growing up in a healthy, supportive, permanent family and a successful transition to adulthood with supportive connections, educational achievements, and life skills.

Last year, 2,700 CASA volunteers served over 11,000 children in Georgia. Currently, 46 affiliate CASA programs are located across Georgia, serving 151 counties. To contact Murray/Whitfield CASA, visit [www.casanorthwestga.org](http://www.casanorthwestga.org) or call 706-428-7934. 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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