



FRIENDS OF CASA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO August 2023 News Update

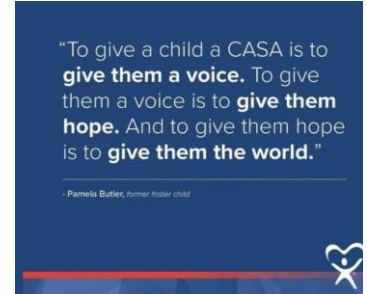
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CASA VOLUNTEERS ... GIVING THEIR HEART AND SOUL TO HELP A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN ABUSED AND NEGLECTED!

Through July 31, CASA volunteer Guardians ad Litem (GALs) **worked one-on-one with 616 child victims of abuse and neglect from 307 families** in Franklin County. Together, these compassionate volunteers have already given **over 7,600 volunteers hours** helping the children assigned them by the Franklin County courts!

However, of the 247 current active CASA volunteers, just 37 are male – and only 55 of the total volunteers are people of color. The need is especially high for more men of diverse backgrounds to work with boys of all ages who have been abused and neglected.



CAN YOU HELP MEET THE NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS – AND BE THAT STRONG VOICE TO HELP A CHILD?

A new volunteer training session begins September 24. This training is a combination of six sessions (online, virtual and in-person) through November 12 – five of which are held on Sundays. Learn more about the criteria for becoming a volunteer – and how you can advocate for the child by Learning, Engaging, Collaborating and Reporting online [here](#).



Bill Payne, current board president of Friends of CASA of Franklin County, Ohio shares his thoughts as a CASA GAL – and the rewards of making a difference in the lives of children ages birth to 18.

There are children and families in our community that need support. You can be a consistent and positive adult in a child's life as a CASA Guardian ad Litem.

SUPPORTING FRIENDS AND HELPING CHILD VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT THROUGH COMBINED CHARITABLE CAMPAIGNS AND WORKPLACE GIVING PROGRAMS.

Friends is again participating in the annual workplace giving campaigns coordinated through Community Shares of Mid-Ohio - and several large central Ohio workplaces are part of the 3rd Party-Managed campaigns. Among the workplaces are the State of Ohio, City of Columbus, Franklin County and The Ohio State University, along with Hilliard, Upper Arlington, and South-Western city school districts.

If you are an employee of one of the organizations listed above, you can make a one-time donation or ongoing payroll deduction on behalf of Friends as shown below:

- **State of Ohio Campaign dates Aug. 22 – Oct. 20** ... Employees can access the ePledge site by signing into myOhio.gov and then clicking on myCCC.
- **The Ohio State University Buckeyes for Charity Campaign dates Sept. 18 – Nov. 3** ... Click the [online Giving Link](#). Use your OSU NAME.# and password to access and click Pledge Now to begin the process
- **Franklin County Campaign dates Sept. 11 – Nov. 3** ... Ask your supervisor or HR office how to give.
- **The City of Columbus Campaign dates Oct. 2 – Nov. 9** ... Ask your supervisor or HR office how to give.

Finally, use **code 19022** to support Friends of CASA and help child victims of abuse and neglect in Franklin County.