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Lewis Cline of The Children's Haven Is Recipient of 2021 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia

Atlanta, Aug. 7, 2021 – Lewis Cline, board member with The Children's Haven, located in Canton and home of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Cherokee, has received the 2021 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia.

Lewis most recently served as Board Chair for The Children's Haven. A board member since 2014, Lewis previously served in the Vice Chair and Treasurer roles and, to ensure consistency during the pandemic, extended his role as Chair for an extra 12 months.

Lewis's focus has been on diversity in board recruitment. Under his leadership, four new members were added over the past year, diversifying the board's community representation and strengthening its presence in new areas around Cherokee County.

Lewis has been instrumental in the growth and stability of CASA Cherokee, which began as a stand-alone nonprofit CASA program and today operates as The Children's Haven, a community resource for separated families and temporary caregivers alike. With a deep understanding and appreciation for the CASA program and the children served, he emphasizes and seeks opportunities for ongoing professional development. He is engaged in every aspect of the organization, yet maintains the perfect balance and boundaries within his role. Marcie Smith, The Children's Haven Executive Director, describes Lewis as "supportive, dependable, steady, forward-thinking, and mission-driven."

Under his leadership, the organization's fundraising efforts have grown tremendously. Lewis is known as an expert 'door opener,' intentionally, yet gently, making connections in the community with a seamless transfer right to the Executive Director.

A natural servant leader, Lewis promotes excellency, efficiency, and transparency without pressure and is a role model for all.

Georgia CASA, Inc., strengthens and supports court-sanctioned, affiliate CASA programs that empower community volunteers who advocate for abused or neglected children and contributes to advancements within the child welfare system. CASA volunteers provide compassionate, one-on-one attention, offering children experiencing foster care the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential with the support of permanent connections to family.

Last year, 2,700 CASA volunteers served over 10,000 children in Georgia. Currently, 45 affiliate programs are located across Georgia, serving 156 counties. To contact CASA Cherokee, visit <http://www.casacherokee.org> or call 770-345-3274. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888 or 800-251-4012.

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