



## A Hand Of Help In The Most Needed Time

### Blessed Beyond Words

We all know that 2020 was a very trying year for everyone. Each of us have been touched by or have known someone affected by this unprecedented pandemic. Some of us have suffered great loss, either personally, financially or professionally. We have missed gathering with family and friends, and some have become very isolated and lonely. And, unfortunately, we have seen an increase in domestic violence in our county. But through all of this, our community has stayed strong and committed.

We are truly blessed to be a part of Citrus County. The outpouring of help offered to our CASA families throughout the year, and especially during the holiday season has been unfathomable.

In this issue, we would like to express our thanks to all of those who have supported CASA consistently through the years, but especially in this past year that has been so difficult for us all. We have limited space here, but please know that everyone of you in this community are very much loved and appreciated by us and our families.

Thank you!

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### Community Heroes!

Publix is a great place to work, dedicated to customer service, and the largest employee-owned business in the United States. They are also extremely generous with their community service. Over the past few years, CASA has been on the receiving end of this generosity in a very



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big way. This past Christmas, Michelle Clark, a Manager at Publix, arranged to put Angel trees in all their Citrus County stores to ensure that our families, who may not have had a Christmas otherwise, had the very best Christmas imaginable. Publix and their generous customers were able to fulfill the wishes of over 35 participant families which included nearly 50 children.

Not only did they make sure that every person received the gifts on their wish lists, they went above and beyond to separate everything by family and bag all items separately for each individual. And, of course each person received a little more than what was on their list. Michelle and her crew then packed everything up and delivered it to our outreach office to be wrapped by our volunteers.

Words cannot begin to explain how grateful CASA and all their families are for Publix and everything they do for us during the holidays and throughout the year. They are truly a wonderful community partner, and we are sure their founder, Mr. George, would be proud of how they have carried out his vision.

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## Great food great support!

We are so grateful to the local businesses that support our mission. These restaurants have been donating full meals to our shelter survivors all year. We want to recognize them and thank them for all of their hard work! Please support local businesses! [The Loft Bar & Grill](#), [World Fusion](#), [Bubbaques-BBQ-Crystal River](#), [Kane's Cattle Co.](#),

Mariana's The Stinky Rose, and The Salvation Army Citrus County Corps!



## Continued Gratitude to our Community



We would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** for the Christmas donation of gifts cards, money, and Christmas dinner supplies and food from the Riverhaven Garden Club.

Pictured left to right, President Kathy Lutkus, Vice President and CASA volunteer Suzanne Latham, and CASA CEO Sunshine Arnold.



Thank you to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for the generous donation of household items, diapers, and Christmas wrapping items.



Thank you Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller!  
We are so grateful!

We love giving back to our



The Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star made a generous donation to Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association, Inc. (CASA) of household items as well as items from

community!! In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this month's Denim Day Donation Days (\$345) were donated to CASA Citrus.

Pictured here is CASA Citrus CEO Sunshine Arnold and our Chief of Staff Traci Phillips.

the families' wish lists for Christmas.

Pictured left to right are Carol Poole, Order of the Eastern Star Worthy Matron and Sunshine Arnold, CASA CEO.



## Individual Donors (Oct-Dec 2020)

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the months of October, November and December of 2020. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community:

Paul and Brenda Allaire, Gary and Jacqueline Budd, Judith and James Ciferno, Robert and Mary Desimone, Harry and Rosanne Detlefs, Mel Eakley, Alfred Fairall Jr., Wayne Gherke, Rea Gnad, Patricia Hanley, Elwood Harding, William and Elizabeth Jones, William and Patricia Miller, William and Jean Petruska, MaryAnn Provancher, William and Deborah Rossfeld, Rhiannon Steiner, TD Ameritrade Institutional, Hernando United Methodist Women, William M and Mary M Charitable Fund, Lynn Andrews, Beth Antrim, Bartley Ashworth, Alan and Linda Berg, Shirley and Robert Burkhardt, Cherie and Richard Byrnes, Debbie Campbell, Patricia Casey, Joyce Chester, Debra Clark, Alan Danielson, Sandra Dewart, David and Jill Dodge, Duane and Barbara Dueker, Kenneth and Leslie Frazee, Roy and Evelyn Grenawalt, Carline Jutrus, Edward and Kim Kerner, Joyce Leonard, Kenneth Lewis, Jaret Lubowiecki, Edward and Kathleen Lutkus, Richard Niedzwiecki, Randy and Mary Jo Nimnicht, Pamela Nowak, Michael and Rosemary Pomponio, Joanne Poole, John and Cynthia Reinhardt III, Allan Schwartz, Sue Silber, Darlene Spencer, Christine Stokes, Nell Taylor, Sharon Turner, Robert and Carolyn Wisheart, Auxiliary VFW 4437, Bikers C.A.R.E. Inc, Crystal River Eagles Aerie 4272, Inc, D.L. Ziebarth Marketing, Inc, Game Fish Club, Garnett Rehab Inc, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Howard's Flea Market, LLC, IR-RU Family Social Club, Inc., PEO, Second Chance Educational Counseling LLC, St. Clair Consulting, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, VFW Auxiliary 4252.

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