

Holiday Wrap Up!

October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

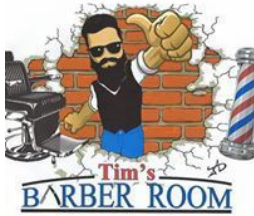
October was domestic violence awareness month. Domestic violence is more than just black eyes and broken bones. It includes physical, verbal, economic, emotional and sexual abuse. Although domestic violence can happen at any time during the year, October is the month designated to bring more awareness to the community about what domestic violence is and what we can all do as a community to support survivors and end the abuse.

This year we would like to thank our Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encouraging Citrus County residents to promote healthy and peaceful relationships. In addition, many others in the community took this opportunity to do special drives in their businesses and organizations to collect clothing, toys, toiletries, funds and so much more for our shelter and survivors.



Here are just a few:

Tim's Barber Room



Tim's Barber Room chose CASA as their organization to give to during domestic violence awareness month. With the support of their shop and patrons, they were able to donate over \$400 worth of money and goods for the shelter.

Nature Coast Mustang Club

Thanks to the Nature Coast Mustang Club for inviting us to be a part of their day at the All Ford Powered Car & Truck Show on October 13. Not only were they able to raise awareness about domestic violence, the club also raised \$5,581 for our shelter. What a great day!



2nd Annual Swing for Survivors

On October 20, we held our 2nd Annual Swing for Survivors golf outing at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. It was a beautiful day and we would like to thank all of our sponsors and auction donors who made the day possible.

We were able to raise \$6,623 for our shelter, and are hoping to continue to grow our outing every year. Save the date, October 19, 2019!

4th Annual Royal Legacy Unity Walk

We had such a great time being inspired by all the community members and students at the 4th Annual Royal Legacy Unity Walk. Shout outs to Phil Royal Legacy, Eckerd Connects, Citrus County Schools social workers and all the sponsors, along with CASA to keep this awesome event growing every year. We can't wait to see next year's group!



Back2Bright

us sparkle again!

Also in October, Back2Bright chose CASA as their "FreeSoftwashFriday" recipient. Thank you for making

It is hard to express how much we appreciate the kindness and generosity of

what have become our friends and neighbors. CASA could not help save lives without donations from generous people like you.

If you have missed any of the many stories of CASA, domestic violence and community involvement, please go to our website to see **CASA IN THE NEWS!!**

November - Giving Thanks

(A letter from a participant)

We all know that November is a time of Thanksgiving. When families get together and share all that they are thankful for, and when people go out of their way to help their fellow man. We here at CASA are proud to be able to offer a home to survivors and their children and give them somewhere they can feel safe and cared for. It is a blessing to know that we are able to help those who are most in need at what might be the most frightening time of their lives. It is also a blessing when we hear from someone that we have helped through one of those times. It makes what we do seem that much more relevant. Below is a letter we received from one of our domestic violence survivors:



To the Workers of CASA,

Over the years I have received much assistance from CASA and I will forever be grateful. From the Women's Empowerment classes, to therapy with Laurie at Tree of Life, to Christmas presents for my children.

I have no family and I don't know where I'd be without people like you and an organization like CASA. I have learned so much with your assistance and those that partner with CASA.

I want you to know this holiday season that you are appreciated and very needed. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,
(name removed for confidentiality and safety)

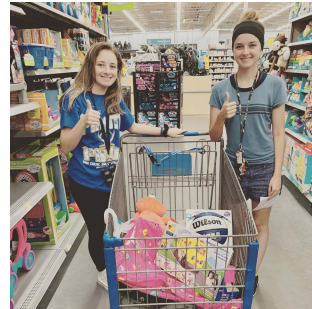
If you are interested in learning more about the services CASA offers or are in need of help, click this link to visit our website to **GET HELP**

December - Adopt-A-Child



CASA would like to thank all those who participated in our Adopt-A-Child program this year. Your generosity helped 26 families and 50 children have a wonderful Christmas even though they may have been away from home. We receive many donations throughout the year that keep our shelter sustained, and we deeply appreciate it, however, you went above and beyond this year for the holidays.

We even had some secret shoppers hit the stores for us. Thank you Cayenne and Logan! We here at CASA, and our participants cannot thank you enough for your kindness during this holiday season. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for ensuring that these children had a very Merry Christmas.



We are also celebrating our awesome Colors for CASA club from Lecanto High School. We sent these students to the FCADV Youth Leadership Summit in December. We are so proud to have this amazing group of students working to end domestic violence. Great job!

Please keep in mind that our shelter has needs all year, click to see what our **CURRENT NEEDS** are.

In Other News

We are so excited to welcome Detective Phillips to our team of professionals working together to hold abusers accountable. Detective Phillips has been a Citrus County Deputy for 22 years and we know his experience will be an asset to our survivors. Welcome aboard to the newest member of CCSO's domestic violence unit!





Individual Donors

(Oct-Dec 2018)

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the months of October, November and December of 2018. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community.

Alan Danielson, Barbara Bullock, Barbara Hadly, Bettie Joy Adams, Carol March, Central Florida Insurance of Marion Oaks, Cherie Byrnes, Citrus County Craft Council, Citrus County Property Appraiser, Clerk of The Circuit Court Citrus County, Beverly Hills Community Church, Crystal River Eagles Aerie 4272, Inc., Darrin McGhan, David & Jill Dodge, Diana Steuterman, Donald Laughlin, Doris Russell, Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop Inc., Edith Willis, Edward & Kathleen Lutkus, Environmental Office Solutions, Homosassa Lions Foundation, Inc., Image Craft, Inverness United Methodist Women's Club, Inverness Yoga & Wellness, J.M. Gibson Mechanical, Jaret Lubowiecki, Kathleen Powers, Marie Miller, Mobil 1 Lube Express, North Central FL Area Local APWU, Patricia & Joseph Crawley, Robert & Juit Peacock, Plaza Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Richard Fedor, Roy & Evelyn Grenawalt, Ruth Dittmar, Second Chance Educational Counselling LLC, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Sue Silber, Susan Wassermann, Neil & Janet Taylor, Tim's Barber Room, Vincent Wojteczko, Wanda Smith, William & Elizabeth Jones, Wilson & Kathleen Robey.

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