



Friends of CASA of Franklin County, Ohio

June News Update

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Thank you to our recent grantors

Friends thanks the Crane Family Foundation, AEP Foundation, Park National Bank and the Cardinal Health Foundation for their continued commitment to helping CASA Guardians ad Litem (GALs) as they serve children in Franklin County who have been abused and neglected. Funding from these and other grantors, and [support from our donors](#), makes a difference in the lives of several hundred children each year!



It takes just one man or woman with an open heart to be a GAL!

Two news segments about CASA and volunteer GALs – and the need for more volunteers – aired on NBC4 Columbus last month. One featured Lt. Governor Jon Husted and his wife, Tina Husted, who is a member of the board of Ohio CASA and is a volunteer GAL.

The other news story featured Kevin Greenwood who spoke on behalf of CASA of Franklin County and the impact a GAL can make. Both videos can be viewed [online here](#).



Jamie's Story

One fall afternoon, while binge watching a detective show, I saw a commercial for CASA that brought tears to my eyes. Over the next few days, I could not stop thinking about the children in the commercial and the positive change one person made in their life.

I reached out through the CASA website and was quickly contacted, signed up for the training program, sworn in and accepted my first case. My role has been essential to protecting a preteen and helping her navigate placement, understanding what comes next and being a consistent person she can turn to. I am someone she can trust to stand up for her best interests and tell her and others the truth.

I am someone who answers the hard questions and someone to stand beside her during difficult times in her case.

Jamie Wilson
CASA GAL Volunteer

A CASA Volunteer:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must successfully pass a screening process and background check
- Receives 45 hours of initial training
- Must attend 12 hours of in-service training each year
- Serves an average of 10-15 hours per month

CASA's next volunteer training program starts July 24. Learn more and apply [here](#).

By the numbers ...

Through May 31, 2022, 468 children from 238 family units have been served by volunteer GALs this year – and there are currently 322 active volunteers.