



FRIENDS of CASA

If you have a passion for children and are looking for an opportunity to help children in your community, Friends of CASA may be for you. We are looking for quality individuals to help further our mission for abused and neglected children in the 5th Judicial District through a new committee called Friends of CASA.

Friends of CASA is a volunteer opportunity dedicated to supporting the mission of CASA by:

- Strengthening community awareness and public appreciation;
- Contributing to its financial strength;
- Identifying potential CASA volunteers
- Providing appropriate service to CASA staff and board

Friends of CASA is a standing committee of the Board of Directors, with a Chairperson providing the link between the Board and Friends of CASA;

Project and Task opportunities include:

- Public Relations and Outreach – brochure distribution, volunteer fairs, community events and educate the public about CASA
- Fundraising – assist, plan and organize events

Friends of CASA membership is open to those who support CASA's mission, represent CASA's values, and have a desire to help victimized children.

If you are interested in applying to become a Friend of CASA please call the CASA office at 479-880-1195 to request an application. All applicants must complete an application and interview.



FRIENDS OF CASA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NAME

The name of this organization, Friends of the 5th Judicial District Court Appointed Special Advocates, shall be known as "Friends of CASA".

MISSION

The mission of CASA of the 5th Judicial District is to provide abused, neglected and dependent children a voice in the court process in order for these children to find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. Our mission is accomplished through community volunteers who are trained to advocate for the best interests of each child.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to provide community awareness and much needed fundraising events to support CASA of the 5th Judicial Districts mission to advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care. Our main goal is to have a CASA for every child in foster care.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons ages 21 and up interested in CASA of the 5th Judicial District without discrimination. Background checks will be done on all members.

MEETINGS

The membership shall meet monthly for a general membership meeting. Special events meetings may be called by the person overseeing Friends of CASA when necessary and with the approval of the Friends of CASA Liaison of the CASA Board and the Executive Director.

OVERVIEW

Friends of CASA should consist of no less than 6 and no more than 20 members. A majority of members present at any given meeting shall be a quorum.

Members shall be designated by the Friends of CASA nomination committee and approved by the head of Friends of CASA and the Executive Director. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. If a Friends of CASA is not keeping their commitment or is no longer acting in the best interest of CASA of the 5th Judicial District they may at any time be let go by the Executive Director.

Friends of CASA shall include a Board Liaison to Friends of CASA and a Staff Liaison to Friends of CASA and attend most meetings. The President of the CASA Board shall appoint a Liaison to Friends of CASA who will report back to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.

The CASA Board Treasurer/Executive Director is responsible for collecting all fundraising money and making sure that all the funds raised have been counted by at least two people at the end of the event. The Treasurer is responsible for funds to be deposited into CASA of the 5th Judicial Districts bank account.

EXEMPTIONS

Other organizations such a church groups, fraternities, sororities, established social or fraternal organizations that wish to help Friends of CASA raise funds are exempt from joining the organization.

ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

All activities, including special and fundraising events, news releases, and talking with the press or TV stations, must be approved by the Friends of CASA Liaison/ Executive Director. Upon approval, items will then be presented to the CASA Board by the liaison appointed by the President. All events must have an approved budget prior to making any purchases and always make sponsorships a priority.

The head of Friends of CASA is to ensure, through constant contact with the Executive Director, that all grant requirements, membership agreements, DF&A requirements, etc., are met prior to any and all events.

BYLAWS

The CASA Board of Directors shall approve initial bylaws for Friends of CASA. They may be revised or amended with the approval of the Friends of CASA Liaison, Board President and the Executive Director.



Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Referred by: _____

Membership:

- Must be 21 years of age and pass background check
- Attend Orientation and Yearly Retreat
- Must provide a copy of drivers license or other photo ID with Signature
- Must be committed to the work of CASA

What volunteer opportunities interest you the most?

___ Event Planning

___ Public Speaking

___ Working at Special Events

___ Fundraising

___ Recruitment and Awareness

___ Other: _____

Please mail your completed form to:
CASA of the 5th Judicial District
PO Box 1213
Russellville AR 72811