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## **Give Your Heart to a Child in Foster Care**

*Become a CASA Volunteer*

**Arizona** — Are you ready to dedicate some of your time each month to advocate for a child in Arizona’s foster care system who has faced abuse or neglect?

This Valentine’s Day, consider opening your heart to a child in foster care by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. A CASA volunteer is appointed by the court and trained to represent the best interests of a child navigating the foster care system.

When a child is placed in foster care, they need dedicated individuals to advocate for them, to communicate their needs effectively, and to ultimately, make a significant impact on their life.

“Volunteers don’t need to be experts in child welfare policy. What we truly need is their time, compassion, and real-life experiences to connect, mentor, and advocate for the child they are paired with,” said Charlie Gray, CASA State Program Manager.

As a CASA volunteer, you will be appointed by a judge to spend time with the child, gather information from all involved parties, and advocate in court by providing impartial reports.

No prior experience is necessary. Anyone aged 21 or older who can pass a thorough background check and complete the required training is encouraged to apply or reach out to their local county programs for more information.

Another opportunity to get involved is through the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB), which has similar requirements. Volunteers are appointed by the Court to serve on a 5-member panel that meets online once a month to review the cases of children in foster care.

To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer visit, [www.AZCASAVolunteer.org](http://www.AZCASAVolunteer.org)

To learn more about becoming a FCRB volunteer visit, [www.azfcrb.org](http://www.azfcrb.org)

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*CASA of Arizona and the Foster Care Review Board operate in all 15 counties in Arizona and are open year-round to recruit and train volunteers to help the children in Arizona’s foster care system. The programs are administered by the Arizona Supreme Court. Follow CASA of Arizona on Facebook at @CASAofArizona or Instagram @CASA\_of\_Arizona*



  
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