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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CASA DAY AT THE CAPITOL BRINGS CHILD ADVOCATES AND LEGISLATORS TOGETHER ON FEBRUARY 2

Atlanta, Feb. 1, 2023 – CASA Day at the Capitol, an annual event hosted by Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc., will take place this year on Thursday, February 2, 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 General Assembly to thank them and ask for their continued 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 legislators about the growth of CASA in Georgia and how legislative funding helps to support CASA organizations in the state. One-hundred eighteen 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. Last year alone, 2,600 CASA volunteers advocated for nearly 10,000 children in our state’s legal custody, providing each child with impartial advocacy that nurtures hope, seeks solutions, and stands in the gap between a challenging present and a promising future.

“CASA Day at the Capitol is an important day for CASA organizations and, ultimately, for children in foster care across the state,” said Georgia CASA’s Advocacy Director Angela Tyner. “On this day, over 200 CASA staff and volunteers gather with legislators under the gold dome to highlight the impact of CASA advocacy and bring attention to the needs of children and families across the state. We are grateful to our leaders who continue to support the child welfare system.”

Forty-five affiliate CASA programs have been established throughout the state since Georgia CASA was founded 35 years ago. This year will see Georgia CASA’s final geographic expansion to reach children in foster care in all 159 counties throughout the state of Georgia. Each CASA affiliate program engages the community to train volunteer advocates. Volunteers are everyday citizens who offer individualized attention and best-interest 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.

Press is welcome to attend the 11:45 AM drop-in luncheon at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot.

For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>.

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