

## The CASA Volunteer Role

CASA volunteers are not required to possess superhero powers. They are required to be caring adults, willing to stand up and be the voice for children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

CASA volunteers are trained by professionals experienced in the court and child welfare systems, in order to provide them with the tools necessary to represent the best interests of the child. Once volunteers are assigned to a case, they are supported every step of the way as they develop and present their recommendations regarding the child's best interests. Independent surveys report CASA volunteers are highly effective in getting their recommendations accepted in court.

## Other Ways to Make a Difference

In addition to becoming a volunteer, there are other ways to stand up for abused and neglected children:

- Volunteer for CASA events
- Offer services or resources
- Tell a friend about us and help spread the word
- Sponsor a child

**Please see our website for more information.**



"To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world."



CASA OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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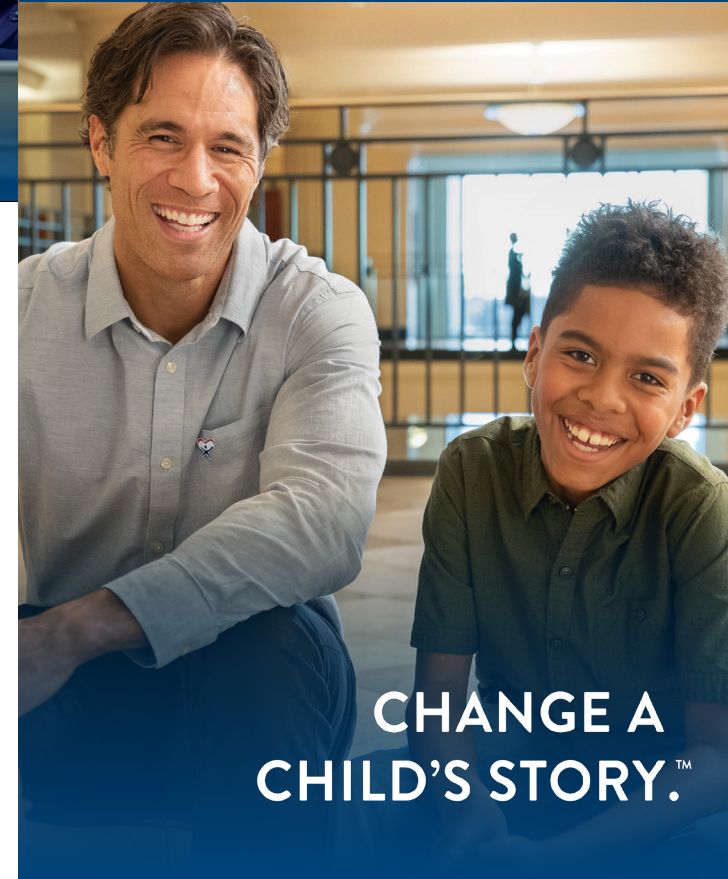
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## A Note from the Executive Director

If you are reading this brochure, you have shown you care about children who have been abused, neglected and ignored. You already have within you the first ingredient for becoming a great CASA volunteer. Because being a CASA volunteer is all about caring and common sense.

Become a CASA volunteer, and you will be rewarded with some of the most fulfilling experiences you can find. Be an advocate, a positive role model, and a hero for a vulnerable child. Becoming a CASA volunteer will not only change a child's life, but you may indeed find that it can change your life as well.

— Pamela Perrilles

## The CASA Volunteer: An Everyday Hero

**A CASA volunteer is the everyday hero that makes a difference in a child's life.**

A Court Appointed Special Advocate is appointed by a judge to serve as a constant and stable advocate for a child who has experienced abuse or neglect. Children with a CASA volunteer are less likely to spend time in long-term foster care and less likely to re-enter the child welfare system. These everyday heroes stand up for children and change a life of hurt into one of hope.

## CASA Volunteer Requirements

- Be at least 21 years of age and successfully pass a background check.
- Participate in an in-depth, 30-hour volunteer training class.
- Upon receipt of the first case, commit to staying with the case until the child finds a safe, permanent home.
- Effectively communicate both orally and in writing, in order to provide objective advocacy to the court.

