

Human Trafficking Awareness



Human Trafficking

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. The US Department of State indicates it not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere.

According to the US Department of State, there are estimated to be more than 27.6 million people — adults and children — subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States.

Methods used to lure victims:

- Violence
- Manipulation
- Promises of high-paying jobs
- Romantic relationships

The public can help with reporting suspected trafficking. According to [FBI.gov](https://www.fbi.gov), this is where you come in. Please keep your eyes out for the following indicators that suggest the possibility of human trafficking:

- Individuals who have no contact with friends or family and no access to identification documents, bank accounts, or cash;
- Workplaces where psychological manipulation and control are used;
- Homes or apartments with inhumane living conditions;
- People whose communications and movements are always monitored or who have moved or rotated through multiple locations in a short amount of time; Places where locks and fences are positioned to confine occupants; and
- Workers who have excessively long and unusual hours, are unpaid or paid very little, are unable take breaks or days off and have unusual work restrictions, and/or have unexplained work injuries or signs of untreated illness or disease.

Survivors Speak



“To all the advocates at CASA,

I want to send my sincerest THANKS to all of you for the help you gave me and my family. In this fallen world we live in, I was led to YOU and you were there for me. I cannot express the gratitude I feel for CASA.”

“The CASA advocates help me feel normal and that I am not going crazy. I always feel so much better after coming to one of the support groups.”

“My CASA advocate is always willing to listen and help me figure things out. She is amazing!”

“My CASA advocate is always there for me when no one else in my life is. She is the best!”

“My advocate never shuts me down. She listens carefully and treats me with respect. She helped me when I thought I was alone.”

“My advocate is always there to listen and help me find resources. She is amazing with my kids, too!”

“My advocate is amazing! She is always there to listen and understands how I am feeling. I love my advocate and her commitment to all of us needing help from CASA.”

“The overnight advocate at the shelter house is there for us at night when no one else is. She is easy to talk to and is understanding without judgement. She is the best!”

Save The Date!

CASA has some exciting events coming up in the next few months. Make sure to mark your calendars:

Swing for Survivors - March 22, 2023
Hops for Hope - April 15, 2023

Hope you can join us!

If you are interested in sponsoring one or both of these events, click below for more information:

[Swing for Survivors Sponsorship](#)



We Love Our Community!!!

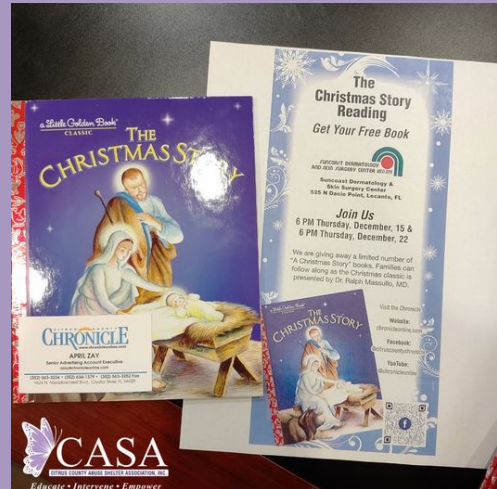
Citrus Hills Woman's Club



Thank you to Citrus Hills Woman's Club for donating 500 Pairs of Bombas socks for CASA participants. Pictured are CASA Outreach Manager Kimberly Hauter and Linda with Citrus Hills Woman's Club

April Zay

Huge thank you to April Zay, the Senior Advertising Account Executive at the Citrus County Chronicle for dropping off The Christmas Story books for all of our CASA kiddos. Families were able follow along as the Christmas classic was presented by Dr. Ralph Massullo, MD, from Suncoast Dermatology & Skin Surgery Center



Pine Ridge Civic Association

Pine Ridge Civic Association presented a check to CASA, front row L to R: Mary Gojda-Secretary, Liz Valinoti- VP, Wendy Walters-Treasurer, Sue Wassermann-Membership. Back Row CASA Staff L to R: Kimberly Hauter, Marilynn Tuten, Christina DeBruyn.

Light Up Citrus

Thank you to Lightupcitrus for hosting a collection box of new toys for our CASA kiddos. Also, thank you to those of you that donated to the collection box. We are so thankful for our amazing community!



Want to help CASA like these amazing survivor supporters?

You too can host a third party fundraiser to help support CASA. A third-party fundraising event is when a business, organization, community group, school, or individual plans and hosts an event that benefits CASA. This is a great way for you to support CASA, to team build, and invest back into our community. Here are some examples of third party fundraising:

- Employee competitions (dress casual day, jean Friday, department with most funds raised.)
- Portion of proceeds from event tickets, retail items, specialty menu item
- Host a fundraising event
- Tournaments (bowling, cornhole, golf, tennis, etc.)
- Payroll deduction donations
- Donation drives (food, pet supplies, children school supplies, etc.)

Feel free to come up with something that works for you or your organization/company.

When you are ready to host a third party fundraiser reach out and let us know and we can help promote your efforts!

A Special Visit!



Our CASA kiddos got a big surprise just before Christmas when Santa stopped by the shelter with some early presents! Santa didn't come alone, he was joined by Jingle Bells the Head Elf at the North Pole and of course Mrs. Claus was there too! Mrs. Claus read "Twas The Night Before Christmas" to the kids (and to Jingle Bells, because that's her FAVORITE story!) We all had cookies and hot cocoa, and then Santa got all of the hugs and special "I love yous" from the CASA kiddos and he was off like a flash! Rudolph was getting pretty antsy up on the rooftop

and we were all out of carrots! So we wished Santa a safe flight, and we heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!"



Donors December 2022

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the month of December 2022. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community:

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