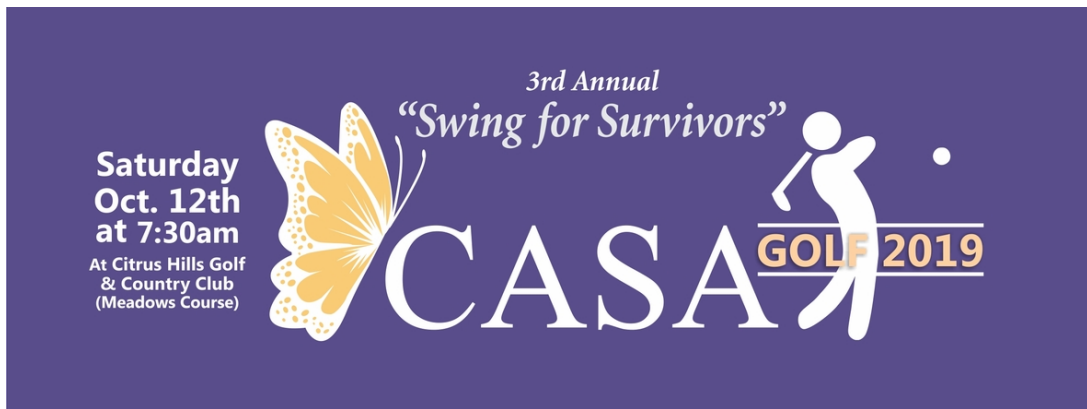
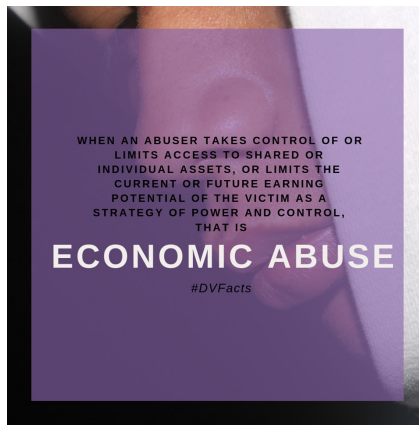


**SAVE THE DATE!**



Don't miss our 3rd Annual Swing for Survivors, October 12th at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Bigger and better this year! Come out and join us for fun, food and prizes!!! **Register Now**

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## Financial Literacy

April is recognized as National Financial Literacy Month. Financial or economic abuse is one strategy perpetrators use to control their victims. CASA is in its 3rd year of our Economic Empowerment Program to combat financial abuse. Our economic advocates are certified credit counselors and can assist with rebuilding credit as well as provide classes from budgeting to loans. If you are a DV survivor and need help rebuilding your finances give us a call 352-344-8111.



## Cinderella's Closet

CASA was excited to be part of Cinderella's Closet this year! It's was a fun day, helping girls choose that perfect dress for a fun and safe prom night.

Donations are always needed: new or gently used prom or bridesmaid dresses (less than three years old and in excellent condition), dress shoes, formal purses and rhinestone and fashion jewelry ("bling").

For information to participate in next years event, call 352-201-7851 or email: [citruscinderellas@gmail.com](mailto:citruscinderellas@gmail.com).



## Volunteers Recognized

We are so proud of all our volunteers! These three wonderful CASA volunteers attended the Nature Coast Volunteer Center Luncheon today. Esther was recognized for ten years of service and Cheryl was recognized for over 4,000 hours of volunteer service! Also pictured here is CASA volunteer Nell.



## Victim Rights Ceremony

Thank you to our CASA Advocates-Sarah, Kimberly, Morgan, Jess, Andrea, April, Shayna, and Christina. They enjoyed a great Victim Rights Ceremony on April 11 at the courthouse and shared information about CASA with our community. Special shout out to Christina for sharing her story of resilience and hope!

**Eckerd CONNECTS.**  
**Aspire**  
**CASA**  
**HANLEY FOUNDATION**

**CAMP RISE**  
 RESPECT FOR SELF & OTHERS  
 COMMUNICATION AND PROBLEM SOLVING  
 SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES  
 MANAGING EMOTIONS  
 TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP

**ANTI-DRUG TEAM**

**June 3rd-7th**  
 Inverness Middle School

**June 17th-21st**  
 Crystal River High School  
 9am-3:30pm  
 Ages 11-14, Entering Grades 8th-8th—Boys & Girls

**A FREE CITRUS CAMP LIMITED TO 30 CAMPERS Register by May 20th**

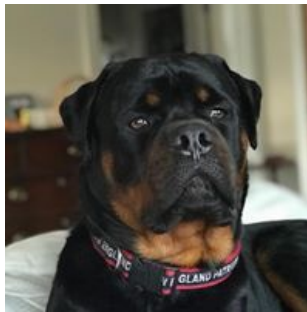
**Focusing on:**  
 Respect for Self & Others  
 Communication and Problem Solving  
 Similarities and Differences  
 Managing Emotions  
 Trust and Friendship

Games, Arts/Crafts, Team Sports, and lot of other activities.  
**To register, please go to [www.antidrugcitrus.com](http://www.antidrugcitrus.com)**

This project is funded by the many Citrus County businesses and individuals that are committed to our youth and is a joint effort of CCSD, Eckerd Kids, Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus County, Aspire Relationship Center, the Hanley Center Foundation, CASA, and supported by Street Team Prevention Partners.

## Camp Rise

Summer will be here before you know it! And again this year, CASA is participating with Camp Rise. There are two dates and locations during the month of June. Space is limited so sign up now at [www.antidrugcitrus.com](http://www.antidrugcitrus.com)

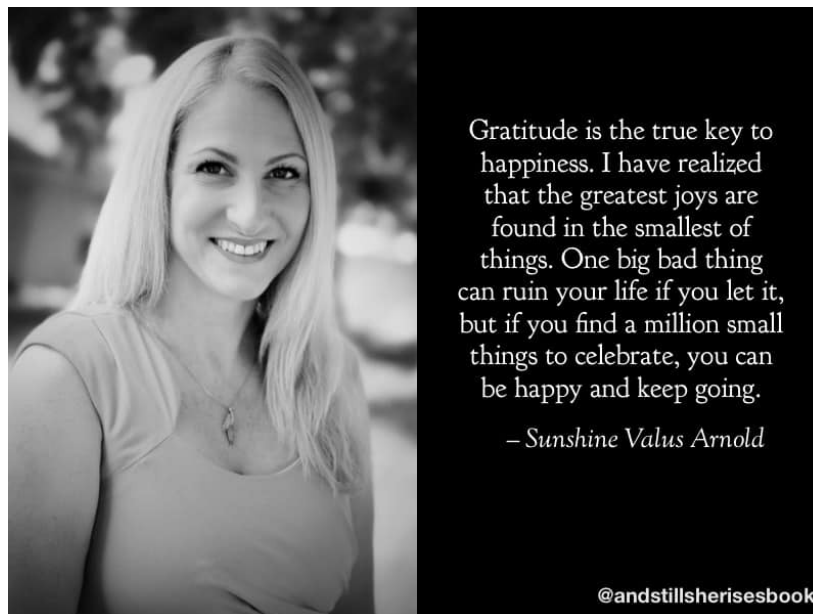


## New Member of Our Group

Meet our therapy dog, Dillon. This sweet gentle giant and our therapist Laurie bring hope and healing to survivors at CASA. This beautiful boy brings joy to everyone at CASA. Therapy dogs can be trained to provide affection, comfort and love. They can also improve mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, or simply improve one's mood. We love having Dillon here to lift everyone's spirits.

## Sunshine Arnold

We are so proud to have this resilient woman as our leader here at CASA. She is a featured writer in the upcoming anthology **And Still She Rises**.



Gratitude is the true key to happiness. I have realized that the greatest joys are found in the smallest of things. One big bad thing can ruin your life if you let it, but if you find a million small things to celebrate, you can be happy and keep going.

– *Sunshine Valus Arnold*

@andstillsherisesbook

Here's what they have to say about Sunshine:

Writer spotlight: Sunshine Valus Arnold is a private therapist and the CEO of CASA, an emergency shelter and outreach for survivors of domestic violence. She has dedicated her career to empowering individuals facing adversity. She received both her BSW and MSW from Florida State University. Sunshine served in the United States Marine Corps in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Sunshine has been married to her husband Bruce for fourteen years and together they are raising three amazing humans.

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## Individual Donors

(Jan-March 2019)

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the months of January, February and March of 2019. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community.

Inverness United Methodist Women, St. Scholastica Council of Catholic Women, Ladies of Faith, Wilson and Kathleen Robey, Alan Danielson, Beverly Hills Women's Club, Marlene Lyons, Bernita Becker, Second Life Thrift Shop, Christy Beck, Newcomers of Stoneridge, Robert and Suzanne Delfino, Sudsational Surprise Soaps, David Sonak, Krupa Patel, William H. Bailey, Jr., North Central Florida Area Local APWU, Crystal River Eagles Aerie 4272, Inc., Town 'N Country Barber Shop, Second Life Thrift Shop, Crystal River Lions Club.

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