

**newsletter**

**LACY POIENCOT**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**



**125  
KIDS  
NEED A  
CASA!**

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CASA of Terrebonne is a melting pot of individuals who come from all walks of life. They bring with them passion and experience to assist their CASA children in getting to the next level. Lacy Poiencot was assigned to a case where her professional experience and the type of person she is would play a role in understanding her CASA child's needs and individual abilities.

Lacy was assigned to her case on May 3, 2017. Her CASA child is autistic and non-verbal. Lacy had to assess and observe how she was going to connect with her CASA child. She learned early on that if her CASA child wanted to play he would motion a certain way and would conclude the interaction with a shove. She had to be observant and patient as to how her presence would play out every time there was a visit. At certain visits she was able to play alongside the child and at other visits she was not acknowledged for short periods of time. As time went on, play time became more interactive and at the fifth visit she was given a hug as a sign of approval. The following month, while visiting, she jumped on a trampoline with her CASA child while they held hands and her CASA child was all smiles the entire time. If that doesn't bring joy to your heart, I don't know what will!

But it gets better than that because through the proper services and encouraging the people in her CASA child's life there has been an incredible breakthrough with his behavior and speech abilities. Due to Lacy's consistency and willingness to engage and participate she had the joy of seeing her CASA child develop and his vocabulary evolve into more than 300 words! She now gets hugs as she leaves along with multiple byes and a wave. It is always a heartwarming experience to see our advocates connect with their CASA child(ren) as they advocate for their best interests. Lacy is an amazing person and we are so lucky to have her be a part of our organization. She will be receiving a polo shirt donated by Shelly Toups from Artistic Embroidery.





# WAY TO GO!



- Lori Olivier, Penny Hebert, Corree Eschete, Carey Redmond, Dillon Dumond, Destiny Clement, Tina Evans, Rushelle Fitzgerald, and Jason Griffin for coming in to discuss current case status. Y'all are doing an amazing job!
  - Earleather Celestine for attending court for your CASA children. You rock!
  - Jody Dusenberry for finishing out your case after 3 years. You are amazing!
  - Hannah Becnel for writing your first court report and attending court for your CASA child! Keep up the good work. Your dedication is admirable!
- Amber Ward for taking on another case and for attending court for your CASA children. You are doing fabulous!
  - Sally Preston for attending court for your CASA children. You are doing great!
    - Jason Griffin for submitting a court report for your CASA child. Thank you for your dedication!
- Suzanne Vice for writing an excellent court report and attending court for your CASA children!
  - Traci Hawthorne for seeing the completion of your case as well as taking a new case!
    - Betty Wallace for attending the visit between all your CASA children!
      - Peggy Boudwin for attending court for your CASA child!
      - Dean Schouest for attending your CASA child's court hearing.
    - Jon Russo for attending your CASA child's court hearing! You are making such a difference in this child's life.
- Raymonda Guidroz, you are such a pillar to our program! Your input at the DCFS stakeholder's will help to continue our working relationship with DCFS.
  - Skipper Kornegay for submitting your court report on time.
    - Linda Ford for submitting your court report on time.

## CASA VOLUNTEERS:

- LACY POIENCOT 8/5
- CAROL MARMANDE 8/6
- TRACY TAYLOR 8/9
- SHANA ROBICHAUX 8/10
- RUSHELLE FITZGERALD 8/21
- JAMARA DORION 8/15
- CONNIE FREMIN 8/19



## CASA KIDS

- DILLON DUMOND 8/19
- CORREE ESCHETE 8/5
- TRACI HAWTHORNE 8/20
- JAMARA DOIRON 8/17
- LACY POINCENOT 8/2

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- INPUT YOUR INFORMATION
- CLICK ON GENERAL VIEW
- CLICK ON WHATEVER TOPIC INTERESTS YOU
- WATCH VIDEO
- TAKE SHORT SURVEY
- YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR TRAINING.
- ENTER YOUR HOURS INTO OPTIMA

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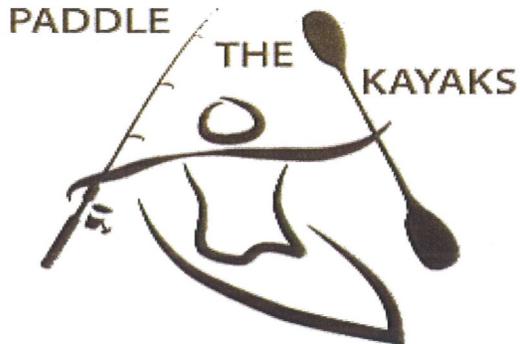
- 54 VOLUNTEERS  
ADVOCATED FOR 88  
CHILDREN.
- SPENT 150 HOURS  
ON CASES.
- TRAVELED 962 MILES  
TO SEE THEIR CASA  
KIDS AND FAMILIES.

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**Thank you!**

Presents:



**FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**7:30am-2pm**

**Trade Winds Marina & Lodge**

**7681 Highway 56 Chauvin, LA**

\$40.00 entry fee per person

Entry includes: event shirt, lunch and raffle

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