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**Jaqueline “Jackie” McLear of CASA of Houston County Is Recipient of
2022 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia**

Atlanta, Aug. 13, 2022 - Jaqueline “Jackie” McLear, board member with CASA of Houston County, has received the 2022 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia.

A board leader since 2012, Jackie has served continuously on the board due to her commitment and unwavering support. Prior to her board service, she was a major supporter of CASA of Houston County’s fundraising and community outreach events.

Jackie is a steady cheerleader for the CASA staff and also ensures the CASA volunteers are regularly appreciated. She understands the crucial role of CASA volunteers in the lives of children in foster care and carries that message to those in the community with whom she has contact, informing businesses and individuals alike about how they can partner with CASA of Houston County.

Jackie’s strengths as a board member include her dedication, sense of urgency, planning skills, and the ability to see projects to fruition. Under her leadership, CASA of Houston County has seen an increase in funding, donations, and community support. Jackie helps lead and holds accountable her fellow board members as they fulfill their roles and responsibilities.

A supporter of Georgia CASA and the National CASA/GAL Association for Children throughout her tenure, Jackie is a model board member a CASA program.

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, 44 affiliate programs are located across Georgia, serving 156 counties. To contact CASA of Houston County, visit www.casaofhoustoncounty.org or call 478-542-2141. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888 or 800-251-4012.

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