

April 26, 2023

To Ways and Means Co-Chairs and Committee Members,

I've been with CASA two years with two cases. With both cases, I focus on the needs of the displaced children. They were taken from their parents under dire circumstances and traumatized. As a CASA volunteer, I tended to the children's needs by working closely with the resource parents and children. I made sure they were in a safe, healthy environment with all their physical, medical, social and psychological needs met. I listened to the children, contacted their teachers, visited with them and their families. I attended court hearing and made written and oral reports to the judge, attorneys, and Department of Human Services caseworker. CASA provided much needed clothing, holiday gifts, resource information and support. Focus is always on the CASA children and their needs. I keep myself available to help in any way I can and try to provide a positive attitude with hope for their future with their resource family or reunited with parents.

Personally, this is sometimes hard work, but the rewards are the smiles from the children, thanks from the community and supportive staff of CASA. Thank you.

Sincerely,