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Child Advocates to Connect, Share & Engage with Legislators at CASA Day at the Capitol on Thu., Feb. 10

Atlanta, Feb. 8, 2022 – CASA Day at the Capitol, an annual event hosted by Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc., will take place this year as a hybrid event on Thu., Feb. 10, at the State Capitol. CASA volunteers, board members, and staff from across the state will attend a legislative briefing followed by meeting members of the Georgia Legislature to thank them for their support of the CASA organization and to share about CASA advocacy for children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are now in foster care.

Constituents will connect and share with their legislators, both in-person and virtually, either on the day or another day during the legislative session. They will share 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.

Last year, 16,000 children came through foster care in Georgia. 118 incidents of child abuse or neglect are reported daily in the state and every day, 22 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.

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 156 of Georgia's 159 counties and will soon serve every county in the state.

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 nearly 10,000 children in Georgia. Currently, 44 affiliate programs are located across Georgia, serving 156 counties.

For more information about Georgia CASA, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>. ###