



## Seeking an end to injustice

Dear CASA survivors, supporters, and staff,

2020 has brought what feels like crisis after crisis to CASA, Florida, and our nation.

Throughout this time, I am proud to say that CASA's staff have continued working to serve survivors of domestic violence. Our programs have remained open while keeping in mind the safety and health of our survivors and staff.

Now, our caring compassion and support are needed in a more pressing way.



Like you, I am upset and saddened by any injustice that threatens to divide our local community and our country. Emotions have run high and the myriad of feelings—fear, anger, anxiety, and frustration—are understood and are all valid. Now, has come the time for us to not only hear, but to really listen to what our fellow Americans are saying.

Now, is the time to have open hearts and open minds that are empathetic to each other and the diverse communities of our great country.

CASA has and will always reject racism, discrimination, and oppression of any kind. At CASA we embrace diversity and encourage an inclusive environment for all. We will continue to aid in bringing progress in our community by bringing injustices to light and working every day to support a future with true equality for all.

Sunshine Arnold, LCSW  
CEO

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June is Pride Month, a month to celebrate LGBTQ members of our communities. Every June, events for Pride month celebrate the progress made toward equality by LGBT individuals, advocates and allies around the world. An estimated 4.5 percent of U.S. adults identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

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## Help During COVID-19



**24 Hours a Day  
7 Days a Week**  
**352-344-8111**  
Advocates are always available to answer calls, help with crisis intervention, provide information and referrals, arrange emergency shelter and assist in safety planning.

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## Congratulations Graduates

Two of our survivors have been working hard. In May, they graduated from WTC. They also completed our Women's Economic Empowerment program which will help them to become financially stable and independent. This is an amazing accomplishment.



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## It's that time again!

We are still looking for sponsors for our annual golf tournament. If interested, please contact Carol Brown at 344-8111 or [carolb@casaf1.org](mailto:carolb@casaf1.org).

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## **(April-June 2020)**

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