



# Help Us Serve Every Foster Child in Georgia



Changing Lives for Georgia's Foster Children

## You Can Help!

### VOLUNTEER

**Become an everyday hero who can change the lives of foster children.**

You will be trained and empowered to help ensure their essential needs and best interests are being met.

### DONATE


**Your tax-deductible donation is a wise investment in the future of our children.**

A year of CASA advocacy costs less than one month of foster care and brings us closer to serving every foster child in Georgia.

### GET INVOLVED

**Even if you can't volunteer, you can still help.**

Follow us on social media. Connect with us online and we'll share other ways you can get involved in your community.

Visit [gacasa.org](http://gacasa.org) to learn more. 

Every day, abused and neglected children enter the foster care system in Georgia, and unfortunately, the number keeps growing.

**You can make a difference in a foster child's life by becoming a CASA volunteer.**

CASA volunteers are everyday heroes from all walks of life who speak up for the best interests of foster children. With a CASA volunteer, a foster child is twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home.



**You can be an everyday hero helping foster children in your community.**

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**CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates**  
A volunteer-powered network of everyday people committed to ensuring foster children have a chance for a better life.

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**.

Pamela, a former foster child

## Speaking Up for Abused and Neglected Children

**CASA volunteers are specially trained people from all walks of life who advocate for the well-being of Georgia's children in foster care.** They are appointed by the court to speak up for a child's best interests.

**Providing compassionate, individualized attention to help each child find a safe, permanent home is a CASA volunteer's sole purpose.** By meeting with teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers, and foster parents, they improve the child's representation both in and out of court.

**CASA volunteers are a stable influence in the life of a foster child whose whole world has been turned upside down due to abuse or neglect.** They give a child hope, by giving them a voice.

## Making a Difference

CASA volunteers bring a sense of urgency to getting a child's needs met by the foster care system, and their commitment makes a difference.

## Advocating in Your Community

CASA serves over 90% of Georgia counties with local affiliate programs.

### A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to:

- ✓ Find a safe, permanent home
- ✓ Experience fewer foster placements
- ✓ Spend less time in long-term foster care
- ✓ Receive needed healthcare and educational support
- ✓ Participate in extracurricular and social activities
- ✓ Succeed in school
- ✓ Avoid re-entry into foster care

*"Being in foster care is living in a constant state of flux. Homes, schools, families... everything is always changing, often suddenly and without warning. The only constant was my CASA volunteer. Without her I would have been lost in the system."*

Melissa, a former foster youth

### While serving as the eyes and ears of the court, each CASA volunteer:

- ✓ Establishes a consistent, one-on-one relationship with a foster child
- ✓ Gathers information from the child's teachers, foster parents, family members, physicians, etc.
- ✓ Ensures the child has access to needed medical, education, career and housing services
- ✓ Attends court proceedings (usually every 3 - 6 months)
- ✓ Provides an independent recommendation to the judge regarding the child's best interests
- ✓ Promotes safety, permanency and well-being in and out of the courtroom
- ✓ Remains involved until the case is permanently resolved



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