

News Release

**The Baptist Healing Trust Awards  
UCHRA Court Appointed Special Advocates a Grant**

UCHRA CASA received a grant from The Baptist Healing Trust, which recently awarded funds totaling over \$1.9 million recently to 53 local non-profits for a variety of health related projects, according to President & CEO Cathy Self. The mission of the Baptist Healing Trust is to be a caring ministry devoted to healing with love in the Christian tradition.

The UCHRA CASA grant was for \$20,400 and will be used in Cumberland, Overton and Putnam County offices. CASA staff recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers to be a voice for the abused and neglected children in states custody. Volunteers, after receiving extensive training and a thorough background check, are given authority by the courts to investigate the child's situation and to bring that information to the attention of the judge enabling a more informed decision be made on behalf of the child/children.

Recipients of the contributions include non-profit organizations from all over Middle Tennessee working to help create access to quality, compassionate health services for the community's most vulnerable. This year's grants bring the collective grant making of the Baptist Healing Trust to almost \$55 million since 2002. The Baptist Healing Trust was created when Baptist Hospital in Nashville sold to St. Thomas Health Services, a ministry of Ascension Health in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information about CASA call UCHRA CASA at 931-520-9540 or visit the website

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