How would you describe yourself in 3 words?
Loud, Interested, Passionate

Why did you choose to get involved with CASA?
My mother passed away when I was young. She had fostered 18 kids over 8 years. She loved all of them. I still hear from them occasionally and the message they consistently share is this: “Your mom made a difference to my life because she was one person I knew I could trust and I knew cared about me.” I’m not my mom, but I wanted a way to contribute to the welfare of children. CASA provides a structured way to positively impact those kids most in need of someone who cares and has their best interest at heart. I love working with kids and having a structured way to do it.

What is your best moment, to date, with CASA?
I went to visit one of my kids at school. He is a Freshman and I wasn’t sure we had really connected. I overheard him giving the counselor some grief about coming up to the office and she mentioned that it was rude to keep Mr. Enkey waiting. As soon as he heard my name his whole demeanor changed and he quickly walked in so we could talk. That was a win for me.

What advice would you give a new CASA?
Work with your Supervisor! They are all great and they want what you want – the best interest of the child. Remember that you are here to serve an institution, not the other way around. I often ask myself “What would a CASA do here? What is a CASA’s role here?” If it’s what a CASA would do – do it! If it isn’t – talk to your supervisor. One area I have to remind myself of that a lot is when dealing with parents. I remind myself that it isn’t my role to judge if these parents are good people or not (what a relief). My role is to determine the best interest of the child.

Who inspires you?
Everyone! Seriously there are so many wonderful admirable people. Every member of my training class is inspiring to me, so is the staff at Henrico CASA. I think it is a common experience to arrive at a place in life where you look back and realize how much you owe so many people for being the great people they are. None of us get where we are on our own.

What is your favorite way to spend your time (outside of CASA, that is)?
Family time and reading! I love playing with my kids and wife who are all awesome people. They are genuinely fun to be around and crack me up. I also love reading – hit me up on goodreads!