

Special Advocates

This year CC&V has sponsored an important organization in the Teller County region. The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is “to provide a voice in court for children who are victims of abuse, neglect or domestic conflict and to promote community awareness of these issues to ensure safe and permanent homes.” The group accomplishes this in many ways including representing the best interests of child victims in court; ensuring children who have been abused and neglected are placed in safe, stable homes as quickly as possible; and breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect.

Nine CASA volunteers served 38 children in Teller County during the last fiscal year. These volunteers contributed 468 hours of their time on behalf of abused and neglected children. Studies demonstrate that the involvement of a single individual can often change the long term success for victims of child abuse. The CASA volunteer is often the only adult who is a constant presence in a child’s experience.

CASA recently experienced cuts from both government and private sources of funds, forcing them to spend more energy raising much needed donations. CC&V is proud to contribute to the Court Appointed Special Advocates and assist in their mission to help child victims.