



Join us as we *Light the Way* for CASA for Kids, Washington!

We invite you to help us *Light the Way* for abused and neglected children in Washington County in support of CASA for Kids.

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Returning to an in-person event at St. Benedict the Abbot, on Saturday, October 15, 2022, we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of advocacy in Washington County. The event will feature a delicious dinner from Chef Michael Passalacqua of Angelo's Restaurant, entertainment from Adam Brock and his Jazz band, raffle baskets, and a video presentation looking back at the past 20 years of our organization.

The mission of CASA for Kids, Inc. is to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the Washington County Juvenile Court System. By training community volunteers to serve as factfinders and speak for the children in court; children's needs are met to ensure safety, permanency, and an opportunity to thrive in their lives.

How does having a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) assigned to a case help?

- A child with a CASA is more likely to find a safe, permanent home.
- A child with a CASA gets more help while in the system.
- A child with a CASA is more likely to have a consistent adult on their case.
- A child with a CASA spends less time in foster care.
- A child with a CASA does better in school.

Currently, we have 52 active volunteers, serving 113 children, with a waiting list of children who the court has requested a CASA volunteer be assigned. We are hosting this benefit event to support our program to recruit, train, and support advocates to serve on these cases.

We hope that you will join us in support of our mission by providing a sponsorship to *Light the Way* for CASA for Kids, Washington.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Moore and Maggie McCauley  
Co-Chairs – Light the Way 2022

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2022  
Sponsorship  
Opportunities

*Light the Way*

20th Anniversary  
Celebration Dinner  
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022

6:30pm  
St. Benedict  
the Abbot Church  
120 Abington Dr.  
McMurray, PA 15317



Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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**CASA FOR KIDS, INC.**

# Sponsorship Opportunities



## SPOTLIGHT Sponsor - \$1500

- Reserved Table for Ten
- Signage at the Event
- Social Media Recognition with Logo



## LANTERN Sponsor - \$1000

- Six Reserved Seats
- Signage at the Event
- Social Media Recognition with Logo



## CANDLE Sponsor - \$500

- Four Reserved Seats
- Signage at the Event
- Social Media Recognition



## FRIENDS Sponsor - \$250

- Sends a CASA Volunteer to the Celebration Dinner
- Signage at the Event
- Social Media Recognition

### *Exclusive Opportunities - Only 1 of Each*



## BAR Sponsor - \$3000

- Ten Reserved Seats
- Branded Bar Napkins
- Signage at the Bars
- Social Media Recognition with Logo



## ~~APPETIZER Sponsor - \$3000~~

- Ten Reserved Seats
- Branded Appetizer Napkins
- Signage at the Appetizer Station
- Social Media Recognition with Logo

**SOLD OUT**



## DESSERT Sponsor - \$3000

- Ten Reserved Seats
- Branded Dessert Napkins
- Signage at the Dessert Station
- Social Media Recognition with Logo

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# CASA FOR KIDS, WASHINGTON

## Friends of the Court...

A Court Appointed Special Advocate will:

- Gather information about the child, visit the child at least monthly, and provide recommendations to the court regarding the child's placement and needed services.
- Will be assigned to one case giving them the time to focus on the child and provide detailed information to the court.
- Work with attorneys, social workers, and service providers to investigate relevant facts of the case, advocate for a child's best interest, facilitate communication between the parties in the case, and monitor the case.
- Act as the eyes and ears of the court, by thoroughly researching all facets of the assigned case.
- Speak on behalf of the child in the court room.



### A CASA Must...

- Be 21 Years of Age or Older
- Pass All Background Screenings
- Participate in the National CASA Research-Informed Curriculum Training
- Commit to Advocate on a Case for at Least 18 months



Having a CASA volunteer, a caring, consistent adult - someone who listens, checks in, follows up, holds the system accountable, and puts the child's best interest before all others - can make a difference.

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# CASA for Kids, Washington Key Outcomes 2002 - 2022

CASA for Kids, Inc. was established in 2002 as a 501 (c) (3) organization following a yearlong feasibility study. The study was initiated by a group of concerned citizens, child welfare agencies, and juvenile court judge, the Honorable Katherine B. Emery, following the death of an abused and neglected child who was “lost in the cracks” of the child welfare system.

The court recognized the need for an objective factfinder who would focus on the needs and wishes of a child. That factfinder would make recommendations as to the best interests of the child, thus helping the court make more informed decisions.

## 1434

Number of children assigned and served by a CASA from April 2002 to May 2022.

This reflects the total history of our number of children served by the program.

Number of volunteers trained from April 2002 to May 2022. **325**

## 252,000

Number of donated volunteer hours from April 2002 to May 2022.

## \$7.5 Million

Amount of donated advocacy dollars that remained in Washington County.

*Based on the National Average of Volunteer Labor Valued at \$29.95/Hour*

