



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

COLES COUNTY CASA

CASA News

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Mission: Coles County CASA is a not-for-profit corporation that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children brought into the Coles County juvenile court system.



CASA Swears in New Advocates

On August 25, 2013, Judge Matthew Sullivan conducted a swearing-in ceremony for five new advocates. We give a hearty welcome to Theresa Carey, Asha Dixon, Sandy Johnson, Kate Klipp and Jennifer Stringfellow.

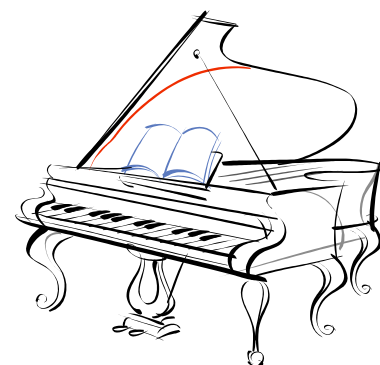
Each new advocate has completed 30 hours of training. They are dedicated to being the eyes and ears of an abused and neglected child for the judge. We're pleased to have them in our ranks!

An Afternoon of Music

Sunday, November 3 2:00 p.m.
Charleston Presbyterian Church

Helen Krehbiel-Reed and Suellyn Garner have generously offered to share their amazing talents in a fundraiser for Coles County CASA. Both are extraordinary pianists whose abilities have been enjoyed by countless adults and students in Charleston. Helen and her late husband John have also been CASA volunteers and worked hard to give a voice to a neglected child here in Coles County.

Join us to hear some beautiful music!
All proceeds from the free-will offering will go to
Coles County CASA.





Thank you!

A local motorcycle club, "Hellfire DC," recently held a poker run as a fund-raiser for CASA. It was organized by Fod McElwee, an employee at the Coles County Courthouse and President of Hellfire DC. We are grateful to Fod and all of his biking friends for their generosity! All funds will be used to recruit, train, and monitor CASA volunteers as they advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

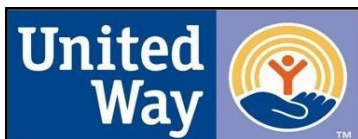


Hellfire DC on the road

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Coles County CASA is a proud member of the United Way

South Side Café treated our new advocates to the best cheeseburgers in town! Thank you!

Find us on Facebook!
Friend us at:
Coles County CASA
for Children.



Smoky's House provided a wonderful meal for us during our recent volunteer training!

**Special Thanks to.....
Charleston Carnegie
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Volunteer Spotlight

How did you become an advocate?

When I retired in 2009, one of my daughters mentioned that she thought I would find being a CASA advocate meaningful and fulfilling. She encouraged me to go through the training. And how true I found her words to be.

What do you like best and least about being a CASA volunteer?

I have been challenged and rewarded in this experience--challenged by the enormous responsibility I feel as an advocate and rewarded when I see children back with their parents in a renewed, safe environment or happily placed in a caring foster home. I have been saddened by the large numbers of neglected or abused children found just in Coles County.

What keeps you motivated?

One aspect I have especially appreciated has been meeting and visiting with other CASA advocates. The continual support I feel from Susan Bulla and Kristen Bertrand as our leaders, keeps me motivated and hopeful. I encourage anyone interested to become a CASA advocate!



CASA Volunteer
Gail Lockart

Adopt A Child



Did you know that the cost of CASA advocating for the best interests of one child is about \$1000 per year? This includes the recruitment, training and monitoring of volunteers. You can help CASA by committing to donate over a period of 3 years to help defray that cost.

Please consider making a three year pledge to support CASA's efforts. Your monetary contribution will enable us to continue to provide a voice to children who have no one to speak for them!

Adopt-A-Child Pledge

Your gift will allow Coles County CASA to provide all training and advocacy efforts needed for a neglected and/or abused child for 3 years. We are asking you to consider a 3-year pledge. Your gift may be given as:

- A gift of \$1,000 per year
- A gift of \$500 per year
- A gift of \$250 per year
- Other: _____

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks available to Coles County CASA, 651 Jackson Ave. Room 13, Charleston, IL 61920

Can You Help Coles County CASA Advocate for Children?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of CASA | \$0 - \$99 | Name _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level | \$100 - \$249 | Address _____ |
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I prefer newsletter delivery by U.S. Mail Email

This gift is in honor of _____ * Your donation to CASA is

This gift is in memory of _____ tax deductible.

Please notify _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I am interested in becoming an advocate.
- I would like more information about including CASA in my will or estate planning.

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