

# Your Voice for Local Children



**Natalie Reber**  
Executive Director

## Welcome Natalie!

*"I'm overjoyed to join Family Law CASA and grateful to you for changing the lives of vulnerable children in King County. I look forward to meeting you."*



We are excited to announce that Natalie Reber is Family Law CASA's new Executive Director.

Natalie comes to us with over fifteen years of experience in an Executive Director capacity and was most recently with Hospitality House, an emergency shelter for single homeless women. Natalie is also an attorney admitted to practice in Washington. She is deeply committed to social justice and has spent her career focused on work that improves the lives of vulnerable members of our community.

*With your wonderful support and with Natalie at the helm, Family Law CASA will continue to help as many local children as possible. THANK YOU.*



*You helped Thomas after his mom passed away.*

## Thomas Gets to See His Dad Again

When Thomas was 12 years old his mother died. Because his father left when he was very young, Thomas lived with an uncle who had filed for custody. Shortly after the mother's death the father contacted Thomas via social media. Thomas wrote to his dad saying "I have been thinking of you my entire life."

*I have been thinking of you my entire life*

You helped to provide an advocate who was assigned to come up with a schedule to gradually re-introduce Thomas and his father and at the same time assess for any safety concerns. During the information gathering process, the advocate uncovered prior domestic violence incidents involving the father. And, when the advocate interviewed Thomas she learned he had witnessed domestic violence growing up.

Thanks to your support the advocate was able to make sure Thomas was in the safest and best possible place. The advocate recommended Thomas remain with his uncle and the uncle should attend parenting classes as he was now the primary parent to a pre-teen young man. At the same time the court adopted the advocate's recommendation that the father receive domestic violence treatment. A safe visitation schedule between Thomas and his dad was implemented.

Because of you, an advocate's safety plan was put in place. Thomas now receives counseling to help him deal with the loss of his mom and to support the new relationship with his dad.

**VOLUNTEER  
ADVOCATES NEEDED**



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For a Child**

**Sign up for CASA Training**  
July 27 & 28 or  
October 19 & 20, 2018  
[www.familylawcasa.org](http://www.familylawcasa.org)



*Your gift helped Sarah and Emily feel safe again.*

## Thanks for Helping Sarah and Emily

Sarah and Emily were caught in the middle of their parent's bitter custody battle. Each parent made serious allegations regarding domestic violence and physical violence about one another. The young girls were confused and afraid.

Thankfully, you provided an advocate who took the time to meet with Sarah and Emily. The advocate also met with the parents; spoke to family friends; checked the school records; and observed each parent with their kids.

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After a lot of hard work, the advocate gained an understanding from family and friends about why the parents were having such a difficult time during their separation. He suggested a therapist who could help with co-parenting counseling. In the end the advocate found there were no significant problems with either parent and he recommended a shared schedule that worked for each parent.

**Now thanks to you, Sarah and Emily feel safe and secure and get to spend quality time with their parents.**

## SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018  
**CASA uncorked!**  
WINE TASTING  
DINNER & AUCTION EVENT

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No Case Manager  
No One to Help*

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