

CASA OF NWA'S 16TH ANNUAL



# LIGHT *of* HOPE

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## Breakfast Program

7:00AM

Registration, Hot Breakfast, and  
Networking

7:30AM

Program Start

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2024

Rogers Convention Center

3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR



# Did You Know:

Nationally only 59% of teens in foster care graduate high school by age 19.



Our CASA volunteers advocate for access to appropriate educational services and supports for positive and healthy school engagement.

# Did You Know:

Up to **80%** of children in foster care have significant mental health challenges, compared to approximately **18-22%** of the general population.



CASA volunteers provide positive adult relationships and help their CASA kids build healthy social skills and self-confidence

# Did You Know:

The average time length of a foster care case is **15-18** months



Through all the inconsistency our kids face throughout the length of the case, their CASA volunteer is one thing that is certain.



# Schedule of Events

## **EMCEE**

Garrett Lewis

## **MEAL SERVICE**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Latriece Watkins,  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Merchandising Officer,  
Walmart, U.S.

## **TESTIMONIAL**

Cindy and Billy Bradford

## **CLOSING REMARKS**



# Menu

## **On the Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs

Hickory Smoked Bacon

Pancakes

Potato Hash with Red  
Peppers and Onions

## **On the Table**

Fruit and Pastries

Coffee, Water, 2% Milk,  
Almond Milk

## **On the Side**

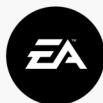
Dairy Free Yogurt  
Vegan Breakfast Burrito



**CASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS**

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Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, 100% of donations made at today's event will go directly to providing life-changing advocacy for children in foster care in Northwest Arkansas.

# Table Captains

Lindsey McDonald

Andrew McDonald

Eugene Kublanov

Kelly Church

Ashley Klorer

Amanda Warzecha

James Harris

Jacob Organ

Chris and Madeline Graves

Jodye Pool

Cheryl Hatfield

Sara Bridges

Greg Cathey

Blair Dyer

Cyndi Dye

Ed and Guanica Parrish

Jarred Crabtree

Britt Dugal

Karen Gillespie

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Ted Fox

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Varun Gondegaonkar

Leslie Lamb

Drew Collom

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Kimberly Powers

Kate Waesche

Latriece Watkins

Julie Reilman

Weston Tate

Courtney Lindsey

Ragan Hensley

Susana Silva

Vicki Smith

Kyle Patillo

Vincent Iannazzo

Karen Freeman

Jacob McElroy

Alicia Martinez

Michael Lemna

Jeremy Cupp

Daniel and Ariel Husband

Madeline Nettles

Sara Vaught

Emily Bowman

Kim Love

Wyley and Stephanie Elliot

Steven and Kim Lane

Lance De La Rosa

Gary Paryzek

Jerrilyn Dailey

Jade Terminella-Tinnin

Dick Levin

Holly Dayberry

Melinda Saunders

Summer Hull

Marla Wright

Ramon Portilla

Cindy Capobianca

\* Denotes Current or Former CASA Volunteer

^ Denotes Table Captain for 3 or more years

! Denotes Current or Former Board Member



# Mission

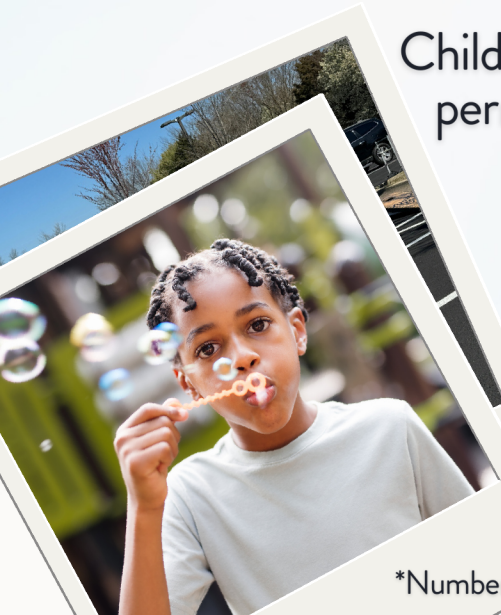
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northwest Arkansas provides compassionate volunteers who advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. We are committed to ensuring a consistent voice, safe home, and promising future for children in foster care.

# Vision

We value children above all else. In order to serve their best interests, we value compassion, truth, commitment, respect, and hope.

**678** children, teens, and  
young adults were  
served by **298**  
committed volunteers

Children found  
permanence through  
**94** adoptions  
**104** reunifications  
**16** guardianships



\*Numbers calculated from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



# 5 Steps

## to become a **CASA** volunteer

**1** Attend a  
CASA 101



**2** Schedule a  
personal  
interview



Complete  
pre-service  
training



**4** Observe court  
and swear in



**5**

Take your  
first case!



Click to register for a  
**CASA 101**

# Violet Update



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