

HEARTLAND CASA NEWSLETTER



As we moved through the first few months of the year, I've been reminded how much this work truly depends on community. January and February were filled with the steady, everyday advocacy that makes such a difference for the children we serve. Our volunteers continue to show up for children who need someone in their corner, and I am grateful for their commitment.

We were especially encouraged by the strong turnout of community members interested in volunteering in Christian and Moultrie Counties. It is inspiring to see so many people willing to step forward, though the need for CASA advocates remains great across all the counties we serve.

The end of February also brought a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community through the Coffee Crawl. We are so thankful to the coffee shops, volunteers, and supporters who helped make it such a fun and successful "friendraiser." It was a great way to share the mission of Heartland CASA and welcome new friends to our work.

As we move into April and recognize Child Abuse Awareness Month, we are reminded that protecting children is a community effort. Together, we can continue building a stronger, safer future for the children we serve.

Blaine Smith, Executive Director



Heartland CASA

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." - Margaret Mead



The Coffee Crawl was a wonderful success and a great reminder of how supportive our community is. We are incredibly thankful to the local coffee shops that participated and to everyone who came out to support Heartland CASA. Events like this help us connect with new friends, share our mission, and grow the community that stands behind the children we serve. We are grateful to everyone who helped make it such a fun and meaningful

"friendraiser." ☕



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Volunteer Wear In- Macon County	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Wreath Lighting Macon County Courthouse	3 Good Friday Office Closed Wear Blue Day	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Wear Blue Day	11
12	13	14 Training of Facilitators	15 Training of Facilitators	16	17 Wear Blue Day	18
19	20	21	22	23 IL CASA Conference Office Closed	24 IL CASA Conference Office Closed Wear Blue Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Thank you to CASA Volunteer Advocate, Radine Cox



HEARTLAND CASA IS INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR VOLUNTEERS LIKE RADINE COX. RADINE IS THE DEFINITION OF DEDICATION. SHE CONSISTENTLY SHOWS UP FOR THE CHILDREN SHE ADVOCATES FOR, MAKING SURE THEY HAVE A STEADY, CARING PRESENCE IN THEIR LIVES. BEYOND HER WORK WITH HER CASA CHILDREN, RADINE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HAND AT EVENTS, HELP FIND SPONSORS, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER BECOMING CASA VOLUNTEERS.

HER HEART FOR HELPING OTHERS EXTENDS EVEN FURTHER. IN HER SPARE TIME, RADINE VOLUNTEERS BY TRANSPORTING CANCER PATIENTS TO TREATMENTS, ENSURING THEY CAN GET THE CARE THEY NEED. RADINE'S COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING OTHERS TRULY EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF HEARTLAND CASA, AND WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE DIFFERENCE SHE MAKES IN OUR COMMUNITY.



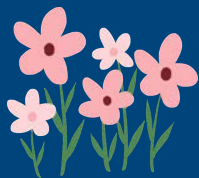
Use your voice to lift theirs.
Become a CASA.





Happy
BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STEPHENI! THANK YOU FOR THE HEART, ENERGY, AND POSITIVITY YOU BRING TO HEARTLAND CASA. WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR OUR TEAM AND THE CHILDREN WE SERVE. WISHING YOU A FANTASTIC BIRTHDAY AND A YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS!



HAPPY



CASAversary MELISSA



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MELISSA AS SHE MARKS HER ONE-YEAR "CASA-VERSARY" WITH HEARTLAND CASA! OVER THE PAST YEAR, MELISSA HAS SHOWN INCREDIBLE DEDICATION TO THE CHILDREN SHE SERVES, OFFERING CONSISTENT SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, AND COMPASSION. HER COMMITMENT TO MAKING SURE EACH CHILD'S VOICE IS HEARD TRULY REFLECTS THE HEART OF THE CASA MISSION. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME, CARE, AND ENERGY SHE BRINGS TO THIS WORK. CONGRATULATIONS, MELISSA, AND THANK YOU FOR THE DIFFERENCE YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE!