



## NEWS RELEASE

### **IBERIABank Employees Donate Toys for Children in Foster Care**

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**(Lake Charles)**— IBERIABank employees made the season brighter for hundreds of children in foster care by donating toys to children served by Family & Youth's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Over 200 children in SWLA, who are currently in foster care, will enjoy the toys donated by IBERIABank employees.

"Most children in foster care are spending Christmas away from their families. We wanted to make sure that had a Merry Christmas despite the circumstances," says Phil Earhart, Southwest Louisiana Market President.

CASAs are volunteers who speak in court for a child's best interest. Judges appoint a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer to an abused or neglected child who has been removed from his or her home due to abuse and neglect. The CASA volunteer helps to ensure that the child receives appropriate services and advocates for the child's best interest while he or she is in the court system. Volunteers are trained and supported by CASA staff at Family & Youth.

Family & Youth, a United Way agency, believes that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to the advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger

community. For more information call 337.436.9533, visit [www.fyca.org](http://www.fyca.org), or like Family & Youth on Facebook.

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