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<u>6:00 - 6:40</u> - Cocktail Reception. Enjoy Live Music (classical trio), Beer and Wine Bar, Passed Hors D'oeuvres.

Browse the auction items and bid accordingly.

6:40 - 6:50 - Head to the assigned table.

6:50 - 7:15 - CASA Program.

7:15 - 7:30 - Live auction.

7:30 - 8:15 - Dinner.

8:15 - 9:30 - Dance party and last bids on silent auction . Check out and goodnights.



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Our History, Mission and Vision

CASA of Mercer County was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 2000, and granted 501c3 status in 2001. CASA of Burlington County was incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2007. In 2011, CASA of Burlington County merged with CASA of Mercer County and the organization officially became CASA for Children of Mercer and Burlington Counties. In 2021, CASA's Burlington staff began working from our Mercer County (Ewing) office, which has provided the organization with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Our mission is to train and supervise community volunteers, appointed by the Family Court, to advocate for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Our dedicated volunteers strive to ensure the emotional, physical and educational well-being of these children while they reside in foster homes or residential facilities. The ultimate goal of our volunteers is to help establish a safe, stable and permanent home for each child we serve.

CASA's vision is to be a widely recognized, financially self-sustaining organization striving to improve the lives of all Mercer and Burlington County children in out-of-home placement. We are committed to the highest quality of advocacy through trained community volunteers.

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends of CASA,

Thanks to the steadfast support of our community, this has been an impactful time at CASA. It is a year in which we served hundreds of children in foster care through the expert support of two hundred and seventy two highly trained and deeply committed CASA Advocates. But we mark *our* success by the success of our children — and we are proud to say that **81** of those children were adopted or permanently united with a parent or family member this year. That's real success!

All that CASA has achieved this year, and the life-changing impact we continue to have, is the result of the work of hundreds of people – our volunteer Advocates, our partners in government at both the County and State level, our corporate and foundation supporters, and the many, many individuals whose donations of time, treasure and talent help ensure our mission remains strong.

If you'd like to learn about becoming an Advocate or how to get more involved in CASA's work, we'd love to talk with you.

Our website has a lot of great information, and is a good place to begin: **Casamb.org.**

Thank you for being part of this critically important work. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely,

Laura Wall, Executive Director



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