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GEORGIA CASA ANNOUNCES NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Atlanta, GA, September 12, 2023 - [Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\)](#), the state organization that supports and promotes volunteer advocates for children in foster care, announces new and returning board members for the new fiscal year. In addition to governance, board members serve on committees relating to finance, allocation, development, marketing, long range planning, personnel, events, and programming.

Starting a three-year term this summer, new board members include Lindsay Dycus of Alcovy CASA, radiologist Kip Lynch, Ericka McClam of Gwinnett County CASA, Jessica Merriman of Clayton State University, Wendy Polson of iHeartMedia, and community volunteer Becky Wallis.

“Our new board members bring a wealth of experience from various fields,” said Georgia CASA executive director, Jen King. “We are honored to benefit from their expertise, but most importantly, we are thrilled about their passion to advocate for children experiencing foster care. As they join returning board members – some of whom have championed the CASA mission for decades – in guiding this organization, we are grateful for their leadership. Collectively, their dedication and passion for supporting the welfare of children in the foster care system will undoubtedly impact Georgia CASA’s success moving forward.”

Chair of the Board Lauren Hyatt of the American Cancer Society, Vice Chair Kim Harrington of Georgia Tech, Secretary Dianne Scoggins, a community volunteer from Ellijay, and Treasurer Daniel Hathaway of Hathaway Development serve as officers for the fiscal year of 2024.

Additionally, Judge Anne Barnes, Debbie Caras, Elena Chang, Wendy Cobb, Sandy Day, Chelsea DeWaters, Marie Hannon, Katherine Herndon, Bill Holbert, Jane Hale Hopkins, Mandira Mehra, Don Miller, Louise Moore, Julia Neighbors, Susanna Patterson, Carlene Redmond, Jeff Sprinkle, Heather Steen, Marvin Vaughn, Rod Walker, and Danielle Wilkes return as dedicated board members, serving on various committees.

Finally, Honorary Member Duaine Hathaway and Life Members John Adams, Michelle Barclay, Ann Barrett, Ethel Ware Carter, Bernadette Hartfield, Roya Irvani, Kellyn McGee, Jack McMillan, Marcy McTier, Donna Shapiro, Nicki Vaughan, and Nancy Wood continue in their unwavering dedication to the mission of Georgia CASA.

About [Georgia CASA](#): Forty-six affiliate CASA programs have been established throughout the state since Georgia CASA was founded 35 years ago. This year brings 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. For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>.

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