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CASA Welcomes New Volunteer Class

BATON ROUGE, La. – Capital Area Court Appointed Special Advocates Association welcomes 21 individuals who were officially sworn in as CASA volunteers by Juvenile Court Judge Gail Grover on the evening of January 26th, 2023. Each volunteer will be appointed to advocate for the best interests of an abused child.

The new advocates include: Paige Babin, Kawanda Beauchamp, Seril Carroll, Mary Dixon, Alissa Jenkins, Leslie Jewell, Lauren Knight, Tara Landry, Heather Layrisson, Tracey Louis, Krystal Marsaw, Kaitlyn Moore, Heather Palmisano, Danielle Peavy, Rebecca Rudisill, Heather Schexnayder, Paige Shreve, Charles Spencer, Lois Snyder, Roberta "Denise" Stevenson, Randall Waguespack.

The new advocates were sworn in at the CASA office on the final evening of a 32-hour training course, which prepares CASA volunteers for their advocacy work. Once assigned to cases, the volunteers will work to help abused and neglected children reach safe homes with forever families.

Though CASA now has new advocates, the program still needs volunteers to reach their goal of serving every child in East Baton Rouge Parish who needs a voice. CASA is accepting people into its next in-person volunteer training class that begins on March 14th, 2023.

No special background is required to become a CASA volunteer. The first step to getting involved is to attend a 30-minute virtual orientation. To register for an orientation volunteers can visit our web site at casabr.org and click on volunteer at the top. For more information call (225) 379-8598 or email volunteer@casabr.org.

Photo information (images provided as email attachments):

Photo #1: Judge Gail Grover swearing in new volunteers.

Photo #2: CASA's 21 new volunteers with Judge Gail Grover from the January training session.

The mission of Capital Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association is to advocate for timely placement of abused and neglected children in permanent, safe, and stable homes.

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