

City of St. Charles

## Indelamation

## CASA KANE COUNTY - CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CHILD ADVOCACY!

WHEREAS, This year marks CASA Kane County's 25th year of child advocacy. Since the inception of the program in 1988, there has been enormous progress. The organization's proudest accomplishments has been its ability to serve 100% of all abuse/neglect and dependency cases in the 16th Judicial Circuit of Kane County and has been doing this since 2002!

WHEREAS, CASA Kane County recruits, trains and case manages community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) for children in court due to abuse, neglect or private guardianship. The CASA volunteer acts as the eyes and ears of the judge to help make the best decision for a safe, caring and permanent home for each child.

**WHEREAS.** They are ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve more than 550 children in Kane County Abuse/Neglect and Probate courts each year.

WHEREAS, CASA is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.

**THEREFORE**, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim that the City of St. Charles recognizes CASA Kane County for its 25 years of dedicated and unwavering service, to those who are most vulnerable, the children of Kane County, and our sincere appreciation to CASA volunteers and staff for the unwavering commitment.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor