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SPRING/SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

TAKE THE EMBRACE A CHILD CHALLENGE BE A VOICE. BECOME A CASA.

At this year's annual Embrace A Child breakfast, we were privileged to hear the stories of 10-year-old Jack, 8-year-old Matt, and 12-year-old Simone, as told through the brave voices of four child volunteers from Walden School. Milo Mingus, Tucker Mingus, Daniel Bower, and Natalie Jones narrated the stories of CASA children who were abused and neglected by those they were supposed to trust the most.

Their voices carried the resounding message that one person can make a lifelong impact on the life of a child. Our CASA volunteers spend 1-4 hours per week getting to know a child and their world. They use what they hear and see to make recommendations to the court about where they should live, what resources they need from their school and what therapies they can participate in to help them overcome trauma.

It is because of our volunteers' dedication that an anonymous donor (in honor of Community Foundation CEO Susan Barry) and Kosair Charities challenged our supporters by pledging up to \$35,000 in matching funds.

We, at CASA, are so grateful for the supporters who rise up to give hope to those who may have lost it and those who have never known it.



Milo Mingus, Daniel Bower, Natalie Jones & Tucker Mingus

If you were not able to attend our breakfast, it's not too late to become part of the Embrace A Child Matching Challenge.

CASA has partnered with Firstgiving so you can create a custom fundraising page to share in an email or on social media. Visit: www.firstgiving.com/40463/embrace-a-child-challenge

For other ways to participate, download our guide sheet at www.casarr.org/eac-resources.

SAVE THE DATE

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

APRIL

Bourbon by the Bridge will be Saturday, June 10, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the base of the Big Four Bridge.

JUNE 10

St. James Court Art Show Preview Party. Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Muhammad Ali Center.

OCT 5

Get your super-skills on at this year's Superhero 5K Walk/Run at the City of Pewee Valley. All activity levels welcome.

OCT 28

IMPACT



BE A VOICE.
BE THE
DIFFERENCE.
BECOME
A CASA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of CASA,

The blooming cherry trees outside our office let us know it's April. April is also when we commemorate National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Consequently, it is the same month where the nation celebrates and thanks those in the community who give their time, talent and treasure.

Volunteer Appreciation Month is dedicated to you, our volunteers and supporters, who give me hope. The CASA staff is so fortunate to work with hundreds of dedicated women and men on a daily basis to further CASA's mission.

CASA's vision is to pair a trained volunteer with every child who needs one. Moving towards this vision is not possible without YOU. We know that each volunteer is committed to making a difference and changing lives. Our volunteers may see difficult cases, but they are also witnesses to the profound impact that one person can make in the life of a child.

Thank you to everyone who has believed in a child and worked to make their life better. This remains our core mission and it wouldn't be possible without the support and encouragement of people like you.

Our greatest treasure is also our greatest need. There are at least 200 children daily waiting for someone to be their CASA. We hope you can help spread the word that CASA needs caring, dedicated adults to be the voice for vulnerable children in our community.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer, please attend one of our CASA 101 sessions. We encourage you to bring a friend (or two). Together, we can answer the hope of hundreds of vulnerable children in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Myers".

William Myers, JD, MBA



THANK YOU TO THE
VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE A
VOICE TO CHILDREN.
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: AMANDA@CASAR.ORG

A week after Christmas, Howie, 2 years old, needed an emergency MRI due to his seizures. As a foster kid, Howie had no family to watch over him after he was admitted to the hospital. The seizures caused severe damage forcing Howie to have a long stay in the hospital and extensive rehab. Howie's CASA felt helpless, but he knew he could sit with him so he wasn't alone. The CASA volunteer visited him several days a week reading him stories so he could hear a familiar, caring voice.

Howie, 2

IN APRIL WE CELEBRATE
VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for the time and
hope you give to our CASA kids.
You are truly changing lives.

Volunteers active from April 2016- April 2017

15+ YEARS OF SERVICE

James Ashley
Karen Ashley
Kathryn Bowling
Peggy Buechler
Diane Drescher
Jane Norris
JoAnn Potts

Steve Dalton
Sharon Finlinson
Carolyn Garner
Tony Garner
Ruth Ann Humphrey
Linda Ilnick
John Kiesel
Rebecca League
Phyllis McKinney
Debra Mefford
Judy Metcalf
Vonna Ohlmann
Walter Reichert
Rosalind Scott
Tara Shaver
Dorothy Shipley-Foster
Thomas Shurling
Robert Stenger
Nick Temple
Joyce Voss
Bobbi Waldman
Carolyn Wilding
Barbara Wittebort
Debra Wolfe

5+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Susan Aiple
Jack Allen
Elizabeth Beam
Linda Beck
Kelli Blevins
Herb Bradley
Michael Bright
Mary Carroll
Kathy Cummins

2+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Norm Asher
Grant Abbott
Melissa Ackman

Rose Allgeier
Hannah Barrineau
Kati Bension
Jane Bruning
Marty Burke
Jonathan Byrne
Julie Byrne
Mike Carroll
Paul Cullen
Donna Dye
Terese Fister
Annie Fitzgerald
Tina Foster
LuAnn Galbraith
Ray Garrett
Frank Grubbs
Mimi Heick
Kimberly Hinkel
Tanya Holder
Ashley Kahloon
Diane King
Trish Lambert
Dorothy Lockhart
Julie Magnuson
Emily Malinovsky
Enid Mason
Donna Mattingly
Richard McChane
Michelle McKinney
Joe McWilliams
Scott Metsker
Douglas Michael
Judy Miller
Paula Miller
Julianne Morris
Susie Moss
John Mullins
Szilvia Nickerson
Karen Olin
Vivian Overall
Sharon Peariso

Thomas Pike, Sr.
Dolores Radasch
Isabel Raffeld
Carmen Riggs
Mandy Rion
Sharon Ruble
Patricia Smith
Ashley Stroud
Stephanie Thomas
Gordon Thompson
Christina Tucker
Nancy Warfield
Dorothy Watts
Eric Weisbach
Diane Werner
Yvonne Woods
Bill Wren

1 YEAR OF SERVICE

Rhonda Arnold
Timothy Babcock
Dianne Brinkman
Jasmine Carter
Tami Jo Combs
Gary Conklin
Doug Dukes
Judith Erwin
Margaret Gerstle
Kim Gillespie
John Hale
Stacey Hayden
Carla Holland
Denny Hovious
Faith Jones
Rachel Koch
Kyrsten Lawless
Katherine Lloyd
Sandra Loughran
Jules Marquart
Elise Marti
Marvin Michum

Doreen Miller
Thomas Peterson
Terri Phelps
Alicia Rowe
Francis Schuler
Michelle Schulten
Sarah Smith
Mariya Tarshish
Carissa Timmerberg
Stephanie VonTrapp
Amy Wagner
Robert Ward
Rebecca Willen
Ashley Withers
Ashlee Workman
Jacque Yount

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Dean was falling behind in school, so much so that at 7 years old he didn't know his alphabet. With eight other siblings and the uncertainty caused by their removal he wasn't getting the personal attention he needed. Sarah, his CASA volunteer, paid attention to Dean and his education. She encouraged his grandparents to take a hands-on approach with his homework. To ensure Dean's success, the judge asked his grandparents to take pictures of the completed homework. Soon after, Dean's teacher complimented him for turning his homework in on time and often.

With the personal attention provided by his CASA volunteer, Dean was no longer falling behind in school and thanks to his volunteer, he can sing his ABC's.

Dean, 7



HOSTED EVENTS

- Sat., June 10 (6-9 pm): Bourbon by the Bridge
Visit: www.bourbonbythebridge.com
- Thurs., Oct. 5 (6-9 pm): St. James Preview Party | Visit: www.stjames4casa.com
- Sat., Oct. 28 (9-12 pm): Superhero 5K Walk/Run | Visit: www.casarr.org/superhero-5k

DONATION DRIVES

- July 1-31: Back to School Drive
- Nov. 1-30: Holiday Gift Drive

ONLINE EVENTS (April - Dec. 31, 2017)

Embrace a Child Fundraising Challenge (visit: www.firstgiving.com/40463/embrace-a-child-challenge)

STOLL KEENON OGDEN
P.L.L.C.

CASA OF THE RIVER REGION'S 5TH ANNUAL
BOURBON BY THE BRIDGE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 • 6 TO 9 P.M.
BIG FOUR BRIDGE LAWN • WATERFRONT PARK

\$65 EARLY BIRD TICKETS TILL MAY 19/ \$75 REGULAR PRICE

TICKETS VISIT:
BOURBONBYTHEBRIDGE.COM

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

BIG FOUR BRIDGE • 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.
www.bourbonbythebridge.com

BECOME
INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SHARE YOUR SKILLS. Become a member of our fundraising/events or volunteer recruitment committees. Volunteers wanting to hone their office skills are encouraged. More information, contact amabelle@casarr.org or (502) 400-8040.

BE THE VOICE FOR A CHILD. Become a child advocate. Learn more by attending a CASA 101 information session. Dates and RSVP information at www.casarr.org/casa101 or contact (502) 595-4911 ext. 202 or amanda@casarr.org.

Julie suffered from type 1 diabetes. Her parents didn't understand her medical needs. Her glucose levels were not being checked regularly and she missed doctor appointments. The Court said Julie could stay with her parents, but only if they brought her to all medical appointments and checked her glucose daily. But, Julie's parents lacked the education and support they needed.

Julie's CASA set up meetings with teachers, the school nurse, lunch room staff, and even her bus driver. The CASA explained Julie's situation and how to provide medical care at school. Her CASA also worked with her parents on how to administer shots, monitor self-injections, and make meals to meet her dietary needs. Julie now had an entire team of people, both at home and at school, to make sure she stayed healthy.

IMPACT

Julie, 13

THANK YOU

On December 9th, Kosair Charities gathered a large group of non-profits for a holiday party. CASA expected a delicious lunch with friends, both old and new. Instead, we witnessed an amazing display of generosity.

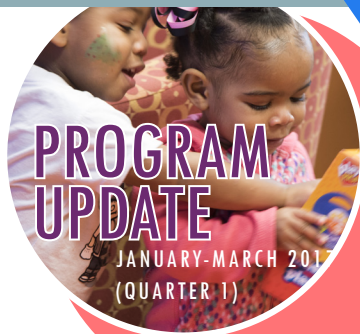
Kosair Charities used the event to gift \$1.6 million to 50+ non-profits. This is in addition to the \$10+ million they distributed in grants. We were moved to tears.

Kosair Charities further demonstrated their commitment to abused and neglected children by matching gifts at our annual Embrace a Child Breakfast! On March 23rd, Kosair Charities pledged \$25,000 to challenge guests to match their pledge.

CASA had 40 donors rise to the challenge and "embrace a child." This year's donors marked 2017 as the most raised of any year since the beginning of the Breakfast.

Kosair Charities' support of our mission and the children we serve is unmatched. Their generosity allows non-profits to provide essential services to children who need and deserve them. The Kosair Charities Board, Staff, and Shrine supporters work tirelessly to bring a better tomorrow for children and deserve our sincere gratitude.

Thank you, Kosair Charities, for making Louisville a more compassionate city.



PROGRAM
UPDATE

JANUARY-MARCH 2017
(QUARTER 1)

121 Active Volunteers
JAN-MAR 2017

1,322
VOLUNTEER HOURS

320
Total Children Advocated

NEW CHILDREN SERVED
82

Volunteers
Entered
Training 23

200
Average # of kids waiting for a CASA

CASA

PHOTO ALBUM

EMBRACE A CHILD

The Olmsted • MARCH 23, 2017



At this year's Embrace A Child Breakfast, the 2017 CASA Hero award was given to Kent Blake. Kent joined the CASA Board in 2008 and served as Board Chair from 2014-15. Through his leadership, CASA experienced a 50% increase in grants & contributions; 128% increase in event income; and a 15% annual growth of Embrace A Child members.



The CASA Hero organization of 2017 was awarded to Brown-Forman. Their generosity has provided us long-time board member and current Board Chair, Tim Nall. Financially, Brown-Forman presented the 2016 St. James Court Art Show Preview Party and has been a major sponsor over several years.



Kosair Charities and an anonymous donor (in honor of Community Foundation CEO Susan Barry) generously pledged up to \$35,000 of matching funds. Our supporters rose to the challenge and 100 donors gifted approximately \$65,000.



CASA would also like to thank the children from Walden School who bravely told the stories of our CASA kids.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COURTYARD

Wakefield Searce Galleries • DECEMBER 8, 2016



MCBRAYER ANGEL TREE

McBrayer (Louisville) • NOVEMBER 15, 2016



SUPERHERO 5K

City of Pewee Valley • OCTOBER 29, 2016



TERRI & STEVE BASS PARTY

Home of Terri & Steve Bass • SEPTEMBER 21, 2016



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