



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

**HALL-DAWSON
CASA PROGRAM, INC.**

THE GUARDIAN

April 2025

Our Mission for Permanency

Our mission is to ensure children who have experienced abuse or neglect have the right to a safe placement and permanent home.

We are pleased to share that in March, 14 children achieved permanency thanks to the dedication of our CASA volunteers!



Thank you to the following CASA Volunteers appointed to 14 children who achieved permanency in March 2025:

Baker H. – 3 children- Reunification
Teri O. – 1 child- Reunification
Dian H. – 3 children- Guardianship
Katie C. – 3 children- Reunification
Jodi C. & Amy E. – 1 child- Reunification
Jane F. – 3 children- Reunification

Taking the Oath: Sworn In and Ready to Serve



Our CASA community is five CASA volunteers closer to serving 100% of children experiencing foster care because of abuse or neglect.

On Thursday, April 3, 2025, Judge Alison Toller, Chief Juvenile Court Judge, presided over our Swear-in Ceremony and officially welcomed five new CASA volunteers to our CASA family.

A special thank you to our trainees, their families and friends; CASA Board Members Lauren Talley and Dena Bosten; and Judge Amber Sowers, who helped us celebrate.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, we encourage you to apply for the May 2025 Volunteer Training.

You can Change A Child's Story

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Celebration of HOPE

Please join us for a
Celebration of Hope

as we express gratitude to
our volunteers and
supporters who have been
a part of serving
children experiencing foster
care because of abuse and
neglect in our communities.

Thursday, April 24, 2025
8 AM - 9 AM



Breakfast will be served
RSVP to joy@halldawsoncasa.org
or 770-531-1964



"Every kid is *one* caring adult away from a success story."

— Josh Shipp

BE THE ONE



You're invited to join us for a Celebration of Hope!

If you haven't received an invitation but would like to attend, please click below to RSVP to Joy Green. Event location details will be shared upon confirmation.

RSVP

Community Spotlight



Stronger Together: A Couple's Commitment to Changing Lives

When it comes to the heart of CASA's mission, advocating for the most vulnerable members of our community, few stories reflect that commitment more powerfully than Linda and Steve's. Linda, former Dean of the Library at Brenau University, first became involved with CASA nearly 14 years ago. Encouraged by her close friend and one of CASA's previous directors, Connie Stephens, Linda joined the board and never looked back. Over the years, she's held many roles: organizer, fundraiser, board chair—and each deepened her understanding and passion for CASA's work. "The more involved I became, the more I understood the impact of CASA's mission," Linda shared. "Our neighbors aren't just the people who live next to us; they're anyone in need. CASA serves those children who need a voice. That's why we do what we do."

Steve, who brings a background in...

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CASA Volunteer Spotlight



"I joined CASA in 2023. There was a "tug" on my heart that kept telling me that the children in the DFCS and foster system needed a voice!

I am humbled at what my CASA kids will tell me and how they trust me to do so. There are so many different people in each case and I get to advocate for the kids' best interests. What a blessing it is!"

-Debbie Negley

CASA volunteer

Hear more from CASA volunteers below

[THE VOICE OF A VOLUNTEER](#)

By the Numbers 2024: CASA's Commitment

In 2024, CASA volunteers drove 49,013 miles.

49,013

MILES DRIVEN



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