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June is National Reunification Month

Advocate for a child's best interest.

PHOENIX – June is celebrated as National Reunification Month, a special time to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of families who have overcome the challenges that resulted in children being placed in foster care. CASA of Arizona continues to be unwavering in its dedication to advocating for the best interests of children, enhancing families through community assistance, and establishing safe and nurturing environments.

A fundamental principle for CASA of Arizona is family preservation and/or reunification. CASA of Arizona recognizes that children go through trauma when separated from family. But if separation from the family of origin is necessary, the goal is to reunite with the family as soon as it is safely possible, because the best interest of the child is to stay with their family of origin whenever possible in a safe environment.

Placing children with relatives helps maintain family bonds and cultural customs, reducing the trauma of separation and alleviating anxieties. Children thrive in the care of their parents or other family members and CASA volunteers are dedicated to empowering families to nurture and safeguard their children.

Volunteers play a vital role in reuniting children with their families by collaborating with experts, identifying and recommending services that support and maintain family unity. Reunited families successfully serve as an inspiration for overcoming challenges and equipping themselves to face future obstacles.

The Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) is another forum where volunteers can advocate for children's best interest. A judge appoints volunteers to a 5-member panel that meets online one weekday per month to review the cases of children in foster care.

CASA and FCRB volunteers do not need any prior special knowledge and come from all walks of life. Anyone 21 years of age or older, who can pass a thorough background check and complete training is encouraged to apply.

To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer visit, AZCASAVolunteer.org. To learn more about becoming a FCRB volunteer or to watch a video about volunteering, visit, 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](#), [Instagram](#), and now [LinkedIn](#)!