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VIRGINIA BEACH CASA UNPLUGGED

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April 18, 2026
The Dome by Rutter Mills



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ABOUT US

Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for child victims of abuse and neglect.

CASA volunteers are members of the community who receive extensive trauma-informed training so they may advocate for children who — as a result of abuse or neglect — are placed into the family court system, and often, into foster care. CASA volunteers ensure that these children don't get lost in an overburdened system and that each child's best interests are communicated to the court. CASAs advocate for safe home placements and the child's health, education, and emotional well-being. CASA volunteers remain committed to a child for the duration of their time in the court system, thus providing continuity and stability for the child during an otherwise turbulent time.

CASA's advocates make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable children in our community. Children served by a CASA volunteer are more likely to find a safe, permanent home, are more likely to succeed in school, and are half as likely to re-enter the foster care system. Most importantly, these children are given a voice, hope, and a chance to thrive.

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Evening Program

Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction Opens.....	6:30 PM
Welcome.....	7:00 PM
Katie Collette Emcee Morgan Ayers President, Board of Directors JJ Garofalo President, Legal Resources	
Dinner.....	7:15 PM
Program.....	8:15 PM
MISSION MOMENT VIDEO PRESENTATION Legal Resources	
CALL TO ACTION Katie Collette	
Drawings & Prizes.....	9:00 PM
Diamonds Direct Raffle Drawing, WRV Raffle Drawing, Costume Contest	
Dancing.....	9:10 PM
Featuring Music by BRISK	
Silent Auction Closes.....	9:30 PM
Silent Auction Checkout Begins.....	9:45 PM

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THANK YOU COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

For the past 32 years, Virginia Beach CASAs have been a guiding light, a reassuring presence, and a steadfast advocate for children navigating the complexities of the court system. These dedicated volunteers devote countless hours to ensuring each child finds a safe and permanent home. Though the work can be challenging, the impact of a CASA in a child's life is truly invaluable. The difference they make every day in our community is beyond words, and we are deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment. Thank you for all you do to make this possible!

With Gratitude,
Kate Kosky, CEO

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Mission Moment

Nick's first case as a CASA became a clear example of the impact consistent, child-centered advocacy can have. The case involved four siblings living in a home marked by instability and conflict. Following a report of physical abuse and threats of harm, two of the children left the home and sought safety with a relative, prompting court intervention. Protective orders were issued, and the siblings were separated—two remained in the home under strict conditions, while the other two were placed with extended family.

Nick was assigned shortly after court involvement and quickly built relationships with each child, recognizing their differing experiences and needs. Regular communication with caregivers, service providers, and school staff ensured that all perspectives were considered. Nick also made efforts to maintain contact with the other children, including traveling out of state to visit them and establish trust and consistency.

As the case progressed, concerns emerged about the placement of the two children living with a relative. The children described issues such as unequal treatment, limited access to food and clothing, strict household rules, and a lack of privacy.

Nick responded promptly and documented these concerns thoroughly and ensured they were presented to the court. Continued follow-up visits confirmed that conditions had not improved and, in some cases, had worsened. Throughout the process, Nick maintained a balanced approach—supporting the children while also acknowledging the broader family dynamics and court expectations.

As a result of detailed reporting and consistent advocacy, the court approved a change in placement. The two children were moved to a different relative's home, where they began to show signs of stability and improved well-being. Their adjustment highlighted the importance of listening to children and taking their concerns seriously.

This case demonstrates how dedicated advocacy can bring critical issues to light and influence meaningful change. By ensuring that each child's voice was heard and prioritized, Nick helped create a safer and more supportive outcome for the family. Every child deserves an adult to ensure their voice is heard, to advocate for their best interest and be a champion for them in court.

Court Appointed Special Advocates are that voice.

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2025 Virginia Beach Child Welfare Statistics

- There are 187 children under the age of 18 in foster care and in 35 fostering futures in Virginia Beach.
- In FY25, there were 4,389 CPS referrals in VA Beach of which 1,215 were family assessments and 359 were investigations validated in the assessment track. 136 were founded investigations.

Virginia Child Welfare Statistics

- There are 5,532 children under the age of 18 in foster care in Virginia.
- In FY25, there were 94,754 CPS referrals in VA, 37,887 were validated, and 2,808 were founded investigations.
- IN FY24, there were 41 children whose deaths were the result of abuse or neglect in Virginia.
- 23 of these children's families (56%) had prior or active child welfare involvement.
- Every 25 minutes, a child becomes homeless in Virginia. Homelessness and instability often go hand-in-hand with child abuse and neglect.
- Every 69 minutes, a child drops out of school. Abuse, trauma, and lack of support are major barriers to academic success.

Virginia Beach CASA By The Numbers FY24-25



25 new volunteers
trained



5,072 hours
of advocacy



97% of CASA
recommendations were
accepted by the court



73 total volunteer
advocates



32,980 miles
traveled



63 children
achieved permanency



94 family groups



160 children served

Welcome to Virginia Beach CASA's CASA Unplugged

Welcome to Virginia Beach CASA Unplugged—and thank you for being here.

Every child we serve has faced circumstances they didn't choose. But because this community chooses to step in—through your time, your generosity, and your belief in something better—their story can change. When a community shows up like this, it creates hope, connection, and real impact. That's what tonight represents—impact that changes a child's life and shapes the kind of community we all believe in.

We're truly grateful you're part of it.

Morgan Ayers, Board President
Virginia Beach CASA

Thank Your for joining us at CASA Unplugged

The Gala Committee is honored to welcome you to an unforgettable evening of fun and fundraising—90's style!

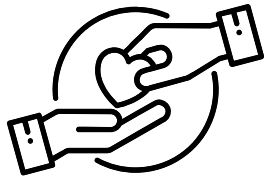
Tonight, we come together to support an incredible cause—Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates—and we are truly grateful for your generosity and support. Because of you, this important work continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in our community. So grab a drink, enjoy the delicious food and awesome company, and get ready for a night filled with throwback fun, nostalgia, and plenty of 90's vibes.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being part of this special night. Let's make it one to remember!

Thank you,

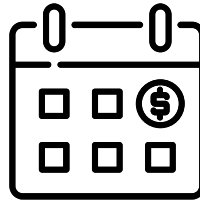
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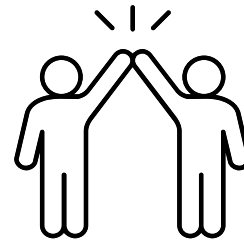
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