

# SPOTLIGHT

## MEET DAVID HUNT

David became a valued member of the Lucas County CASA Volunteer team almost two years ago. In that time, he has dedicated himself to serving five families and advocating for the well-being of ten children. As a retiree, David embraces an active lifestyle filled with fishing, hunting, pickleball, golf, traveling with his family, and diving into a good book.

Lucas County CASA is truly fortunate to have David as part of our team. Here's what he had to say about his volunteer experience.

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

My work with the CASA Program has provided me an opportunity to give back to the community and help children in need.

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

I became a volunteer to help children that are in bad situations get a good place to live and to help get them what they need to become successful adults.

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

Seeing my first three CASA children placed with a loving relative and the case being closed was impactful.

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

Being compassionate to all involved parties, being objective, and being able to obtain evidence to support or disprove what people have been telling you.

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

I work closely with the LCCS case workers, counselors at the children's schools, CASA staff, mental health professionals, and local law enforcement to complete my investigation and prepare the report for the court.



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

The children need someone that is just looking out for what is best for them, not what is best for LCCS, parents or relatives.

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

Helping abused and neglected children is very rewarding and gives me a chance to give back to the community.

## CASA INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join us for an upcoming (CASA) Court Appointed Special Advocate information session to learn about the volunteer application process! These one-hour sessions will be held at the Sanger Branch Library (3030 Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43606) at 2 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- March 9
- April 6
- May 4

Become a CASA volunteer this Summer and make a lasting difference in the lives of children who have experienced abuse and neglect.