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## Alecea Quintyne of DeKalb County CASA Awarded the 2024 CASA Board Member Leadership Award by Georgia CASA

Atlanta, Georgia, August 27, 2024 – Alecea Quintyne, board member with DeKalb County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), has received the 2024 CASA Board Member Leadership Award in Georgia. Alecea was officially awarded at the Georgia CASA Conference in Atlanta on August 24th.

Alecea has been an indispensable leader at DeKalb County CASA for over eight years, serving as a board member, vice president, and, for the last four years, as president. Alecea's active involvement in fundraising efforts, such as the DeKalb CASA Jazz Brunch, virtual events, and back-to-school drives, has significantly benefited the CASA program. Her strategic pursuit of funding opportunities and donors has been instrumental in securing essential resources, ensuring the organization's financial stability and growth.

Alecea's leadership was particularly evident when the long-tenured Executive Director had an unexpected and extended leave. Stepping in to assist both personally and professionally, Alecea ensured DeKalb County CASA continued to function smoothly and efficiently during this challenging time. Her unwavering support and leadership allowed the internal team to maintain its advocacy efforts without interruption. Alecea's dedication to the organization's mission ensured that the children and families served by DeKalb County CASA continued to receive the necessary support and advocacy.

Alecea exemplifies outstanding leadership, consistently demonstrating reliability, dedication, and a deep understanding of her role. She is purposeful and intentional about building and nurturing relationships, whether individual, professional, or within broader networks. Her commitment to belonging within the CASA network, inclusivity through support for CASA's REDI (Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) path, and shared learning and goals highlights her comprehensive and proactive approach. Alecea's efforts extend beyond DeKalb County CASA to encompass the entire community, foster care system, and the children served. Her vision and commitment make her a model board president and a vital asset to DeKalb County CASA and the CASA network.

**About Georgia CASA**: Forty-six affiliate CASA programs, serving all 159 counties in the state, have been established since Georgia CASA was founded in 1988. Each affiliate CASA program engages the community to train volunteer advocates. Volunteers are everyday citizens who offer individualized attention and best-interest advocacy for children in foster care. The CASA organization is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly trained adult advocate.

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