

Our Mission: CASA of Travis County exists to promote and protect the best interest of children who have been abused or neglected, by training volunteers to advocate for them in courts, in schools and in our community to help them find safe, permanent and loving homes.

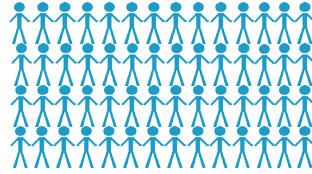


THE POWER OF CASA VOLUNTEERS

Program Staff (22)

Volunteers (562)

Children Helped (1412)



CASA of Travis County believes every child who's been abused or neglected deserves to have a dedicated advocate speaking up for their best interest in court, at school and in our community. To accomplish this, CASA educates and empowers diverse community volunteers who ensure each child's needs remain a priority in an over-burdened child welfare system. When the state steps in to protect a child's safety because the people responsible for protecting them have not, a judge appoints a trained CASA volunteer to make independent and informed recommendations and help the judge decide what's best for the child.



A CASA VOLUNTEER?

WHO IS



Meet Tara Ates

- » 5-year volunteer
- » Has worked with 9 CASA children
- » Works as a Contract Manager for AT&T
- » Married for 19 years
- » Has an 18 year-old daughter and a 15 year-old son
- » Teaches Sunday school at her church

*"I truly believe that CASA brings a **magnificent strength** to the courtroom on behalf of children. I know I can count on the courage of CASA staff and volunteer advocates to speak for the best interest of children and to make recommendations that are creative and go beyond the typical."*

- Judge Darlene Byrne of the 126th District Court

CASA by the Numbers:

- \$899,903** – approximate value of time volunteers donate
- 81%** – children in CPS care for whom CASA advocates
- 500** – children who need a CASA volunteer but don't have one
- \$1,500** – cost of providing a CASA volunteer for a child for one year
- 64%** – revenue from charitable donations
- 36%** – revenue from government grants



3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW

VOLUNTEER Become a CASA volunteer advocate and your voice will make a difference to an abused and neglected child.

DONATE Give online, via mail or over the phone.

JOIN The Powerful Voice Society, Community for CASA and special event committees need you!

Visit www.casatrails.org to find out more!

CASA of Travis County: A Powerful Voice in a Child's Life

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