



WARRICK COUNTY CASA, INC

October 2025 Newsletter

CHINS Court Dates

Circuit, October 23, 1:00p

Superior 1, October 17, 9:00a

Superior 2, October 22, 9:00a

Ready to meet the need?

Items:

-Philips Avent Natural
Baby Bottles (or
comparable)
-2T & 3T pull ups
-New/gently used
clean winter shoes all
sizes

Easy ways to donate
Amazon Wishlist:
<https://a.co/bGxGUBy>
Adopt-a-bin:
[Warrickcasa.org/adopt-](https://warrickcasa.org/adopt-a-bin)
a-bin

Save the date

**October 6 - Meet & Greet (don't forget to
RSVP by Oct 2), 4-6p**

**October 15 - New Advocate Training
begins! Refer your friends!**

**October 26 - Trunk or Treat @ Friedman
Park, 5p**

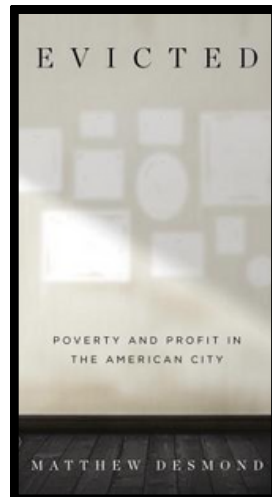
**October 29 - Halloween Event, @ DCS
Boonville Office, 4p**

**November 15 - CASA Holiday Gala @
Friedman Park Event Center, 6p**

**December 7 - Boonville & Newburgh
Christmas Parade**

Recommended Reading

2016 by Matthew Desmond.
Pulitzer Prize for General
Non-Fiction. Set in the
poorest area of Milwaukee,
the author follows eight
families during the economic
crisis of 2007-2008 as they
struggled to pay their rent
and the cycle of poverty that
put barriers up along the way.



Warrick County CASA



Warrick County CASA Board of Directors cordially invites you
to our fourth annual Holiday Gala.

15
Nov

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS
MISTLETOE FOREST RAFFLE
PLATED DINNER AND DESSERT BUFFET
ATTIRE: BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

6:00
PM

FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER



Tickets:
\$125/individual \$250/couple
\$800 for a table of 8

Scan the QR code or visit warrickcasa.org to buy your tickets today!

Last chance dine to donate!

**October 28 - Azzip @ 8850 High Point
Drive, Newburgh**

*Want something to do? Join the
Compassionate Crew!*

Email jenna@warrickcasa.org for more info

CASA on the move



Advocates at the 2025 State Conference on September 13. Backrow (left to right): Derek H and Greg G. Front row (left to right): Michelle R and Krystal S. Not pictured: Mandi T.

Advocates had the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers, attend several options for educational sessions, and mingle with advocates as well as staff of other CASA programs in Indiana.

Congratulations to September contact log winner: Sarah Gershon

Thanks everyone for entering in your contact logs for the month of September!

Total number of active volunteers: 29

Total number of children on waitlist for a CASA: 20

Total number of children in program: 176
Total in 2024: 128

Number of children added to our program in September 2025: 16
Total in September 2024: 11

Warrick County CASA Monthly Stats

Volunteer Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following volunteers!

Leigh B - Oct 8 David B - Oct 12
Amy W - Oct 13 Erin P - Oct 14
Terra N - Oct 15

CASA Kid Birthdays

Alicia N, Elizabeth W, Tracy S, Shawn S, Dan B, Leigh B, Sarah G, Derek H, Tracy R, Kelsey V, Amy W, Amanda W, Jenna W.

A child on your case has a birthday this month! Please make sure to stop by the office & make a birthday bag. We also offer \$100 per child's birthday reimbursement!! Please email Nicole with questions, or for more details.

nicole@warrickcasa.org

CASA Anniversaries

Tiffany Bonnell 8 years
Marsha Neal 6 years
Terra Norman 6 years
Terri Haake 3 years
Michelle Rogers 3 years
Kathryn Williams 3 years

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

NEW ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT - DEREK HESTER

Originally from Mount Vernon, Illinois, Derek was sworn in during July this year. He enjoys hiking, sightseeing, and spending time outdoors. Derek is always listening to music, loves to do a deep dive into his favorite artists, discovering new ones, and attending live shows. For the last 10 years, Derek has practiced Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and is semi-retired now. When asked what he would like people to know about him, he answered, "Being a father to my two daughters is my greatest joy. Followed by my personal faith and the opportunity to help others." His motivation for joining



CASA comes from the desire to help others, and youth who may not have good role models to guide them. Derek said he was most excited to learn from the network of professionals within this field of service, as well as from peers with different perspectives and skills. Adding, "It's inspiring to be a part of a diverse group of people with a common interest or goal."



ELITE ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT - DAN BUGHER



Dan is a Indiana native, born in Hammond later moving to South Bend as a baby. Journeying to Indianapolis where he went to grade school and later attended Butler University, and settling in Newburgh in 2000 for work. Actively helping in his community, Dan also volunteers as a board member at the Evansville Rescue Mission and he spends time helping with projects. Recently they opened a new thrift store, and in March they opened the Susan Snyder Center for Women and Children. He also fills his time with pickleball, mobile notary services, and camping. Even taking a small motorhome to visit his son, daughter-in-law, and grandson in Minnesota. Dan says he likes to stay busy and purposeful, explaining, "...being intentional about planning and doing things that help other people and our community." He has always believed if everyone balanced activities for themselves and for others, then we are a much better society. His motivation for joining CASA was being to help better the lives of our kids, instilling a good example of community for young people. Dan finds it most rewarding on a case when the CASA, the courts, DCS, service providers, and parents can come together to improve the situation as a team. Creating and executing a plan that ends the case with the children in a better place. When asked what advice he would give to a new CASA, Dan said, "Be patient. It took a while for the parent to get into the situation and it will take time to improve it. Reserve judgment as the family will be living in circumstances often very different from your own situation but being different is OK, just keep working to ensure the parents want the best for the children involved."

