

Your Voice for Local Children



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You are making a powerful difference and changing lives.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, goes a long way in helping children living with domestic violence, addiction and mental illness in their home.

Thanks to you last year CASA helped 283 children in King County, giving them a voice in court and a safe custody plan.

You made it possible to work on 206 cases affecting 412 households.

Your support resulted in 161 written reports to the court; contributed to 54 mediations; and helped staff and volunteers appear at 38 trials plus 212 additional court hearings.

You supported 215 volunteer Advocates and because of you, CASA reports and recommendations helped 60% of families settle cases out of court.

THANK YOU!




Ben, Carter and Sam are Feeling Safe

Ben (12) Carter (9) and Sam (7) have been living with their grandparents since their mom and dad went to jail three years ago. Now out of prison the parents wanted to be a part of their lives and the court appointed an Advocate to determine if the children could be safe in their parents' care. Unfortunately, the police were called to the home after the mother expressed suicidal thoughts to Ben. And, the grandparents noticed changes in all three boys including an increased level of aggression, use of swear words and fighting with one another after visits with their parents.

Because of your support, the Advocate uncovered that all three children had significant struggles in school and behavior problems that developed when their parents came back into their lives. Sam developed a skin condition that a doctor attributed to the emotional stress. Ben revealed he was worried about his younger brothers and wished he could protect them from his parents. Carter harbored a lot of resentment and anger towards his parents and began to refuse visits.

The Advocate reported to the court that placing the children with their parents would be detrimental to their mental health and the boys were allowed to remain with their grandparents. Services and intense family therapy was ordered to repair the relationships between the children and their parents. The parents were also ordered to address their mental health and domestic violence issues through community services and only after that was done were they allowed to have unsupervised time.

Thanks to your gift Ben, Carter and Sam are feeling safe and secure and can focus on just being boys.

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Thank You for Helping Charlotte

Charlotte is just three years old but her life was incredibly bewildering. On “mom” days she would stay with her mother and go to a day care and on “dad” days Charlotte would move to her father’s home and be taken to a different day care. Every week Charlotte bounced between two homes, two day cares and even two doctors. Why?

In the midst of a highly volatile custody dispute, Charlotte’s parents couldn’t agree on anything for her sake.

Thank goodness you provided an Advocate for Charlotte. After seeing that all of the constant moving was so stressful to Charlotte, the Advocate worked on finding a day care that would suit both parent’s needs. The Advocate also researched pediatricians and found one that was covered by both parent’s health insurance plans.

In his report the Advocate addressed why Charlotte needed more stability in her life and the parents were able to come to an agreed Parenting Plan without the need of a trial. Now thanks to your help, Charlotte is so happy to attend just one day care. Charlotte’s parents are focusing on her needs and have even started counseling to better co-parent in the future.

MY GIFT FOR CHILDREN LIKE CHARLOTTE, BEN, CARTER & SAM



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