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Judge F. Bryant Henry, Jr. (Ret.) Awarded as 2024 CASA Champion of the Year by Georgia CASA

Atlanta, Georgia, August 27, 2024 – Judge F. Bryant Henry, Jr. (retired), of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit, has received the 2024 CASA Champion Award from Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for his transformative impact on Lookout Mountain CASA (serving Catoosa, Chatooga, Dade, and Walker counties). Judge Henry was officially awarded at the Georgia CASA Conference in Atlanta on August 24th.

Since Lookout Mountain’s inception in the far northwest corner of the state, Judge Henry’s extraordinary service has shaped it into a robust support system for the court, community, and volunteer base. His leadership was instrumental in guiding Lookout Mountain CASA’s formation as an independent non-profit organization in 2011. As a board leader, he consistently went above and beyond to recruit board members, secure funding, and support staff.

Judge Henry’s unwavering dedication provided stability, structure, and support during critical periods of development for Lookout Mountain CASA. As a respected Juvenile Court Judge, he ensured that CASA advocacy remained at the forefront, emphasizing its importance in the court system. Upon retirement, Judge Henry undertook crucial tasks such as grant writing, reporting, and hiring a new Executive Director, ensuring Lookout Mountain CASA had the necessary resources and space. His persistence led to successful initiatives like the “Vines to Wines” fundraiser, setting a strong foundation for future growth.

Beyond his board role, Judge Henry exemplifies what it means to be a champion for CASA. He dedicates personal time, leveraging his extensive personal connections to benefit the CASA program. He never hesitates to sit alongside others to learn, advocate, or share the potential of CASA advocacy. Despite facing continual challenges and barriers in his area, Judge Henry’s efforts have been unwavering. His hands-on involvement, from mentoring the CASA team to serving on the Board of Directors, showcases his deep commitment.

Judge Henry’s guidance, generosity, and ability to unify the board have earned him immense respect from all members and staff. His profound impact and enduring commitment exemplify true leadership and dedication, making him a cornerstone of Lookout Mountain CASA and a deserving recipient of the 2024 Champion Award.

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. For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>. For more information about Lookout Mountain CASA, visit <https://www.lookoutmtncasa.com/>.

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