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CASA is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.

I am for the child™

**Spring
2018**



Proudly serving Calloway and Marshall Counties in Kentucky

CASA by the Lakes

Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children



500+

Children were involved in court cases of abuse & neglect in Calloway and Marshall counties 2017:

112

Children were served:

We need your *help* to provide every child with a CASA!

locations >>>

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Murray, KY 42071
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Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30 or by appt.

casabylakes.org

CASA Kids

Making a difference, one family at a time!

Two precious little girls, age 9 and 4, were removed from their parents and placed with their paternal grandmother. Their parents struggled with substance abuse; the girls were removed after their mother was arrested on drug charges while their father was in rehab. After mom's arrest, she enrolled in rehab.

While the girls were happy living with their grandmother, the bond between them and their parents was extremely close, and they wanted to be reunited. Their father eventually got out of his rehab program, but unfortunately failed another drug screen, placing him back in jail. The parents were going to have to make major improvements before our CASA would recommend the kids go back home.

Thankfully, that's just what they did!

After dad's second arrest, he enrolled in another rehab, and this time made incredible progress. Mom finished her program as well, and started immediately doing aftercare, going to as many as six AA meetings a week! She also started to volunteer at the rehab facility, helping other women like her in the program. The mother found a job and housing, and the parents started marriage counseling as well. The parents were eventually granted unsupervised visitation and those visits were going very well. Almost two years after the girls were removed from their parents, the girls were able to return home to both parents who were determined to maintain their sobriety!

To quote the CASA worker, "These parents are the perfect example of what determination and faith can do in a family. They are focused on building a happy, healthy life with their children." Today, mom is now employed at the rehab facility and has been sober since January 2016. Dad received his silver chip at his facility, which is a tough thing to do, and has also been sober since January 2016!

Here we GROW again!



April is
child abuse
PREVENTION MONTH

We all have a role to play in the healthy development of children in our community. It's easier than you think to make an impact!

Mentor – Get involved in community programs. Coach soccer, assist school programs or serve as a 4H leader. When children get the support they need, good things happen!

Advocate – Volunteer at CASA by the Lakes to serve as an advocate for our most vulnerable children of abuse and neglect.

Donate – Organizations like CASA rely on support from individuals like you to continue serving children & families. Every donation makes a difference!

from the Director >>

Live everyday like it's spring!

I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring! Just thinking about the warm breeze, flowers blooming, and that beautiful sunshine brings a smile to my face.

Spring is a time of new beginnings and transformations.

Here at CASA, we strive for Spring every day. I picture our volunteers planting seeds of hope into the lives of the children that we work with, patiently watering those seeds with words of love and encouragement, and then watching them bloom.

With your continued support we can fertilize the flowers and watch CASA's garden of healthy, happy children thrive with the stability offered during this tumultuous time in their lives, by our volunteers.

What a beautiful picture!

Thank you for helping us create it!

~Angelia Melvin Boyd
Executive Director



2018 Annual Friends of CASA Banquet

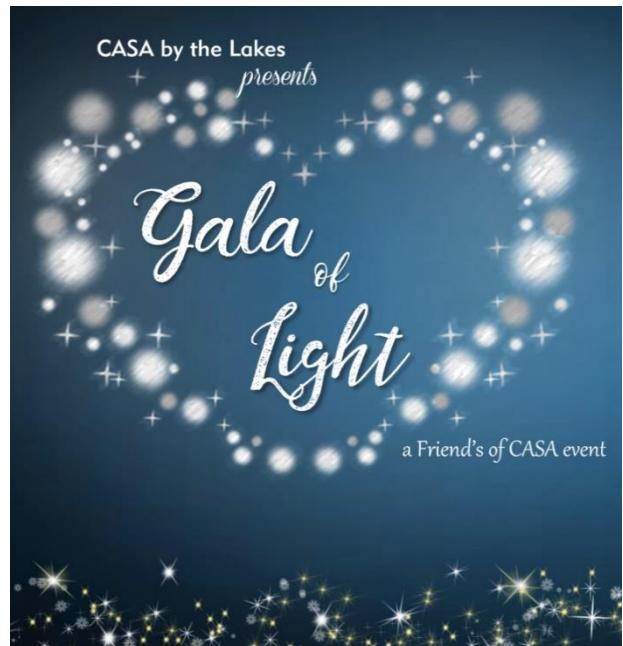
April 26, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Friends of CASA Banquet is shaping up to be an exciting evening filled with music and a dynamic speaker!

We're currently gathering some very unique and interesting items for our silent auction – including a refrigerator donated by Ward Elkins, memorabilia and tickets to see Wheel of Fortune, and an autographed Duck Commander duck call. We've even managed to snag two round trip airline tickets from Southwest Airlines!

The event will be held at the new, rustic elegant Yates Event Center on April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to sponsor a table and join us for a night of fun, give us a call at 270-761-0164.

Check out our website for more information – casabythelakes.org



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Pinwheels for Prevention

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Community Partnership



CFSB has been a proud supporter of CASA by the Lakes for nearly a decade. Along with financial support, CFSB believes in supporting CASA by allowing team members to follow their passion and serve in leadership and volunteer roles in the organization. Dallas Jo Young, Business Development Banker at CFSB, serves as the current CASA by the Lakes Board President, a position she has held for two years.

"CASA by the Lakes' mission is very important to CFSB and to me. As long as there are children out there that are abused and neglected in our communities, there will always be a need for CASA. Nelson Mandela said, "We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." CASA is the voice for the child when its needed the most. Children are the future and nothing you do for children is ever wasted." said Young.

CFSB realizes that one of CASA biggest challenges is community awareness and fundraising to keep the organization viable. Along with the annual "Friends of CASA" Banquet sponsorship, CASA also host the CASA Chili Challenge in Marshall County in the fall, where Dallas Jo Young also serves up an amazing White Chicken Chili and competes with other local community members for bragging rights to the best chili around!!!

Thank you to CFSB for partnering with CASA by the Lakes to serve the abused and neglected children in Calloway and Marshall Counties!

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Pinwheels for Prevention

All children deserve a great childhood – in a safe and permanent home.

Our most basic obligation is to support the healthy development of our nation's children. Children who are raised in supportive and stable environments are more academically and financially successful, and great childhoods help children grow into productive, contributing adults who help their community.

Throughout April, celebrate the lives you touch and those who have touched yours by honoring them with a pinwheel – the national symbol for the great childhoods all children deserve because our children are our future.

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign provides a unique opportunity for all of us to take action by learning more about prevention, supporting child and family friendly policies and services, and volunteering.

Show your support for our nation's children and help get your children involved in the movement by making your own pinwheel display!



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