

A Leading Vision for Child Advocacy.....

A Message

from the Executive Director

The Grow a Healthy Child Program and Endowment Fund is our call to action to our community and all those who love CASA Kane County.

CASA Kane County has made a commitment to ensure the future of its important child advocacy program that serves 100% of abused and neglected children in the Kane County Juvenile Court System. In the summer of 2010, the Board of Directors approved an initiative for organizational advancement that would allow CASA to embark on its most ambitious fundraising campaign and would secure the future of this program—as long as the need exists.

For over a quarter of a century, CASA Kane County has been the only nonprofit organization in this community that advocates for abused and neglected children in court. What began with a feasibility study more than three years ago has now become a reality. The goal is to maintain and strengthen the current program through 12 professional staff who train and case manage more than 250 CASA/GAL volunteers who serve over 500 abused and neglected children each year.

The CASA Kane County organization is supported solely by private donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, grants and special event fundraising, and does not receive state or federal funding. The traditional sources of income that our program receives will not keep pace with the unpredictable and growing concerns of child abuse and neglect. These resources ensure that every child that comes into abuse/neglect and probate courts is provided a CASA/GAL volunteer and managed by experienced and dedicated staff.

That is why it is imperative that we initiate these special campaigns for legacy funding that will allow us to maintain its quality Guardian ad Litem program. With the support of our community, CASA Kane County's advocacy program and the children we help will benefit as long as the need is there.

The establishment of a program and Operational Endowment Fund will serve two key critical purposes:

- First, it will provide much-needed level of annual income to our operational budget to help us maintain the quality of our current program and planned outreach efforts.
- Second, the endowment will help provide for the long term sustainability for the organization in responding to the needs of our children, regardless of external factors.

Your gift to the endowment campaign will help improve the lives of youth and the long term sustainability of the organization in responding to the needs of our children, regardless of external factors.

I invite you to learn more by calling me directly at 630-444-3109.

Regards,

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