



Get Involved



## Your Help Is Needed

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence can affect anyone. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, economic, or a combination of many types of abuse. Domestic violence is not a disagreement, a marital spat, or an anger management problem. It is a pattern of abusive, disrespectful, and controlling behaviors that one person uses to establish power over their partner in order to control that partner's actions and activities.

The mission of the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is to help victims and survivors of domestic violence by providing shelter, safety, intervention, and education, and to educate the community for social change.

With October being domestic violence month, we ask that all members of our community rededicate themselves to breaking the cycle of domestic violence. You can show your support by participating in "**Wear Purple Thursday**". This year the date for the event is October 21st.

It is our vision to end domestic violence by:

- Providing a safe, supportive environment
- Instilling confidence and self-esteem
- Supplying information and resources
- Teaching individuals and children non-violent alternatives
- Encouraging people to realize personal goals
- Acting as agents of social change

Please help us end this cycle of violence!

THANK YOU!

### Happy Halloween!

The most ghoulish time of the year is upon us! Our ghosts and goblins can hardly wait for all the Halloween fun. The kids living in shelter are excited to trick or treat and take part in the excitement. We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy and Halloween costumes - **nothing scary or violent**, please - through October 22. Donations are accepted weekdays 9am-4pm at 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, 34453.



Thank you for your help!

## Fundraiser to Benefit CASA



### Thank you

Thank you to all those who came out to support the Wine and Runways Fashion Show on October 7th at KC Wine And Koffee Bar. Tara, owner of The Rustic River, put together a great fashion show along with her gorgeous models. Thank you to High End Hair Salon for making the models look their very best. Shout out to our Emcee Amy Fallon Crowell and the master of music Rob Crowell for their time and talents. It was a wonderful event to raise awareness about domestic violence.

### Florida State Elks Association

On Aug. 9, the Inverness Elks #2522 bingo committee donated \$1,000 to CASA Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA). CASA representative Sunshine Arnold spoke to the bingo players, explaining in detail all the aspects of the shelter and how much of a difference these funds will make in the lives of those already impacted with struggles.



Pictured are John Colasanti, Jim Bell, Sally Torres, Rick Mechley, CASA's Sunshine Arnold, Nancy O'Malley, Lana Almeida, Tim Hughes and Jack Trafalski.

### United Way of Citrus County



CASA receives \$4,000.00 Health Grant from United Way of Citrus County to support outreach efforts during the COVID-19 epidemic. The funds will be utilized to enhance CASA's outreach and prevention efforts to ensure that adults and teens in Citrus county are aware there is a place to go for help to escape domestic violence and dating violence and provide education to prevent victimization.

Pictured left to right are Sunshine Arnold, CEO of CASA and Meghan Pitzer, CEO United Way of Citrus County.



## Individual Donors July - Sept 2021

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the months of July, August and Sept of 2021. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community:

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If you would like to donate to CASA now, you can go to our website [www.casaf1.org](http://www.casaf1.org).

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