

CASA of Lexington celebrates 40 years of serving children

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CASA of Lexington celebrated 40 years of serving central Kentucky kids with a volunteer appreciation event at LockRidge Park in Garrard County Sunday.

Since 1986, the program has expanded from a staff of two in one county with a handful of volunteers, to a staff of 16 across seven counties with hundreds of volunteers. The organization celebrate serving at least 3,690 children and training at least 975 volunteers, who have given more than 178,000 hours.

"We really are here just to say, 'Thank you,'" Executive Director Melynda Jamison told those gathered for the event Sunday afternoon. "Whether you are a volunteer, a board member — who is also a volunteer, someone who supports the work of our agency, or a donor, it truly takes each of us coming together to ensure that children have safe and

permanent homes."

One award was given during the event: CASA Volunteer Cynthia Phillips was recognized as the program's longest continuous-serving volunteer. Jamison said Phillips began as a CASA volunteer more than 17 years ago, and she has never taken a break.

Jamison presented Phillips with a framed certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

Sally Erny, Deputy CEO of the National CASA Association, attended the event. Erny helped launch the CASA of Lexington program and lead the first training class.

"This program is very near and dear to my heart," Erny said. "I also want to say this program

is very much seen as a flagship program across the country."

Erny said other programs are looking at and trying to replicate what CASA of Lexington is doing. And the same is

happening at the state level, with the Kentucky CASA Network serving as an innovative leader for growth.

"This is the most important work I think you can be doing," Erny said. "I would

say after being in this network for 42 years, children need CASA volunteers now more than ever."

CASA volunteers are thoroughly trained, then matched with children who have suffered abuse or neglect. Each volunteer visits their CASA child

monthly, gathers information, and reports back to the judge and other professionals working the child's case.

Jessamine and Garrard Family Court Judge Jeff Moss attended the event and said he is grateful for the CASA volunteers and Volunteer Managers who serve in his courtrooms.

"I am able to get information from CASA reports that I can't really expect my social workers to be able to (gather)," Moss said.

CASA reports include recommendations for actions that would be in the child's best interest. The reports can help identify when supports are missing, when a child has a problem in their current placement, or when a child should be reunified with their parents.

Georgetown Mayor Burney Jenkins said when he learned about CASA services, he was immediately supportive of providing funding

to bring CASA to Scott County. CASA of Lexington expanded into Scott as its fourth county in 2021.

Jenkins said as a former teacher with more than four decades of experience, he cares a lot about helping kids — especially those who need support to have success in their lives.

"Without you, these kids would not have a pathway to success," Jenkins said.

Jamison noted CASA of Lexington may be the only CASA program that has funding allocations from each of the counties and cities it serves. That local funding has been "instrumental" in the program's expansions, she said.

Andrea Bruns, Executive Director of the Kentucky CASA Network, said she is very impressed by CASA of Lexington's volunteers, board and staff.

"For you, the volun-

teers, who give of your time, your talent, your treasure — the work you do does not go unnoticed," Bruns said.

CASA of Lexington Board Members Shelby Lee, Kay Yates, Jonathan Shell, and Chauncey Morris, also offered thanks to the volunteers.

"The volunteers are the ones stepping up to the plate," Morris said. "We are just here to facilitate what you're doing. And it means the world to everybody in our community. This is how you make the world better — one step at a time. We are very, very humbled and grateful for you."

CASA of Lexington's trained and supervised volunteers advocate through the family court systems in Bourbon, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Scott and Woodford counties to ensure all victims of child abuse and neglect are safe and thrive in a permanent home.

SCOTT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

113 Walden Cove from Stephen Shinn and Michelle Shinn to Hannah Brown and Gabriel Brown for **\$340,000.**

200 Sturbridge Drive from Jarrod Phillip Cropper and Jessica Cropper to Jarrod Cropper and Jessica Cropper, Trustees of The Cropper Family Revocable Living Trust, the fair cash value of the property, the fair cash value of the property is **\$236,300.**

113-115 Hansons Path from JMP Properties, INC to Tina Rental Properties, LLC for **\$320,000.**

171 Elkhorn Meadows Drive from Jeremiah V. Folsom and Shelby Folsom to Travis Lewis for **\$200,000.**

107 Bill Perkins Lane from Kyong Messer to Andrew Messer for **\$1.**

1241 Switzer Road from David L. Darnell and Linda M. Darnell to David L. Euler and Lisa S. Euler, the fair cash value of the property is **\$5,000.**

1283 Switzer Road from David L. Euler and Lisa S. Euler to David L. Darnell and Linda M.

Darnell, the fair cash value of the property is **\$5,000.**

203 Pleasant View Drive from Easton McClanahan and Madison McClanahan to Hunter Smith and Nicole Smith for **\$369,000.**

113 Shannon Lane from Delores Collins and Tommy D. Collins to Kaylee Dee Long and Hannah Beasor for **\$290,000.**

139 White Owl Way from Hannah M. McCormick (fka Hannah M. Griffith) and Casey R. McCormick to Megan Preston and Andrew Preston for **\$292,000.**

Being all of Lot No. 80, South Crossing, Phase 2, Unit 2-D from Ball Homes, LLC to Melinda Lyons for **\$345,870.**

111.5 Pebble Beach Drive from Robert Terry Scott Willhoite and Rebecca J. Willhoite (aka Rebecca Jean Willhoite) to Robert Terry Scott Willhoite and Rebecca Jean Willhoite, Trustees of the Terry and Becky Willhoite Revocable Trust for **\$1.**

106 Brahms Court

from Lisa Michelle Belcher and Jeffery G. Belcher to Miles Harrison Adkins and Tori Leann Adkins for **\$260,000.**

That certain tract of land lying and being on the north side of Minors Branch Road, 1 mile northwest to KY 227 at Minorsville, containing 10.1802 acres from David Owen Coyle Jr and Colleen R. Coyle to Curtis Mickey and Shelley Mickey for **\$150,000.**

104 Wedgerow Court from John P. Luxmore to Michael Edward Robertson and Betty Jane Robertson for **\$443,000.**

199 East Honaker Road from Melanie D. Robey and Harold Wayne Robey to Harold Wayne Robey and Melanie Dawn Robey, the fair cash value of the property is **\$55,000.**

2020 Longview Drive from Robert Scott Porter and Maria R. Porter to Raymond Andres and Kayla Andres for **\$427,000.**

131 Amen Corner Way from Tamela Lynn Jones to Robert Pierre

Stokes for **\$425,000.**

Lying and being in Boston Annex to Georgetown and being Lot No. 15, Block B from Derek Gaines and Alexandra Gaines to Adam Lee Ray Hopkins for **\$275,000.**

110 Hansons Path from Jared Baker and Sydney Baker to Karyo Mills for **\$219,000.**

178 Falmouth Drive from John-Michel Black and Dagni Paige Black (fka Dagni Stiltner) to Tayler R. Stacy for **\$328,000.**

135 McClland Springs Drive from Kenneth William Jackson and Barbara L. Jackson to Barbara L. Jackson, Trustee of The Barbara L. Jackson Trust, the fair cash value of the property is **\$199,400.**

149 McClelland Springs Drive from Taylor C. Benson (aka Taylor C. Ferguson) and Liam Daniel Benson to Bradford A. Slagel and Katherine Y. Slagel for **\$490,000.**

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Sadieville, begin-

ning at the east side of Church Street from Wendt Properties, LLC to Jessica P. Shorkey for \$135,000.

Being all of Lot No. 93, Unit 2, Section 1 of the Payne's Crossing Subdivision from Austin Sharp and Jennie Sharp to Troy Clem Jr and Kaitlin Ann Clem for **\$360,000.**

706 N. Hamilton Street from Willetta F. Cowan, executrix of the Estate of Emma Wilson, Benita Y. Dawson and Keith B. Mitchell to KY Home Investors, LLC for **\$150,000.**

132 Drake Lane from Aaron Lavon McCarty and Darra McCarty to Neil Ballard Miles and Stina Vazquez for **\$464,900.**

104 Furlong Court

from Bernie Washburn Jr (aka Bernie Washburn) to James Womac for **\$320,000.**

156 Barren River Boulevard from Jonathan A. Jones and Kristian T. Jones to Lillian Anne Schlaug for **\$305,000.**

231 Lakeshore Drive from Frederick C. DeHoag to David Baguma and Teopista Nambuule for **\$403,550.**

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Public Notice

GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER SERVICE

Accepting SOQ for engineering services related to sewer improvements

Scott County Fiscal Court (SCFC) is accepting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified engineering consultants for engineering services related to the Northern Scott County Sewer System Improvements. Engineering Consultant shall submit one electronic PDF copy of their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to the recipient listed below. Submittals shall be clear,

concise, and organized in the order outlined in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). SOQs must be received by July 1, 2026, at 10:00 AM EST. Submittals shall be provided in PDF format and emailed to Alan Bryan, PE, abryan@gmwss.com.

Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer Service (GMWSS) will assist SCFC in facilitating the procurement of an engineering design con-

sultant. All questions regarding this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall be submitted via email to Alan Bryan at abryan@gmwss.com. The deadline for questions is June 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM EST. Questions submitted by means other than email or to other GMWSS staff will not be answered.

SCFC reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or

all SOQs, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all SOQs, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any SOQs deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Seeking quotes for new workout equipment for three fire stations

The City of Georgetown is seeking formal quotes to procure new fitness and workout equipment for three fire stations. The deadline to submit a response is Friday, June 5, 2026, at

4 PM EST (3 PM CST). Copies of the request may be found on the City's website at www.georgetownky.gov. All inquiries regarding this request and all responses shall be submit-

ted to Karyn Leverenz at karyn.leverenz@georgetownky.gov or hand delivery to 117 N Water Street, Georgetown, KY 40324, Office of the Mayor. Email submission is preferred.

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