



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

HALL-DAWSON
CASA PROGRAM, INC.

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APRIL 2026

C A S A
ON THE CATWALK
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We were honored to be part of CASA on the Catwalk, a stylish and impactful fundraising event that brought together CASA affiliates in support of children in foster care. Blending fashion with purpose, the event created a unique and engaging way to highlight the importance of advocacy while raising critical support for our mission. Special thank you to Georgia CASA for hosting such a meaningful and beautifully executed event.

Events like this remind us of the power of coming together—combining creativity, compassion, and a shared purpose to create lasting impact.

Dive Into Advocacy

SUMMER TRAINING



Dive into something meaningful this summer!

Summer CASA training is right around the corner, and there's still time to be part of this upcoming cohort! Dive into advocacy and discover how you can make a meaningful difference for children in foster care right here in your community.

Now accepting registrations and inquiries—don't miss your chance to get involved!



Take the first step...
Submit an inquiry form!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT TRACY VERRIGNI

CHANGE A
CHILD'S STORY.™

SUBMIT AN INQUIRY FORM

I HAVE QUESTIONS

A Community That Cares

[Hall County Optimist Club](#)





[Dawson County Woman's Club](#)



Creative Arts Study Group



[GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club](#)

We are deeply grateful for the incredible support we continue to receive from our community partners and local civic groups. Whether inviting us to share our mission, helping raise awareness, or placing blue pinwheels in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, your commitment has been both meaningful and inspiring.

The outpouring of support has been truly felt, and it serves as a powerful reminder of the compassion that exists within our community. Because of you, more people are learning about the needs of children in foster care and the importance of advocacy.

Thank you for giving your time, your attention, and your resources in service of the most vulnerable children in our community. Your partnership makes a lasting difference, and we are so grateful to

stand alongside such supportive neighbors.

Interested in hosting a CASA guest speaker for your study club or civic group?

Click below to learn more.

[BOOK A GUEST SPEAKER](#)

From Advocacy to Permanency

Permanency is central to our mission at Hall-Dawson CASA.

We are pleased to share that in March, 19 children achieved safe, permanent homes with the support of our volunteers.

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CHILDREN
ACHIEVED
PERMANENCY



Thank you to the following CASA volunteers appointed to 19 children who achieved permanency in March 2026:

Allison L.- 2 children- Reunification

April P. – 1 child- Family Preserved

Robbie M. – 2 children- Adoption

Jane F. – 3 children- Reunification

Laura S. – 2 children- Reunification

Ann A. – 1 child- Reunification

Gert R. – 3 children- Reunification

Vickie S. – 1 child- Reunification

Katie C. – 4 children- Reunification

Your IRA Can Change A Child's Story

Help Our Community's Most Vulnerable Children Through Your IRA



www.HallDawsonCASA.org
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P.O. Box 907471, Gainesville, GA 30501

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA to Hall-Dawson CASA — a powerful, tax-smart way to make a lasting difference.

Talk to your financial advisor about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC) today.

[QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOY GREEN](#)

Volunteer Spotlight



Cathy V.

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER

Meet Cathy

When asked to describe CASA volunteering in a short phrase, Cathy chose “*making a difference.*” For her, that simple yet powerful statement reflects the heart of what it means to serve as a CASA—showing up in meaningful ways for children who need someone in their corner.

Cathy was inspired to become a CASA volunteer after learning about the program through a billboard in Gainesville. Even before retiring from her career in education, she knew this path was for her and was intentional about learning what it truly means to advocate for a child.

One moment that has stayed with her is when a child begins to trust enough to open up. That moment of connection can represent a turning point in a case and serves as a powerful reminder of the impact a consistent, caring presence can have.

This year, Cathy is celebrating an incredible **20 years of service** as a CASA volunteer—a truly remarkable milestone. Her decades of dedication have made a lasting impact on countless children, and her commitment continues to embody the compassion, consistency, and heart that define CASA advocacy.

We are so grateful for Cathy and the difference she has made over the past 20 years—and continues to make every day.

Christie shares:

“I have had the privilege of working with Cathy for only part of her 20 years as a CASA volunteer, but in that time I have seen firsthand the extraordinary impact she makes. She fiercely advocates for the

children she serves, always putting their needs first with compassion and determination. Cathy is a true champion of our mission and an invaluable part of our organization."

- Christie Ledlow-Hodges, Advocacy Director

We are so grateful for advocates like Cathy who continue to show up for our community's most vulnerable children.



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