Did You Know?

**CASA BEYOND THE COURTROOM**

Henrico CASA volunteers are everyday people who generously give their time to be a light in the lives of children experiencing abuse and neglect. Our volunteer advocates are appointed by judges and speak up for children within the courtroom. However, their influence reaches even further. CASA volunteers impact:

- **Families.** CASA is focused on strengthening families and keeping families together, when that can be safely achieved.
- **Education.** CASAs attend school meetings to recommend strategies that support learning and academic success.
- **Child Welfare System.** By collaborating with social workers, foster parents, and other professionals, CASA keeps a child’s best interest and overall well-being in the forefront, improving case efficiency.

Most importantly, CASA volunteers become a child’s safe, trusted adult, bringing light into their darkest days.

Sam and Christopher’s Story

Sam and Christopher* were born into a tumultuous home life marked by domestic violence. Over time, their mother realized that although the violence was against her and not the children, it was still significantly impacting them. The father was arrested for assault, allowing the mother to leave the abusive relationship and file for custody of her sons.

The boys’ CASA volunteer, Alex, spent a lot of time with Sam and Christopher. Alex was able to listen to them talk about the changes they were experiencing. She recognized that while safe, the boys still missed their father deeply.

CASA worked with case professionals to encourage a safe visitation arrangement with the boys’ paternal relatives. The visits with their paternal family not only helped the boys feel more connected to their father, but to their culture. CASA ensured their safety, but also helped create an arrangement that gave them a stronger sense of identity.

*Names changed*
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2. They are appointed by the _______.
3. They serve _____ child at a time.
4. CASA ensures every child has a ________ home.
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7. As they build ________, the child is able to convey their wants and needs.
8. CASAs listen and amplify the child’s ________ in court.

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98% OF CHILDREN MAINTAINED ONE DEDICATED CASA
61 NEW CHILDREN REFERRED TO CASA SINCE JULY 2022

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