



## Friends of CASA of Franklin County, Ohio August News Update

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**Did you know?** There is no typical profile of a [Court Appointed Special Advocate](#). CASA volunteers come from all walks of life, with a variety of professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds. They are male and female adults who are employed, retired, at-home parents, or full-time volunteers. At this time, adult males make up just 20% of the 265 current active volunteer Guardians ad Litem (GALs) at CASA of Franklin County, Ohio – and more male volunteers are welcome and needed!

Through September 30, CASA GALs have worked with **588 children from 298 family units**. Also in September, seven new volunteer Guardians ad Litem were sworn in by Franklin County Magistrate Terrence Scott. Welcome to these new GALs – and we thank all GALs for their commitment to helping abused and neglected children.

**Friends thanks the Harry C. Moores Foundation for a \$15,000 grant** awarded in September. These funds will be used for the development and implementation of a new specialized training program that will enhance knowledge and skills of GALs specific to additional emotional turmoil abused and neglected children are experiencing post-pandemic. This turmoil can be manifesting largely because of adults in the family who abuse alcohol and other drugs and may be worsened among children who lost a parent or other family member to drug overdose.

**There were 55 CASA staff, volunteers and Friends board members** who attended the Ohio CASA 2022 Celebrate Kids! Conference in Columbus last month. Friends is proud to have provided scholarships for 18 CASA volunteers so they could attend the three-day conference.



**Friends also participated in an employee volunteer fair organized by Huntington Bank** for employees to learn about volunteer opportunities here in Columbus. If your organization offers such an event and is looking for non-profits to represent their cause, Friends is interested – all you need to do is send an email to [friendscasafranklincty@gmail.com](mailto:friendscasafranklincty@gmail.com).



**Look for information coming later this month regarding our 2022 Speak Up For Children Update & Appeal.** Your support makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of abused and neglected children served by CASA of Franklin County volunteer GALs each year!

**Community Shares of Mid Ohio's private and public sector combined charitable campaigns continue** – and if you are an employee of any of the organizations shown below and want to make a one-time donation or set up a payroll deduction in support of Friends, you can do so by using Friends' code number 19022. If you have questions about making a donation or pledge, contact your respective human resources person to find out how to give.

Among the entities participating in the Combined Charitable Campaign (and the end dates) are:

- The State of Ohio campaign – through October 22, 2022
- Franklin County – through November 4, 2022
- The Ohio State University Buckeyes for Charity Campaign – through November 4, 2022
- City of Columbus – through November 11, 2022

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