

# Court Appointed Special Advocates *FOR CHILDREN*



# CASA

## Our History

CASA of the 2<sup>nd</sup> judicial district was founded in 1995. CASA/GAL volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children's best interests. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. We serve children from birth through the age defined by state statute as the limit to youth remaining in care.

Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.

Our best-interest advocacy is driven by the guiding principle that children grow and develop best with their family of origin, if that can be safely achieved. Most of the children we work with are in foster care, but some are with their family of origin. And, most children who leave foster care do so to return to their family.

## OUR MISSION

Recruit, train and support volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children in the foster care system until they reach safe and permanent homes.



By donating to the Greene County Community Fund, you are funding the work that can be done through the CASA.

**Thank you for helping my friends!**