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CASA of Pinal County urges community to volunteer

Pinal County, AZ – September 3, 2020 – CASA of Pinal County is urging community members to volunteer to become a caring, consistent adult for a child who has experienced abuse and/or neglect. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are everyday people, trained by CASA of Arizona and appointed by a local juvenile judge to advocate for the safety of children who have been removed from their home.

The need for volunteers continues to grow as abuse and neglect are reported more frequently when children return to school.

As a child navigates the child welfare system, there are many adults that come in and out of their life. Children are often moved placements throughout their time in foster care, which may lead to multiple foster parents, group home staff, teachers, therapists, etc. A CASA volunteer stays with a child throughout the length of the case being the consistent adult in their life.

“The more CASA volunteers our program has means less children without a CASA by their side,” states CASA of Pinal County Administrator Donna McBride. “Currently only 1 in 14 children has a CASA volunteer in Pinal County.”

Studies show children with a CASA volunteer receive more services that are critical to their well-being than children without an advocate, and those children are more likely to achieve educational success.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. No specific background or training is needed to become a CASA volunteer. Anyone 21 years of age or older, who can pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of free training, is encouraged to apply.

“87.5% of CASA volunteers in Pinal County are female, so male volunteers are especially encouraged to apply,” McBride reports.

Virtual training sessions are offered to all CASA applicants in Arizona with multiple days and times to choose from that best fit the applicant’s schedule.

To learn more about becoming a CASA Volunteer, call us at 520-866-7076 or visit our website at www.CASAofPinalCounty.org.

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