



GEORGIA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES, INC.

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Carroll County CASA Receives *Established Program Award of Excellence* from Georgia CASA

Atlanta, Apr. 6, 2009 – Carroll County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has received a 2009 *Established Program Award of Excellence* from Georgia CASA. Amanda Camp, Executive Director of Carroll County CASA, accepted the award on behalf of the program at the Georgia CASA State Conference on Sat., Mar. 28 in Atlanta.

Carroll County CASA was chosen as one of two winners of the *Established Program Award of Excellence* by a selection committee of the Georgia CASA Board of Directors. The program was begun in 1998 and had 63 CASA volunteers who served 147 children last year. The program serves all of the children in foster care in Carroll County. About 60% of the CASA volunteers have been with Carroll County CASA for two or more years. The program has a diversified funding base and receives funding from foundations, government, civic clubs, churches, businesses and individuals.

For the past seven years, Carroll County CASA has held its annual fundraiser, “Grand Night for CASA.” As the program’s most successful source of funding, the event raised \$43,000 in 2008 from ticket sales and sponsorships from businesses and families.

As Carroll County CASA Board Chair Dea Baxter states, “Amanda Camp and her staff have worked diligently over the years to make this program work for the children of Carroll County. We have a group of wonderful volunteers who devote their time and energy to serve children.” Judge Daniel P. Camp also has high regard for the program. He “was honored to help start the program in Carroll County and have watched it blossom.” “Both the court and the families involved benefit tremendously from the tireless efforts put in by the CASA volunteers and director Amanda Camp,” he says. Judge Camp further states that “The information supplied [in the reports of CASA volunteers] is always current, accurate and needed. I could not ask for more.”

All of these attributes and more made Carroll County CASA very deserving of a 2009 *Established Program Award of Excellence* from Georgia CASA.

Carroll County CASA, Inc., is a member of the National CASA Association and an affiliate of Georgia CASA, Inc., which develops and supports CASA programs throughout Georgia. Through individualized attention, CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected and abandoned children. Bringing urgency to a child’s needs, both in and out of a courtroom, CASA volunteers promote safety, permanency and well-being through independent recommendations. Last year, over 1,870 CASA volunteers served over 8,760 children in Georgia. Currently, 48 CASA programs are located across Georgia, serving 126 counties. For more information about Carroll County CASA, email acamp@carrollcasa.com or call 770-838-1964. For more information about other CASA programs in the state, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888 / 800-251-4012.

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