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### Louisiana CASA Announces 2022 Awards of Excellence Recipients

**[Baton Rouge, LA]** – Each year Louisiana CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) highlight innovation and exemplary service at the Annual Awards of Excellence Banquet. Community members nominate exceptional CASA network members who are making life-changing impacts on local children. Then the Awards of Excellence Selection Committee, comprised of Louisiana CASA Board Members, reads through each application and selects the winners.

This year’s awards ceremony took place on Monday, April 11, 2022 and the statewide CASA network came together to celebrate programs and individuals doing incredible work in their communities. The 2022 Awards of Excellence Recipients include Sarah Ghere, Advocate of the Year; Kabrina Bland, Staff Member of the Year; Liz Betz, Director of the Year; Orlandar Jack, Board Member of the Year; Felicia Hillhouse, DCFS Staff Member of the Year; and Rep. Dustin Miller, Legislator of the Year.

“We are honored to have so many wonderful people in our CASA network. Their hard work and dedication make our mission of serving Louisiana’s abused and neglected children possible. Thank you to everyone who continues to advocate for CASA and the children we serve, we are so grateful for each and every one of you” said Louisiana CASA staff.

Louisiana CASA would not be able to provide this opportunity to our network without our generous sponsors. A special thank you to our Amplify Sponsors: Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, Louisiana Court Improvement Program, Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana, and MCH/BRAF. For more information about Reinforcing Our Roots: 2022 Louisiana CASA Conference, please visit [www.louisianacasa.org/conference](http://www.louisianacasa.org/conference)

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**ABOUT LOUISIANA CASA:** Louisiana CASA is the statewide association for 17 local CASA programs serving 61 parishes. They work to connect each part of the CASA community and empower the local programs to perform at their highest level. At the local level, the programs recruit, train and supervise Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers to advocate for children involved in the child welfare system and improve their well-being. At the state level, Louisiana CASA provides support, training, and services to help the local programs operate effectively.

Awards of Excellence winner bios: <https://www.louisianacasa.org/post/2022-awards-of-excellence-winners>

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