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CASA of Brown County Announces Staffing Changes

Connie Greenawald joins CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Brown County as its Executive Director, succeeding Marilyn Bennin, who successfully developed and ran the organization for 5½ years. Marilyn will continue with the organization as the Program Director, overseeing the volunteers and Volunteer Coordinators and the children they work with. Connie joins CASA from The Einstein Project where she served as Development & Communications Director for 5 years. Prior to that she was the Executive Director for the Bay Area Humane Society & Animal Shelter. She has also worked for the Brown County United Way and Shopko Stores. As Executive Director, Greenawald will be responsible for planning and administering a program providing service to children found to have been abused and neglected as a result of juvenile court proceedings.

CASA is a non-profit organization whose highly trained volunteers work with this community's most vulnerable children – victims of abuse and neglect. Each year in Brown County there are approximately 500 children under child protection orders and determined to be "in need of protection and services". That's where CASA comes in. CASA volunteers are assigned by judges to be the "eyes and ears of the court" and to help make decisions about the safety, well-being, and permanent placement of the children they serve. But even more importantly, CASA volunteers are often the only consistent, positive adult in the lives of these children during a time of chaos, confusion, and hurt.

Rod Ryan, Chair of the CASA of Brown County Board of Directors, noted, "The Board is excited and pleased to welcome Connie to the organization. With her background and skills, she will prove to be a valuable asset to the organization. We are also very happy that Marilyn will continue to provide the organization with her expertise on a part-time basis."

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Brown County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system. CASA of Brown County recruits, screens, and trains caring, committed citizens from the community to provide close, consistent contact with the children they serve, act as the "eyes and ear of the court," and make sure the children are placed in safe, permanent, nurturing homes.

