

## There's no place like hope ...

#### CASA of Chautauqua County Inc.

Founded in 2003, CASA of Chautauqua County Inc. has served over 400 local children in the pursuit of safe, permanent and loving homes.

#### How do I Volunteer?

CASA Volunteers are simply citizens who care about the wellbeing of children. There aren't any special skills required to become an advocate. CASA Volunteers are everyday people from a variety of professional, educational and cultural backgrounds who have one goal: to ensure that a child's best interests are not being overlooked.

CASA Volunteers work with attorneys, social workers, parents, teachers, family members and most importantly, the child. They review information, observe family interactions and present their concerns and suggestions to the judge as to what is in the best interest of the child.

For more information and to apply visit: chautauquacasa.com/volunteer

#### **CASA Facts:**

A child who has been appointed a CASA Volunteer...

- Is more likely to be adopted.
- W Receives more necessary services.
- **W** Is more likely to pass all courses in school.
- Is less likely to be expelled from school.

#### **CASA Mission:**

The mission of Court Appointed Special Advocates in Chautauqua County, NY is to provide an independent voice in court, advocating for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe, permanent and loving homes.



But hope needs a helping hand. Lend your voice and change a child's story today!

#### What is CASA?

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a national nonprofit that recruits, trains and supports citizen volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the foster care system. These volunteers ensure children are not overlooked in an overburdened child and legal welfare system. Each CASA volunteer is appointed by a Family Court Judge to be a voice for children in court with the ultimate goal of finding a safe, permanent and loving home.

"We believe that a safe, permanent and loving home is every child's <u>birthright</u>."

#### Make a Tax-Deductible Gift

CASA of Chautauqua County is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization serving more than 60 local children each year.

CASA is supported through a combination of grants, private and public funds, annual fundraisers and individual donations. Through making a gift to CASA of Chautauqua, you can help ensure that this program is viable for the future. Contributions support CASA Volunteers in guiding abused and neglected children through the overburdened legal and child welfare systems to safe, permanent and loving homes, where they can grow to become healthy adults.

# Help a child in foster care succeed.

Enclosed is my contribution of:

■ \$25.00 ■ \$50.00 ■ \$100.00 ■ \$250.00 ■ \$500.000 ■ Other

\*Please make checks payable to: CASA of Chautaugua County, Inc.

Name:

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_

Thank you for your generosity!

#### CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc.

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#### **National CASA Association**

www.nationalcasa.org and the New York State CASA Association

www.casanys.org



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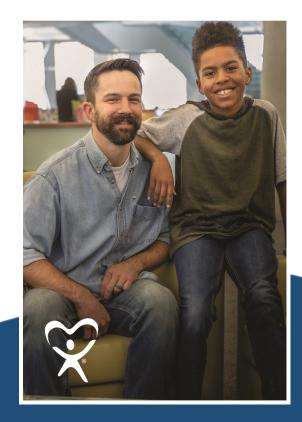
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