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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021 - 2022

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MESSAGE FROM  
**THE DIRECTOR**  
HEIDI SNAREY



I was given the honor of being named Executive Director of Forsyth County CASA in 2021. As Director of CASA, I love sharing about what CASA does and educating the community on how important the CASA role is. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. We recruit, train, and support community volunteers who serve as advocates for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. When families enter the child welfare system, the Juvenile Court Judges appoint a CASA to be the voice of best interest -someone to get to know the children and families, to gather information, and to make recommendations to the court about what should happen in their lives.

Having been in this position now for over 16 months, I can say I am continuously in awe of the work the CASA volunteers and CASA staff do. Our volunteers often juggle their own families, jobs, and responsibilities, while serving in this time consuming and emotionally taxing roll. CASA responsibilities include meeting with their assigned children every month; interviewing families, teachers, and service providers; gathering records; and attending any relevant meetings to gain the best understanding of the child's situation and compiling that information with recommendations into a formal court report. Our volunteers work diligently to be "the eyes and ears of the Court," and take advocating for these children very seriously.

The CASA office has just seven staff, including myself. CASA staff see their most important role as serving the volunteers by giving support and guidance. Our staff pours themselves into this role being there every step of the way for our volunteers throughout the life of the case.

National CASA research shows children with a CASA volunteer do better educationally, change foster homes less often, spend less time in foster care, and achieve a permanent home more quickly as compared to those without a CASA. This data only confirms what I have seen in practice, a CASA volunteer has a huge impact on children who have experienced abuse or neglect as well as their families. CASA volunteers are a consistent, caring adult investing in a relationship with the children after and during a very difficult time.

***I'm so humbled by the kindness and generosity of our community,***

corporate sponsors, and individual donors who have a heart for giving and making a difference in the children and families we serve. We could not do this work without your support. Thank you for being a part of this organization and walking with us on this journey. Thank you for changing a child's story.

***Heidi Snarey***

MESSAGE FROM  
**BOARD CHAIR**  
LYNN JACKSON



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Thank you for your kind and generous consideration.

***Lynn Jackson***

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## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Lynn Jackson | Board Chair**  
Northside Hospital Forsyth

**Sharon Walker | Chair-Elect**  
The Walker Group

**Danialle Evans, CPA | Treasurer**  
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CASA Volunteer

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**Linda Shulte**  
Southern Oak Provisions

**Brian Tam**  
Tam's Backstage | Tam's Tupelo

**Pauli Wade, CPA**  
Wade Works Creative

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## FORSYTH COUNTY CASA STAFF

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**Heidi Snarey**  
Executive Director

**Tressa Mathes**  
Advocacy Program Director

**Stacy Archer**  
Advocacy and Education Specialist

**Julie Robertson**  
Advocacy and Training Specialist

**Sheri Ginty**  
Advocacy Specialist

**Wendy Wagner**  
Advocacy Specialist

**Alison Vigneault**  
Advocacy Specialist

**Melissa Barnett**  
Finance Manager

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## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

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**Paula Gault**  
Forsyth County Schools, Retired

**Sheriff Ron Freeman**  
Forsyth County Sheriff Department

**Judi Jenkins**  
Forsyth County Schools, Retired

**Kevin Tallant, Attorney at Law**  
Forsyth County Schools, Retired

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## OUR MISSION

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**We empower children and families in  
crisis to change their narrative forever.**

**WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS,  
WE RECOGNIZE THE SELFLESS EFFORTS OF OUR**

**2021 - 2022**

## **CASA VOLUNTEERS**

### **15+ Years of Service**

Carolyn Burruss  
Antonia Flowers  
Jane Fullam

### **10+ Years of Service**

Barbara Taylor  
Paula Hand  
Molly Hevia  
Desiree Carlisle  
Connie Eldridge  
Stephanie Mau  
Robbin Plesher  
Sharon Reid  
Catherine Thille  
Kathy Zwicker  
Jac Crawford  
Bridgett Milam-Crooks

### **5+ Years of Service**

Sylvia Anderson  
Wendy Cates  
Wayne Caton  
Nancy DePadro  
Michele Thomas  
Kathleen Gizzi  
Sheila Gunby  
Kim Sherman  
Jean Cain

### **5+ Years of Service (cont)**

Kendra Fleming  
Carol Foltz  
Sharon Hendricks  
Sandy Hughes  
Adria Ribbler  
Brenda Rice  
Lori Robertson  
Beverly Givens  
Joanne MacAdam  
Debra McKeever  
Kenny St. Romain  
Isadora Carvalho  
John Cosgrove  
Jennifer Howell  
Walter "Ed" Jones  
Tammie Schmid-Thompson  
Ann Sestrich

### **1-4 Years of Service**

Robert Almand  
Katherine Anderson  
Berto Boudet  
Kim Boudet  
Dianna Champ  
Lori Gillman  
Ashlie Heiser  
Shelly Hipps

### **1-4 Years of Service (cont)**

Stacie LeCompte  
Jan Nourollahi  
Kimberly Petersen  
Carole Pittman  
Melissa Woodard  
David Archer  
Christina Catchpole  
Deborah Cox  
Terry Erion  
Laurie Ferry  
Sherri Harris  
Roshini Jagadam  
Angela Nettuno  
Noah Rosenberg  
Dari Rousseau  
Ashli Siddall  
Susan Stachura  
Diana Arnold  
John Cannady  
Leigh Ann Cannady  
Sheila Castelein  
Steven Castelein  
Andrew Claxton  
Margot Harris  
Cynthia Hatcher  
Amy James

### **1-4 Years of Service (cont)**

Allison Jones  
Marybeth Leamer  
Kristin Miller  
Carolyn Reed  
Jennifer Wilson  
Patti Ann Allen  
Cyntra Gibson  
Holly Needham  
Kimberly Painter  
Melva Payne  
Jennifer Smith  
Leslie Stoner

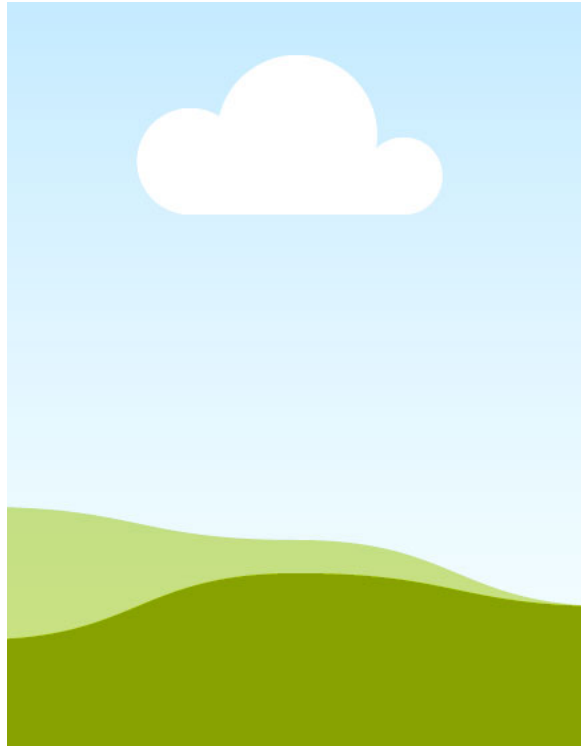
### **Sworn in 2022**

Susan Brake  
Tracy Douchy  
Hannah Green  
Lisa Hickenbottom  
Diane Janson  
Emma Mazer  
Mark Najjar  
Amy Reidinger  
Danielle Smith  
Kimberly Strauss  
Debra Wallace

**We provide compelling advocate voices and  
promote meaningful community connections for  
our vulnerable children and families.**

# GEORGIA

## CASA OF THE YEAR



Write up of our GA casa of the year

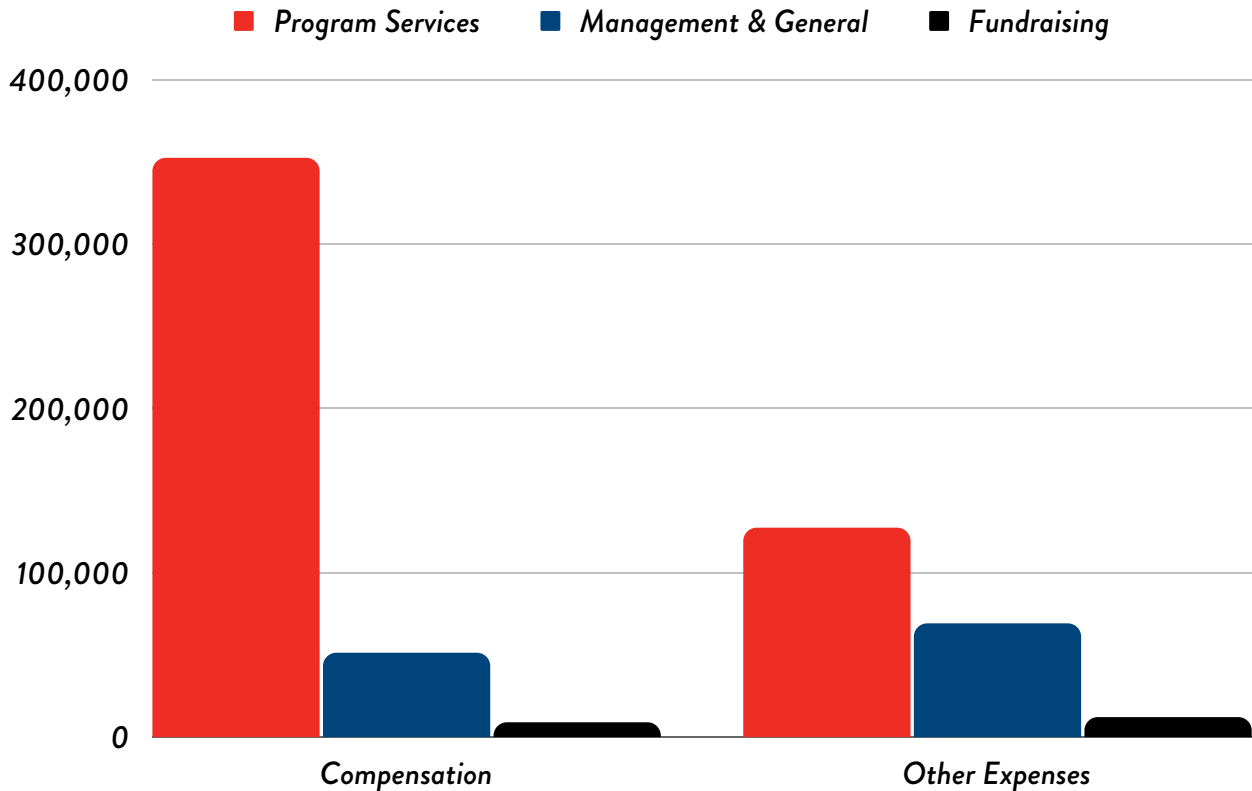
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## OUR VISION

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# 2022 FINANCIALS

This condensed summary of the financial activities is reflective of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 as audited by an independent CPA Firm. CASA of Forsyth county prides itself of prudent financial practices and transparency. A copy of the full financial statements and audit reports are available upon request.



*Total expenses for the period ended June 30, 2022 was \$565,500.*

## 2022 DONORS

*Our community bridges the gap in advocacy for kids in foster care. Donations from corporate, civic, and individuals totalled \$182,922, which is roughly 32% of our yearly funding. We would like to specifically thank these amazing partners and their financial contributions to CASA of Forsyth County.*

### *Legacy Leaders*

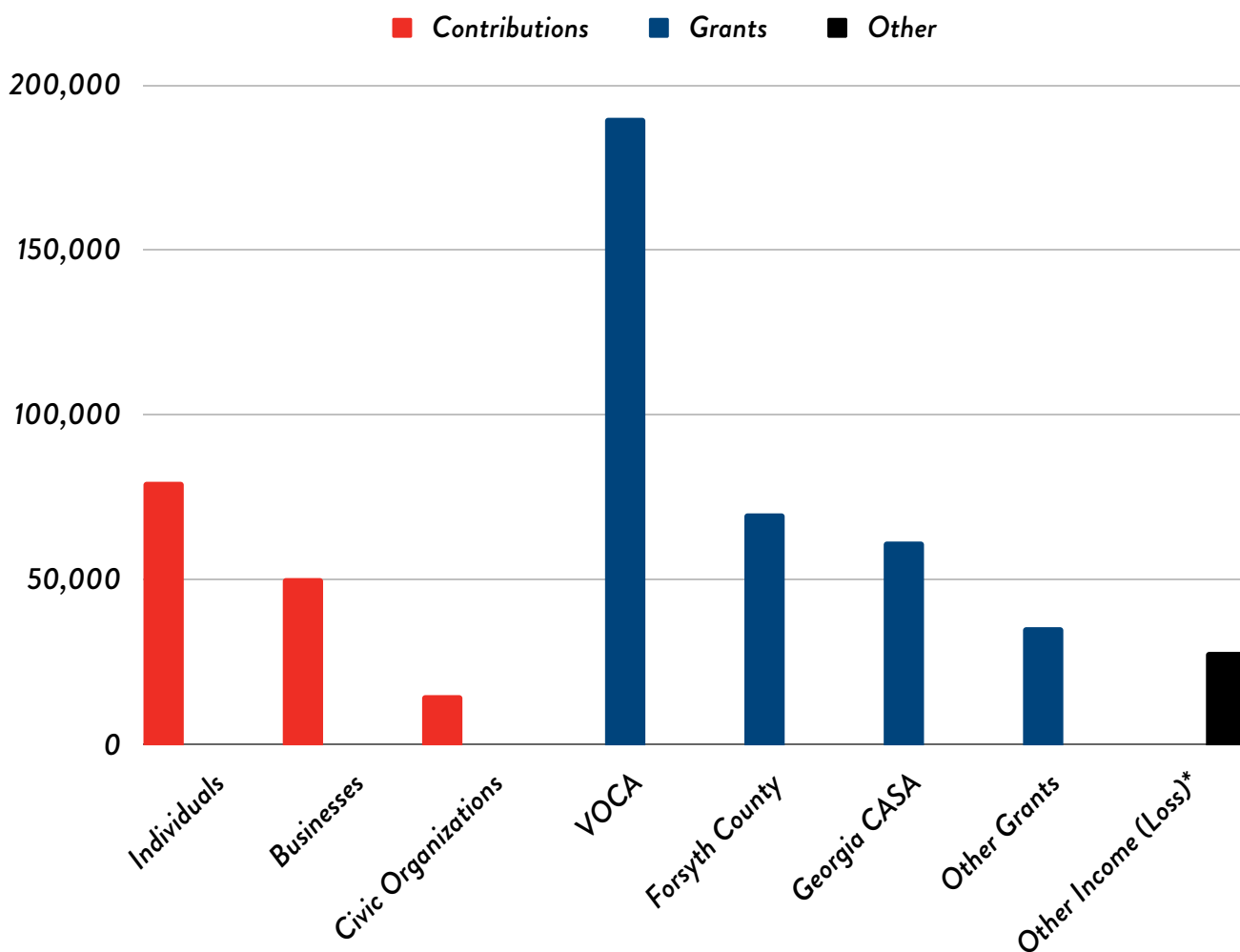
Bettina Hammond  
Automation Direct

### *Life Changers*

Lanier Forsyth Rotary  
Wade Works Creative  
Paula Gault  
Flacks Flooring  
Patterson Barclay Foundation  
Robert Yarbrough



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**Total support and revenue for the period ended June 30, 2022 was \$571,737.**

\*Other income (loss) includes donor restricted funds of \$55,400 received from United Way, unrealized investment losses of \$45,315, income forgiveness of PPP loans of \$16,500, and other income of \$1,224.

## Dream Maker

State Farm  
DAV Venture Trust  
Southern Oak Provisions  
Bagwell Insurance  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Billy Howell Lincoln Ford  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Northside Forsyth  
Marloy, Inc  
Marybeth Leamer  
Miles, Hansford & Tallant, LLC  
The Benjamin Brady Foundation  
The Hardie-Huges Family Fund  
Northpoint Mortgage  
Cornerstone Farms  
Altrusa

## Dream Maker (cont)

Kiwanis Club  
North Georgia Community Foundations  
Citizens Bank  
Keller Williams Community Partners  
Sawnee EMC  
Forsyth Community Connection

## Hope Giver

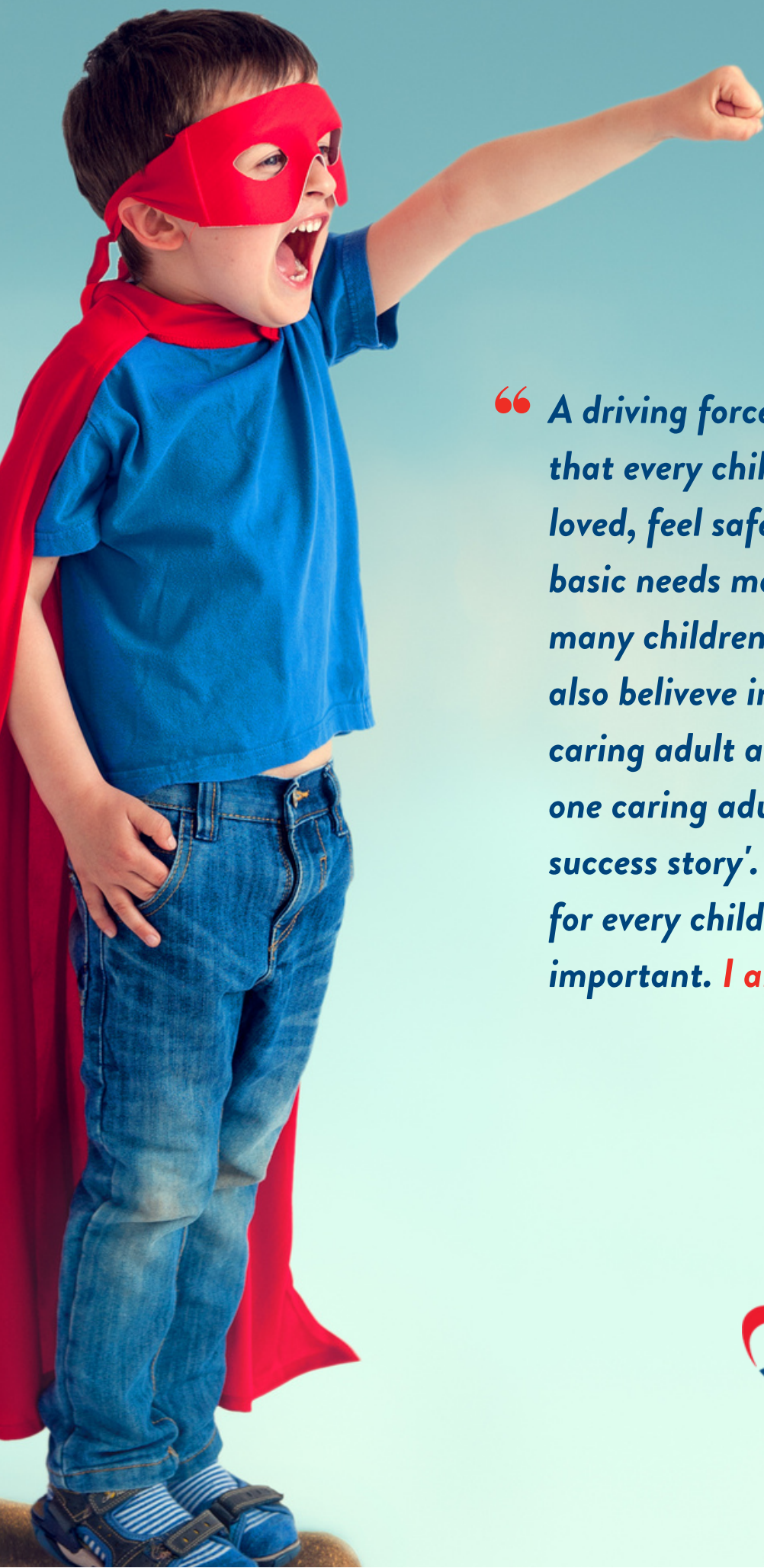
Ace Microtechnology  
Unity Class of 1st Baptist Church  
Best Version Media  
Your Extra Attic Johns Creek  
CL Burks Construction  
The Walker Group  
D7 Supply Company

## Hope Giver (cont)

My Forsyth Magazine  
Bald Ridge Chapel Trustees  
Carper Wealth Management  
Judith Jenkins  
Forsyth Cumming Optimist Club  
Valuzzia Partners  
Excel Federal Credit Union

## Super Hero Supporter

Fred's Beds  
Boiling Rice  
Siddarth Patel  
Rotary Club of Forsyth County



**“ A driving force for me is my belief that every child has the right to be loved, feel safe and to have their basic needs met. Unfortunately, many children do not have this. I also believe in the power of one caring adult and that ‘every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story’. As a CASA, what I do for every child I work with is important. *I am their advocate.*”**

**- CASA Volunteer**

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**162**  
CHILDREN  
SERVED

**40**

