

Friends of CASA

At CASA of the Heartland, we recruit, train and support volunteers in the community who advocate for children in the Family Court System in the Hardin County/Fort Knox area. Many of these children have been abused and neglected. They need someone to be their constant voice in a very complex and changing system.

If the time commitment or the role of advocating for individual children is not something you are able to do, our program offers a wonderful avenue to volunteer as a "Friend of CASA". Supporting the CASA mission comes in a variety of potential possibilities and YOU are always needed and welcome to be a part of our mission to support the children.

To be a Friend of CASA — you just need a heart for helping kids! You can let us know what interests and skills you have and what areas you would be interested in helping with. You can also ask for more information about our traditional CASA volunteer role if you're uncertain whether you'd like to be a CASA volunteer, a Friend of CASA — or both! Note that some roles may be required to complete a background check and take an oath of confidentiality.

Examples of how you can help

Event Staffing or Planning - Assist when needed with outreach events; help promote the event by assisting with mass mailings for invitations or thank you letters; put together gift bags, or even assist by acquiring auction items or sponsorships; sharing information regularly on social media or other networks.

Administrative Assistance - Help around the CASA office with any non-confidential tasks such as mass mailings, binding books, printing mailers etc.

Outreach/Recruitment – Help to connect CASA of the Heartland with groups to speak about our mission, assist when needed in staffing booths (along with CASA staff members) at public events that are aimed at spreading awareness about our organization and the need for volunteers.

Social Media/Marketing – Donate your time and skills as a photographer or videographer, other needed graphics work or share your online expertise to help CASA of the Heartland improve its online presence.

Fundraising - Ask people to donate to CASA of the Heartland or connect CASA with individuals or organizations that may be interested in donating.

Interpreter - People who are fluent in English and at least one other language may be able to help us better serve children whose family members do not speak English. You must be at least 21 years old, pass the same background checks as CASA volunteers and be sworn in by a judge before they can be assigned to a case. Interpreters can help ensure family members are fully understood, which improves outcomes for the children and families involved in a case.

Other Ways - If there are other ways you can think of helping us out – just let us know.

Fill out the information below or contact us by phone at 270-982-2274 or email us at <u>CASAstaff@casaheartland.org</u>.

Friends of CASA <u>Application</u>

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Email:	_
Phone Number:	
How did you hear about CASA of the Heartland	<u>1?</u>

Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in helping CASA of the Heartland:

<u>Connections:</u> Tell us if you have connections to any clubs, nonprofits, churches, etc. We love to collaborate with other groups!

<u>Area of Interest:</u> Choose the areas in which you would like to be notified when we a have a new need you might be able to help with. Explanations of each area are listed above on this form.

- Event Staffing/Planning
- Administrative Assistance
- Outreach/Recruitment
- Social Media/Marketing
- Fundraising
- Interpreter
- Other

Becoming a CASA Volunteer:

Let us know if you would also like more information about becoming a CASA volunteer and advocating for children in court. CASA volunteers must be at least 21 years old.

Other Information:

Let us know anything else, including if you need to earn service hours for a class or organization.

*Are you ok with a background check and signing an Oath of Confidentiality? Some roles may require this. Comment Here: