

VOLUNTEER

SPOTLIGHT

MEET DENNIS BRENGARTNER

Denny is a retired chemist. He has been a **CASA** volunteer for 17 years. During that time, he has served 33 families, advocating for 71 children.

Besides his **CASA** work, Denny is passionate about windsurfing, paddle boarding, and hydroponics.

Lucas County **CASA** is blessed to have Denny on our team. Here is what he told us about his volunteer work.

How has being a **CASA** volunteer impacted your life?

Becoming a **CASA** volunteer has challenged my scientific mind for the better and made me more aware of the needs of many folks in different life situations.



CASA Coach Mary Bohnett and Denny
Volunteer Appreciation Week 2024
Sip & Snack Event

Why did you decide to become a **CASA** volunteer?

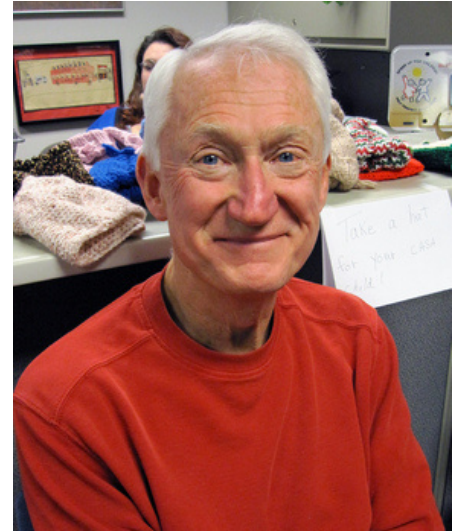
I wanted to do something different and give back to my community after retiring as a chemist.

If you were speaking with an individual who is considering becoming a **CASA** Volunteer, what would you tell them?

The **CASA** volunteer job, is challenging but very rewarding. I can't think of another volunteer job where a lay person can have such an important effect on people's lives (paraphrasing my **CASA** mentor Dan Nathan - thanks, Dan)

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

Every case is different, they all have had an impact in my life.



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

The **CASA** volunteer gives the court a second, independent look at the situation, focusing on the best outcome for the child.

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

A prospective **CASA** volunteer should be open-minded and compassionate. They should immediately start working on their **CASA** case!

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

My approach is to keep the Caseworker informed of my activities. I try to have joint visits with the Caseworker and my **CASA** child.

