

Dear Friend:

In 2023, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County **have served 700 abused and neglected children in our community.**

Friends of CASA Speak Up for Children Appeal – [Give Today](#)

Court Appointed Special Advocates are highly trained volunteers who give of their time to provide a powerful voice in court for child victims of abuse and neglect involved in the child welfare system. These CASA volunteers provide **support to children in our county who are most in need.** (Learn more about CASA's life-changing work [here](#). Interested in becoming a volunteer? [Click here](#) to learn more.)

Friends of CASA of Franklin County, Ohio supports these advocates by funding on-going training to build specialized skills and knowledge – *and we support vital volunteer recruitment efforts to ensure that as many children as possible can be served.*

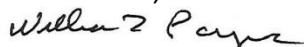
[Your tax-deductible gift](#) will make a difference right away by funding on-going training that focuses on children's mental health, supporting sibling relationships and helping birth parents and foster families work together for the betterment of a child's situation.

Whether you are a first-time donor or renewing your support for 2023, you are making a significant difference in interrupting trauma and ensuring that local children who have been abused and neglected are in safe and loving homes. In 2023 your support of Friends of CASA enabled us to fund:

- Launch of an online training module that allows CASA volunteers to complete their initial training and continuing education online at their own convenience.
- Training for volunteers included two modules on how to better assist LGBTQ youth in the child welfare system.
- 380 overnight bags are being distributed to children who are in the midst of an emergency placement. The bags include personal care and comfort items and are large enough for the child to pack belongings as they leave the home that they know.
- A three-month digital and radio volunteer recruitment campaign to recruit volunteers, with a special focus on reaching adult males and people of color.

We thank you for your commitment and support of Friends of CASA. Your gift will help change a child's story.

With thanks,



William Payne

President, Friends of CASA Board of Directors

