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**CASA SHaW announces new Board of Trustee Members**

**Lebanon, NJ (November 14)** – Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW) has announced the appointment of five new Board of Trustee members. The Board of Trustees oversee the general operations of CASA SHaW, a 501c3, the annual budget and staff. Each board member serves a 2-year interval for up to 6-years.

Joining the Board of Trustees are Malcolm Kaye, Kathy Tober, Kathy Finnegan, Rupal Patel, and Thomas Dilts. “These individuals embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to the table. We are very fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to strengthen CASA SHaW’s programming for foster children in our region,” said Tracey Heisler, Executive Director.

Malcolm Kaye is a partner at a small zoning consulting firm in New York City. Kathy Tober is the Director of Operations and Administration at St. John's Nursery School in Bernardsville. Kathy Finnegan, now retired, taught AP biology, chemistry, physics, and was a temporary special education teacher for algebra and science at Delaware Valley Regional High school. Rupal Patel is the Director of Regulatory Affairs at ADC Therapeutics. Thomas Dilts is a retired New Jersey Family Court Judge.

“CASA envisions a world where every child will have a safe, permanent home. We are blessed to have the leadership to help fulfill our mission and advance the public good,” said Heisler. “That starts by bringing together talented and committed leaders who have the perspectives, backgrounds, and skill sets the organization needs at the board level. We are so excited to welcome these individuals to our Board of Trustees here at CASA SHaW.”

CASA of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties is part of a statewide network of community-based, non-profit programs that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers to “Speak Up for a Child” removed from home due to abuse or neglect. CASA is the only program in New Jersey that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children, ensuring that each one gets the services needed and achieves permanency in a safe, nurturing home. To find a local CASA program in your county, visit www.casaofnj.org.

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