You can't control where abused children come from, but you can have something to do with where they end up. Become a CASA.

Yes! I Care and Want to Help...

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- □ CASA-advocate training
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- Other short-term opportunities

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- No, I am not currently interested in volunteer opportunities or making a donation. However, please add me to your mailing list.

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For more information, please call or write:

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"Children spell 'love' . . . T-I-M-E." -Dr. Anthony P. Witham

What is a Court Appointed Special Advocate or CASA?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate is a trained community volunteer. Each volunteer is an ordinary person who does extraordinary work for children. They are independent advocates appointed by a juvenile judge to speak for an abused or neglected child's best interests. They come from all walks of life.

The goal of a CASA volunteer is to ensure that each child is placed in a safe and loving permanent home where they can thrive. Volunteers are thoroughly trained by professionals in the legal and child welfare fields and receive complete support from community programs to help them through each case.

A small investment of your time can change a child's life forever. If you want to help an abused and neglected child, we invite you to volunteer. You'll discover how rewarding it is to know that a child that once was all alone and helpless, now has a family and a home to call his/her own.

What Does a CASA Volunteer Do?

CASA volunteers are men and women who help children in the community. They work for the judge, alongside attorneys and social workers, as appointed officers of the court.

When a CASA volunteer is appointed to a child's case, he or she is responsible for taking the time to find out as much as possible about that child. They search for information by reviewing records and interviewing parents. They talk to teachers, neighbors, and – most important – the child.

Volunteers provide information to the court recommending to the judge what is in the best interest of the child's future.

Be the Difference. Volunteer with CASA

- ▼ Are you a mature, responsible adult? 4
- Can you talk to people who are experiencing difficulties?
- Do you care about the future of the children in your community?

If you answer "yes," then CASA may be a good choice for you.

CASA volunteers come from all walks of life. They have a variety of professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds. No special experience is required. Volunteers are selected on the basis of their objectivity, competence, and commitment.

Volunteers are trained in the special needs of children who have been abused and neglected. In addition, CASA advocates are trained in the child protective system, juvenile court systems, and courtroom procedure.

It takes only a few hours a month to be a CASA volunteer. If you are interested, contact your CASA program.

"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."

-Lady Bird Johnson

A CASA's Responsibility Includes:

- Familiarizing yourself with the circumstances surrounding the case.
- Making an independent evaluation of what is in the child's best interest.
- Monitoring the case until a safe, permanent home is found for the child.

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