

Dear Prospective Volunteer:

When I retired after a long career with the State of Texas, I wanted a serious volunteer opportunity that would use my skills but be something totally different from anything I had experienced thus far. After almost 5 years of volunteering with CASA, I can tell you honestly that it fills the bill.

First, I took the comprehensive training that is excellent preparation for the adventures ahead. During the training, CASA staff assured me that not having children of my own would not hinder my ability to volunteer, that I would be asked to accept only one case at a time (unless I wanted more!) and that professional CASA staff would always be there to advise, assist and fill in for me as needed. All of those assurances are true.

What do CASA kids need? It's simple and it's complicated. They need an advocate. They need an adult who can get to know them, understand their situation, listen to their fears and hopes, and speak for them when they can't speak for themselves. They need someone who is there, not because they are paid to be there or because of a family obligation, but because they want to make sure that the child's needs are the primary concern in all the decisions that will be made while the child is in state care. You can provide that.

As a volunteer, you will be appalled at some of the situations CASA kids have experienced and you will be amazed at their spirit and resilience. You will be frustrated with the overburdened system and its bewildering complexities, and you will be impressed with the dedication of the professionals who work through these complexities every day to do their best for the children in their care. CASA volunteers spend the time with the children that the professionals on the case simply can't. We can't make everything all right, but we really do make a difference.

Please join us. There are kids out there who need you.

Sincerely,



Rose Ann Reeser
CASA Volunteer since 2006



Rose Ann and her husband John