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Michelle Meek appointed to serve on National CASA/GAL Leadership Council

(CANTON, GA) – The Children’s Haven and CASA of Cherokee County announce the appointment of Michelle Meek, Advocacy Director, to the Suburban Leadership Council of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association for Children

Serving a two-year term, Meek, along with child welfare leaders from across the nation, will play an integral role in voicing the unique needs of 948 local programs that make up the CASA and Guardian ad Litem (GAL) network. In 2019, the CASA/GAL network, with its 96,929 volunteers, served more than 270,000 children who have experienced abuse and neglect. With more than 400,000 children in foster care on any given day, the leadership council will focus its efforts on ensuring that the network achieves its mission of serving all children through best-interest advocacy.

“The Leadership Councils are a vital part of our efforts to serve more children in the foster care system, while continually improving their outcomes,” said National CASA/GAL Chief Executive Officer Tara Lisa Perry. “We are so excited and grateful to have Michelle Meek providing her insight and expertise as we strive to move our mission forward on behalf of all children who have experienced abuse or neglect.”

Michelle Meek joined the CASA of Cherokee County organization in January, 2014. Meek initially served as an Advocacy Coordinator, training, coaching and supporting CASA volunteers. In 2018, she was promoted to the Advocacy Director position, leading the CASA team. Meek has her Master’s Degree in Community Counseling and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology.

“I am so honored to be appointed to this important national role for a second term,” said Meek, Advocacy Director, CASA of Cherokee County. “As an integral part of the Cherokee County child welfare community, I’m looking forward to bringing our successes and challenges to a network that helps us get better as we improve our work across the nation.”

About The Children’s Haven and CASA of Cherokee County

The Children’s Haven promotes the health and happiness of children impacted by abuse and neglect. CASA has been in Cherokee County since 1993. The CASA programs serves approximately 300 children in foster care every year. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.TheChildrensHaven.org or follow on Facebook and Instagram @thechildrenshaven.

About the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem Association for Children

The National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children, together with its 948 state and local member programs, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect in the United States can be safe, have a permanent home and have the opportunity to thrive. National CASA/GAL offers leadership and support to the network of programs and leads its continued growth. CASA/GAL volunteers and staff work every day to help change a child's story. To learn more, visit nationalcasagal.org or follow National CASA/GAL on Facebook at facebook.com/NationalCASAGAL and [@NationalCASAGAL on Twitter and Instagram](https://twitter.com/NationalCASAGAL).