



# A VOICE OF **CARE**



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## **How would you describe yourself in 3 words?**

Earnest, Caring, and Uplifting

## **Why did you choose to get involved with CASA?**

I am a foster parent. I thought with my experience as a foster parent, I could hopefully help unheard children and families. I could help them have a voice and a safe place to communicate their wishes outside of a courtroom.

## **What is your best moment, to date, with CASA?**

The best moment as a CASA volunteer is seeing the kid(s) happy to be in a situation that makes them smile. The situations the families are in is not only difficult for the adults, but is also hard for the kids to endure. It is really exciting to see them happy about the outcome.

## **What advice would you give a new CASA?**

My advice for a new CASA volunteer is to be open-minded and non-judgmental; do not make it personal because there will be a lot of emotions and strong feelings involved. You will also learn more if you are quiet and listen, and be patient with all parties involved.

## **Who inspires you?**

I am inspired by people who take time out of the day to be of service to others.

## **What is your favorite way to spend your time (outside of CASA, that is!)?**

I am starting to read more books for pleasure now and I am learning about potential DIY projects around the house.