



**FOR CHILDREN**  
**A POWERFUL VOICE IN A CHILD'S LIFE**

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Dear Tom:

Far too many children in our communities suffer beatings, abuse and neglect, most of them at the hands of their parents. Some of these children have been taken from their families—and their beds, books, toys and teddy bears—and placed in foster homes. Within 72 hours of going into protective custody, a child meets a volunteer who will shepherd him or her through the legal system. This volunteer is part of Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA. He or she helps discern what is in the child's best interest, and then helps to make that a reality, over days, weeks or months.

In our region---which includes Barrow, Banks and Jackson counties-- CASA volunteers last year helped over 69% of the children in protective custody. Trained to participate in the juvenile court system, they provide critical feedback to judges who decide when to return a child to his or her family. The volunteers are a constant, steadying presence for children in new, unfamiliar settings, such as foster homes or different schools.

You can help us continue to serve the most vulnerable members of our communities. We need funding to provide the recruiting, extensive training, and supervising of our CASA volunteers. While we accept donations at any time, once a year, we hold a major fundraising event call CASAblanca. CASAblanca features gaming style entertainment in a fun, community-focused environment. Participants will also enjoy a delicious dinner with a variety of dishes that will delight any palate, music, and a live auction.

CASAblanca will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011, at the Jefferson Civic Center. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. Your sponsorship of this event will help us find safe and permanent homes for foster children in our care. In 2010 we had 92 CASA volunteers advocating for 151 abused or neglected children in Jackson, Barrow and Banks Counties. Last year, because of the hard work of our volunteers, 55% of our children were returned to their families, 8.5% were adopted, and 10% were placed with a legal guardian.

Piedmont CASA is a nonprofit organization, and your donation is tax deductible. Please help children in our community who can't help themselves by becoming a CASAblanca sponsor this year. Someone from Piedmont CASA will be calling soon to confirm your support. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact CASA's executive director, Annette Bates, at (706) 387-6375. We hope to have your support this year. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Tom Murphy, Chairman of the Board  
Piedmont CASA, Inc.

Enclosure

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