



Friends of CASA of Franklin County, Ohio June 2023 News Update

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In the first five months of 2023, 150 CASA volunteers have served 565 children from 285 family units, giving a collective total of 5,002 volunteer hours! There were 27 cases still to be assigned at the beginning of June – and the need for additional volunteers is ongoing. While registration is now closed for the summer training which begins July 9, another session starts Sunday, September 24 and continues through November 12. Training sessions are held over the weekend, allowing more flexibility in your daily schedule. Learn more at <https://casa.franklincountyohio.gov/Volunteer/Training>.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
ONE CHILD
AT A TIME



Friends continues its ongoing relationship with See Kids Dream, a program founded in Columbus in 2008 to facilitate year-long service programs in central Ohio elementary schools. We are grateful for their continued invitations to speak at local elementary schools on the issue of child abuse and neglect.



Sullivant



Weinland Park



Devonshire Alternative

In response to the presentations, these amazing students reached out to collect donations of school supplies and educational materials and money – and we are overwhelmed by their compassion and generosity. Earlier this month, Friends was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,089.65 from donations raised by students at the Devonshire Alternative Elementary School, and boxes of supplies, learning activities and other materials were collected by students at Sullivant and Weinland Park Elementary Schools. These children are making a difference and we thank the students, teachers and folks at See Kids Dream from the bottom of our hearts!



We are pleased to report that Friends is working diligently on our new program, Fostering Hope and Dignity, through which we will give travel bags to children served by CASA GALs who are transitioning from one foster home to another. Rather than having to carry their belongings in a trash bag, they will each receive their own bag with age-appropriate personal daily care products, a soft blanket and a comfort cuddly or water bottle, as well as other items to call their own. Some products have been ordered and already received or are awaiting shipment, and others are in the ordering process. We expect to start distribution of the travel bags later this summer. Further updates will be forthcoming.