

PROCLAMATION

CASA of DuPage County 20th Anniversary
April 1993 – April 2013

WHEREAS, all Americans share a personal responsibility for the safety, security and well-being of children in our families, neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of DuPage County recruits, trains and supports volunteer citizens to advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children in DuPage County's juvenile court system; and

WHEREAS, CASA of DuPage County volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that every child is placed in a safe, permanent and nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, CASA is the only organization in DuPage County providing court ordered advocacy to 100% of the youth at no cost to taxpayers or the families involved; and,

WHEREAS, CASA of DuPage County is funded solely through grants, contributions and special events; and

WHEREAS, CASA of DuPage County is recognized for training more than 800 volunteer Advocates over twenty years of dedicated service and serving as the "voice" of more than 1,450 children who have found themselves, through no fault of their own, in the juvenile court system of DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, locally, we support the services offered by CASA of DuPage County through the Village of Lombard community volunteer CASA's who make a difference in the lives of children they serve, many of whom also reside in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby extend congratulations to CASA of DuPage County for twenty years of service to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court and encourage residents to recognize and reach out to those who may be affected by child abuse in order to help ensure that all DuPage County children may live free of abuse, abandonment and neglect.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

