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CASA hosts Art Workshop for foster kids

BATON ROUGE, La. – Huge thank you to the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge for partnering with us on a fun-filled art project for our CASA volunteers and their CASA kids. Joe Dreher, also known as JOEKINGATL, is an artist who led this workshop that allowed these children to express themselves in a very unique way. Joe is an Artist, Architect, Photographer and Poet, who grew up in the foster care system himself. He gave these children the opportunity to create a self-portraits of the kids sitting across from them. They used clear, see-through screens to draw on with rainbow-colored markers. This was a way to allow them to express themselves in an imperfect and beautiful way. It was also a great opportunity for our CASA kids to bond with their CASA volunteers.

These children go through a lot every single day and we were so happy to be able to pull them away from this, even just for a night. There are currently over 160 children in foster care without a CASA volunteer. 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: Artist JOEKINGATL with CASA Child.

Photo #2: CASA children holding up self-portraits created during the workshop.

Photo #3: CASA volunteer, Shelby Nunnery, with her CASA child.

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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