

VOLUNTEER

SPOTLIGHT

MEET KRISTI ROSE

Kristi has been a CASA volunteer for 21 years. During that time, she has advocated for 20 families, serving 40 children. She works full-time as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines.

Besides her CASA work, Kristi enjoys supporting charities such as Save the Children and the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. She also volunteers at Cherry Street Mission often. Kristi loves traveling, going to the theatre, sunsets, OSU football, and spending time with her family and dog.

Lucas County CASA is blessed to have Kristi on our team. Here is what she told us about her volunteer work.



During October, Kristi and her co-workers wear pink uniforms to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Why did you decide to become a CASA volunteer?

I became a CASA volunteer after reading an article about a four-year-old child being lost in Florida's child protection system. Her caseworker didn't visit this child in over a year. Unfortunately, the child was found dead here in Ohio. I then decided to learn about the CASA program.

In your opinion, why is it essential for children who are child abuse and neglect victims to have a CASA Volunteer?

As mentioned earlier, I don't want another child to get lost in the system.

Which three qualities or skills should a prospective CASA volunteer possess?

A CASA volunteer should be caring, committed to advocating for children, and patient.

If you were speaking with people considering becoming a CASA Volunteer, what would you tell them?

I would tell them they could forever change a person's life for the better.



Kristi enjoys going to the theatre with her goddaughter.

How did you collaborate and coordinate your investigation efforts with the other professionals on your case?

During my investigation, I usually would call all the parties involved in the case and introduce myself. If I'm meeting them in person I try to find some things we have in common to start a good rapport with them.



In your time as a CASA Volunteer, has there been an experience that impacted you the most?

Yes, I had a case where a child was physically abused and died from blunt-force trauma. Once the case was closed, I wanted to quit. Emotionally, the death of a child, was too much to handle. I was so incredibly sad and discouraged about serving as a CASA volunteer. Then, I thought about the next child that wouldn't have a CASA volunteer. That feeling encouraged me to remain as a CASA volunteer.

How has being a CASA volunteer impacted your life?

As a CASA volunteer, I learned that everyone can make a difference in a child's life and make it better.



Meet Kristi's beautiful family.