



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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

# THE GUARDIAN

September 2025

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## 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 August, eight children achieved permanency thanks to the dedication of our CASA volunteers!



Thank you to the following CASA volunteers appointed to eight children who achieved permanency in August 2025:

Tamila D. – 3 children- Adoption  
Lisa M. – 3 children- Reunification  
Lisa M. – 2 children- Reunification

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## CASA in the Community



Our CASA team had an incredible time at the First Friday Concert on the Gainesville Square! We are so grateful for the chance to share our mission with our amazing community and connect with so many supportive neighbors.

A special thank-you to our friends at Hasty Pope for sharing their tent and their partnership —we couldn't do this important work without strong community connections.

Want to join us in making a difference?

Discover ways to volunteer or make a donation today.

Together, we can **Change A Child's Story.**

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# Your Retirement. Their Future.



## Your IRA Can Change A Child's Story!

Support Hall-Dawson CASA with a tax-free gift from your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

### Help Our Community's Most Vulnerable Children — Through Your IRA

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA to Hall-Dawson CASA — a powerful, tax-smart way to make a lasting difference.

When you give through your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD):

- You pay no income tax on the donated amount (donation must come directly from your broker)
- You satisfy all or part of your annual RMD
- You provide advocacy and consistency for children navigating the foster care system

### Why it matters:

Every day, Hall-Dawson CASA trains and supports Court Appointed Special Advocates to speak up for the best interests of children in foster care. Your gift helps ensure that every child has a dedicated advocate and a chance at a brighter future.

### Call to Action:

Talk to your financial advisor about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC) today.

For more information email Joy Green

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## Community Spotlight

### CENTRO GVL EATERY

All September long, when you dine at CENTRO, you'll have the chance to make a donation to CASA at checkout. Your gift helps us advocate for children experiencing foster care because of abuse or neglect.

We're so grateful to CENTRO for standing with CASA and our community's most vulnerable children.



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## Volunteer Spotlight



*"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to positively influence the lives of vulnerable children and families. It is extremely satisfying to me personally. I have been very well supported by my supervisor Kristin and other CASA staff."*

- Peter D'Costa, CASA volunteer

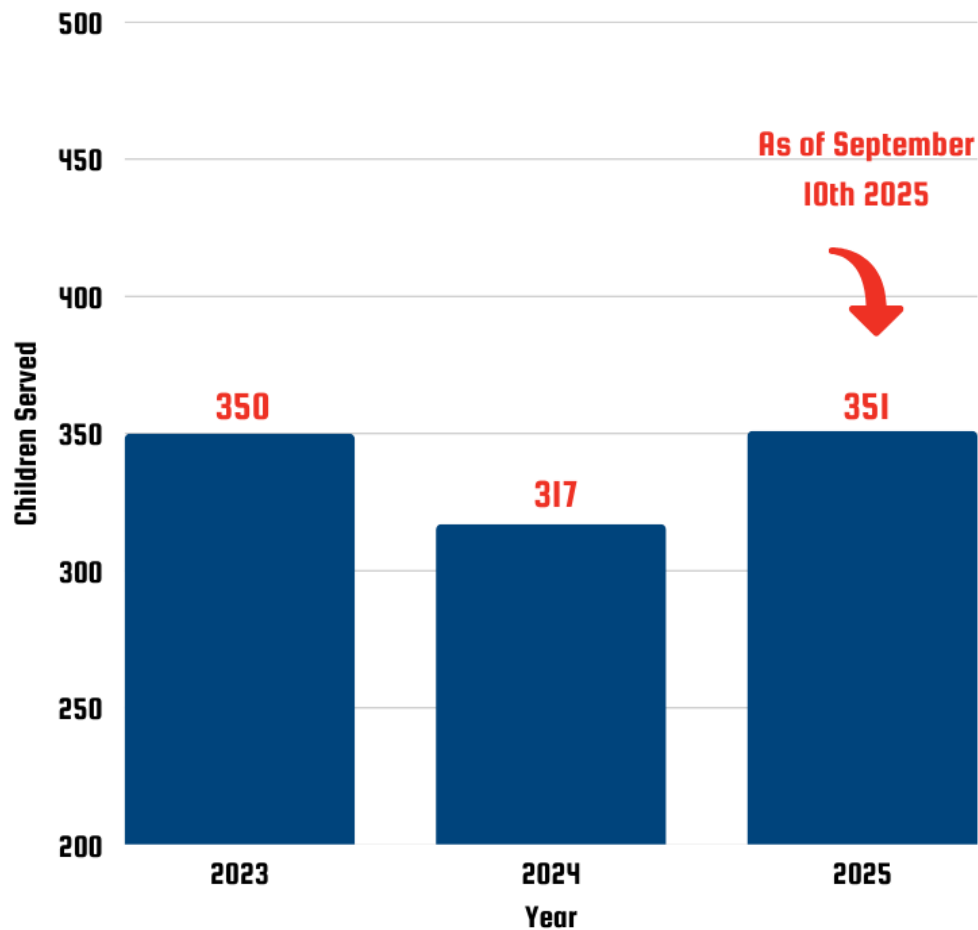
This month also marks his **one-year anniversary** as a CASA volunteer, and we could not be more grateful for his service. His dedication, compassion, and commitment to advocating for children truly embody what it means to be a CASA.

Thank you for making a difference every day!

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## By the Numbers: CASA's Commitment

# Children Served by Hall-Dawson CASA: Yearly Comparison



We've already surpassed the impact of both 2023 and 2024! CASA served 317 children in 2024 and 350 in 2023. As of September 2025, we are now advocating for 351 children—and counting. Every number represents a child whose story is being changed thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

Every year tells a story. Explore CASA's impact from past years below.

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