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Lykins Energy Solutions RAISED \$85,000 FOR CASA FOR CLERMONT KIDS



Lykins Energy Solutions was pleased to present a check on 10/11/2019 to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for \$85,000. Thanks to your help, our annual golf outing was a huge success. Lykins golf outing has raised more than \$820,000 for CASA since 1998 which equates to 38% of CASA's annual budget. We have been running our annual fundraiser since 1989 and with this year's proceeds we now have reached \$1,000,000.00 for local non-profits from the past 30 years. We could have never done it without you. The amount of support from you and our other business partners and vendors is heart-warming.

CASA's work in our community is crucial, the proceeds help fund a variety of programs at CASA to improve the lives of abused and neglected children. The organization serves nearly 200 children each year. Their trained community volunteers are appointed by the Clermont County Juvenile Court Judge to represent the best interests of victim children. CASA/GALs (Guardians Ad Litem) are the voice of the child in the courtroom and the eyes and ears of the Court



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outside of the Courtroom. The mission of CASA is to assure permanence in a safe, loving family where the child/children can be respected and establish the dignity that all children deserve. CASA's biggest obstacle, other than maintaining funding every year, is the current case trend. "Without a doubt, opioids and heroin and now meth use are the biggest reason children come into foster care or into court" says CASA for Clermont Kids Executive Director, Nathan Bell. Nathan says "The cases that come into court now are the worst of the worst cases. The problems are deeper, the crisis has been going on in the family for longer, and the dysfunction is more entrenched. This has an impact on our volunteers because it means the cases that we receive are more difficult, more complex, and are emotionally trying on our volunteers. The cases also have been taking longer to resolve in court because of their difficulty. This means our court advocates are bound up in very challenging cases for longer periods of time, which makes them less available for new cases coming in because they are still trying to resolve the cases they have."

On behalf of Lykins Energy Solutions and CASA, We THANK YOU!

Please save the date for next year, September 3rd, 2020

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