

Dear

Thank you for your continued support of **Court Appointed Special Advocates – CASA!** Because of your leadership, CASA in Louisiana served over 4,000 abused and neglected children in 2017. Our CASA programs statewide have nearly 2,000 volunteers who are community citizens advocating on behalf of the best interests of children in foster care.

The CASA program is a grassroots effort that empowers communities to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children. The Mission of CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes. Children with a CASA spend less time in foster care, receive more services, and are less likely to re-enter the child welfare system saving Louisiana taxpayers' dollars (casaforchildren.org/evidence).

Your leadership and advocacy for children has never been as important as the next several days. CASA is a special program of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Judicial Appropriation. Please consider restoration of funding to our higher court to spare CASA of cuts within their budget this year.

We appreciate the overwhelming priorities in Louisiana, but must continue to make abused and neglected children in Louisiana a priority. Your support is needed to ensure services continue into the future.

Sincerely,