Mary Jean Seyda has retired from her role as CASA’s CEO. Mary Jean has been CEO for 4 years, and was previously COO for 16 years. Throughout her 20 year career with CASA, she has guided our organization through twists and turns, through heartbreak and celebration, and through periods of stability and periods of growth.

There are few that have worked as long and as hard as Mary Jean to aid those experiencing homelessness in the Triangle. Her dedication is admirable, and we hope she reflects on her career knowing she made a positive difference in so many people’s lives.

As a first-step toward retirement, Mary Jean has joined CASA’s Fund Development team as a part-time Senior Advisor and will be focusing on our newest developments.

Additionally, for the first time in our near 30-year history, CASA has developments in the pipeline in all three Triangle counties. We’ve never been busier, we’ve never been more optimistic, and we’ve never been stronger.

As the Chair of CASA’s Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your support and for helping us solve homelessness in the Triangle. In the following pages, you’ll learn about the difference you helped CASA make over the past year. Homelessness is an incredibly complicated issue, but we know the answer is simple: it’s housing. Thank you for being part of the solution.

- Rebecca Joyner, CASA Board Chair

Honoring Mary Jean Seyda

Introducing CASA’s new CEO, Everett McElveen

After a comprehensive, national search that attracted outstanding candidates, we’re excited to announce Everett McElveen as CASA’s new CEO.

Everett comes to us with more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience in housing, homelessness, employment, healthcare, and food security. For the last 17 years, he has worked in Pittsburgh where he most recently served as CEO of Community Human Services (CHS) which has a budget of more than $13M and a staff of 130. Everett also served as President and CEO of Life’s Work of Western Pennsylvania, a nonprofit providing opportunities to people living with disabilities and/or mental illness and those with barriers to employment.

Everett began his work with CASA in November.

We can’t wait to introduce you to our new CEO!

To learn more about Everett and the CEO Transition, visit www.casanc.org

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CASA’s core values are compassion, respect, service, and excellence. In 2021, we strengthened our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) because we know it makes us stronger as an organization. We welcome people from all races, religions, ethnicities, countries of origin, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities.

Our Mission

to provide access to stable, affordable housing for people who are homeless or at risk by developing and managing rental communities
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Provides leadership to the CASA Board of Directors and support to the CEO.
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Jennifer Johnson

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Recruits prospective new Board members and assists with orientation.
Marcia Baltimore
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Lauren Hubbard

Welcome new members
Sheneque Brawley-Duncan
Sheneque is a marketing consultant who helps organizations set and achieve business goals. She believes safe, affordable housing should be viewed as a right of all, rather than a privilege for some.

Tina Konidaris
Tina is in the mortgage business, and year after year has been in the top 1% of originators nationwide. As someone that has experienced homelessness, Tina understands how frightening it can be to have no where of your own to call home.

By the Numbers

$14,634.13
average annual income of a CASA resident

107
veterans housed this year

65%
households with at least one disabled individual

136
Durham County

44
Orange County

283
Wake County

91%
of residents successfully completed at least 1 year of stable housing

65% of residents are male

53% of residents are female

5% are other or unknown

19% White or Caucasian

65% African American or Black

16% Other or unknown

65%
of CASA households live below the federal poverty line
Stories of Home

Meet Robert
Originally from Dunn, Robert moved to Raleigh after he lost his home in a fire. Robert is epileptic. While cooking, he had a seizure, and as a result his kitchen caught fire. “I’m afraid to use the stove now,” he says. “I didn’t have insurance on the house, so I just left. I had to start over again.” After a period of homelessness, Robert moved into his CASA apartment. “That apartment is like a mansion to me. I’ve got plenty of room, I’ve got my privacy, and I’ve got room to put my keyboard!”

Robert’s passion is his music. “When I play I’m kind of in my own zone. It’s so relaxing. It’s a feeling I can’t explain. It seems like when I start playing, I close my eyes and God just guides my fingers. It’s so fantastic.”

Meet Edna
Edna’s husband had always taken care of the bills, so when he passed away, Edna had few options. “With tears in my eyes, I got on the computer and I looked and I found CASA.” Edna has been a preschool teacher for over 40 years, and could not afford a market rate apartment on her salary. She says her apartment has been a blessing. “I didn’t know where I was going. When I came here and saw the apartment, I was so proud.”

Meet Tremayne
Tremayne is a Navy veteran and moved into his apartment a little over a year ago when his previous landlord stopped accepting his housing voucher. He has big plans for the future, and is currently in school at Wake Tech studying radiology. One day, he hopes to open his own business and do mobile radiology. He also says that one day “...I wanna go skydiving because I never did when I was stationed in Hawaii.”

Meet Sandra
Sandra is a veteran, and has lived in her CASA apartment, specifically for veterans that have experienced homelessness, since 2015. Since moving here, she’s formed a true sense of community with her neighbors. One of Sandra’s neighbors has actually become her best friend. They check in on each other almost everyday. Sandra says, “The good thing is, I have a roof over my head. I hope I never have to be homeless again.”

See more stories from our residents at casanc.org/tenant-stories

Under Development
As part of CASA’s 5 year strategic plan, we’ve committed to adding 500 affordable apartment units to our portfolio by 2025. In 2021 we’ve worked to get five different properties, consisting of 324 apartments, in the development pipeline.

Bryan Place
Named in honor of Nancye Bryan, a longtime CASA Board member, volunteer, and housing advocate.

Bryan Place will be located on N. Duke St. in Durham, very close to Duke Regional Hospital. Community facts:
• 16 1-bedroom units
• Serve those living at or below 30% of the area median income (earning less than about $20,000 annually)
• Special focus on those experiencing homelessness
• On-site community meeting space
• Very close to bus stop

CASA hopes to break ground on this community in the spring of 2022.

Perry Place
named in memory of Velma Perry, Northside leader, activist, and affordable housing advocate.

Perry Place straddles the border between Chapel Hill and Carrboro. It will contain 48 1- and 2-bedroom apartments, 24 in each town. The community will serve families and individuals earning less than 60% of the area median income (AMI). A portion of the apartments will be reserved for people living with disabilities.

This is CASA’s first Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) property.

Construction is now underway.

CASA is the affordable housing partner for an 88-unit community in Hillsborough. CASA is currently waiting on the conveyance of a parcel of land from the developer and exploring funding options.

CASA has been selected as a member of the development team for a new, mixed-income housing community on Homestead Rd. in Chapel Hill. Other partners include Self Help, Community Home Trust, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, and UNC Horizons.

CASA will construct 72 affordable apartments at this site. Construction is on track to begin in 2022.

Collins Ridge

Homestead Gardens

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King’s Ridge

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King’s Ridge

King’s Ridge is named in loving memory of the late Debra K. King, who served as CASA’s CEO for 23 years. It is CASA’s largest and most ambitious project to date.

The Vision

In 2019, CASA purchased six acres of land in Raleigh near WakeMed as the future site of the King’s Ridge Apartments. CASA’s vision for King’s Ridge is to emulate Charlotte’s Moore Place community, and other nationally recognized supportive housing models, as a high-quality, affordable apartment community that ends homelessness. King’s Ridge will provide permanent housing for 100 households, serving both individuals and families.

The property main floor will include community space, offices, and access to wraparound supports like case management and integrated primary and mental healthcare. The site is well located minutes from downtown Raleigh with a public bus stop across the street.

King’s Ridge will target chronic homelessness among those earning less than 50% of the area median income (AMI) with an emphasis on those lower than 30% AMI.

"The greatest gift we can give people is the chance to be who they are without labels.”
- Debra King

The Campaign for King’s Ridge is led by a Campaign Leadership Committee of dedicated, passionate volunteers. They aid CASA in fundraising and use their expertise to guide us in decision making around King’s Ridge. Molly Woodruff Painter (right) chairs the committee and has been instrumental in the level of support we’ve received thus far.

For more information or to make a King’s Ridge gift, visit casanc.org/kingsridge.

King’s Ridge Phase 1 Progress: $19.5M

Thanks to the generosity of our community and public-private partners working together to create this housing solution, the King’s Ridge community will begin construction in 2022 as planned.

The first phase of the Campaign for King’s Ridge raised $19.5M for construction. With more than 90% of construction dollars raised, we are moving forward with construction.

Phase 1 of the King’s Ridge Capital Campaign ended on November 17th, 2021 with the announcement of the City of Raleigh’s $8.4M contribution.

King’s Ridge Phase 2: CASA continues to fundraise for the following needs

Construction Capital | Purpose: To address increased construction costs

Outfitting King’s Ridge with Love | Purpose: To provide permanent furnishings that maximize the spaces in each apartment and common area to promote safety and compassion throughout the community.

Program Support | Purpose: To underwrite the salary of the King’s Ridge Director, provide programming materials and logistical support, and cover 24-7 onsite security for the first three years of operations.

King’s Ridge Sustainability Endowment | Purpose: To provide operating support for King’s Ridge in perpetuity.

King’s Ridge will reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Wake County by more than 10%.

Construction Capital

Outfitting King’s Ridge with Love

Program Support

King’s Ridge Sustainability Endowment
Dear Friends,

I am so proud of the work CASA’s staff, volunteers, and donors have put into ensuring that our residents receive the safe, affordable housing they deserve. Every dollar we received last year was put to good use and helped us drive our mission forward.

We know that our expenses will continue to grow as we open more properties and expand to serve even more of our community. There are so many people in need throughout Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties, and we hope you’ll continue to be there for us with financial and volunteer support as we solve homelessness together. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Daneene Barton
Chief Financial Officer

**Financials**

Based on 2020-2021 Audited Financials. Income exceeds expenses due to construction funds raised for King’s Ridge. King’s Ridge will be built in 2022. CASA will provide full Audited Financials upon request.

**Income**

$10,207,807

Quick notes
- CASA launched its King’s Ridge Capital Campaign and raised $4.2M between June 2020-July 2021 to support the building’s construction (see pages 6 & 7). Funds will be expendable when construction begins.

**Expenses**

$6,025,298

Quick notes
- Funds dedicated to CASA’s Capital Campaign for King’s Ridge have not been spent, and are rolling over to next Fiscal Year to provide cash for the building’s construction.

**Sources of Charitable Giving**

excludes gifts to the King’s Ridge Capital Campaign

- Individuals 32%
- Foundations 25%
- Corporations 27%
- Faith based, educational, nonprofits, community groups 16%

**King’s Ridge Capital Campaign**

Reflects funds raised between June 2020 and July 2021

- Individuals 47%
- Foundations 29%
- Corporations 22%
- Faith Based 2%

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Learn more at www.casanc.org/casa-champions

The Housing Solution Fund

CASA’s priority is to move as many people out of homelessness and into a permanent affordable home as we can. Tenants pay 30% of their income on housing, no matter what their income is. This creates a gap between what a CASA tenant pays in rent and our cost to maintain their high quality homes. Donations to the Housing Solution Fund bridge that gap and keep people safe at home no matter what.

$3,300 keeps a family, a veteran, or a person living with disabilities off the streets and in an affordable, high-quality, permanent home for an entire year.  
$1,650 supports a CASA household for six months.  
$275 supports a CASA household for one month.

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