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Dear Greene County,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteer Advocates, and, most importantly, the children we serve, please allow us to thank you for your continued belief in our mission. Your support, along with that of so many organizations from our area, has helped to move that mission forward. Because of their confidence in our work, **Iron Senergy** has thrown down the gauntlet with a **\$10,000 challenge grant** to coincide with their sponsorship of CASA's 2022 Children's Winter Gear Distribution. We are already hard at work raising the matching funds needed to reach our goal, and we are humbly requesting a contribution from your organization to help us meet Iron Senergy's challenge.

Protecting the most vulnerable abused and neglected children within the Greene County Juvenile Court system will always be the primary mission and the solid foundation on which CASA of Greene County builds. Our Advocates and staff have **helped secure safety and permanency for 61 children** over the last four years, and, with a roster of 16 volunteers and growing, more children will be served. In addition, an exciting new project to aid in the recovery of all child victims in Greene County is currently in the feasibility study phase and will be announced soon.

Our secondary mission is the betterment of all Greene County children, who need to know that there is a future for them right here in our communities. Over 400 fully-stocked backpacks have been assembled and delivered to Greene County United Way's Stuff the Bus program thanks to our partnership with the CentiMark Corporation. Our annual Greene County Dodgeball Tournament has been a huge success that not only provided CASA with much needed operational funds but also gave local families a fun afternoon of entertainment during Child Abuse Prevention Month. We have recently entered into an agreement with the West Brownsville Walmart to accept donated clearance items, and our Greene County Family Center partners are already helping us move these items to families in need. Our Kids' Corner area has been utilized by CASA Advocates, the Court, CYS, and Guardian Ad Litem alike, as a safe space for local children in need. More than 250 children have been outfitted in winter coats, boots, and gear during the last two years of our community clothing drive and distribution event, and we are taking the program into the local school districts this year to make an even bigger impact in an underserved population.

We look forward to speaking about this challenge grant with you further and would be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience. This opportunity will help secure next year's operational budget, and we appreciate any consideration you are able to offer. We can do so much more when we all work together.

Sincerely,

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CASA Director

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CASA Board President