

VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS AD LITEM (GAL) CHANGE LIVES

“Being in foster care is living in a constant state of flux. Homes, schools, families...everything is always changing, often suddenly and without warning. The only constant was my GAL volunteer. Without her I would have been lost in the system.” **MELISSA, FORMER FOSTER YOUTH**

THE PROBLEM: OVERWHELMED SYSTEMS



will find themselves in U.S. foster care & family court systems this year.



The average child will spend nearly 2 years (20 months) in foster care.



On average each one of those children will change homes three times.

THE SOLUTION: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer guardians ad litem, trained volunteers who help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes.



One year of volunteer advocacy costs less than one month of foster care.



1 staff member



supports 30 volunteers



serving 75 children

THE RESULTS: BRIGHTER FUTURES



GAL PROGRAMS CHANGE LIVES

A child with a GAL volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home.



A child with a volunteer advocate is half as likely to re-enter the foster-care system.



And, they are more likely to succeed in school and less likely to spend three or more years in care.

OUR VISION: SERVING EVERY CHILD



76,756 GAL/CASA volunteers help change children's lives every day. Learn more at www.gal2.org.



250,323 abused and neglected children had a GAL/CASA volunteer speaking up for their best interests in the last year.



452,000 children are waiting for a volunteer empowered to find them a safe, loving, permanent home.

“GAL is an organization of people with a proven record of service, excellence, high standards, determination and an unwavering commitment to abused and neglected children and to advocating for justice for all children.” **JUDGE JOYCE WILLIAMS WARREN (RETIRED)**

The National CASA Association is an organization of 943 programs recruiting, training and supporting court-appointed volunteers to stand up for the rights of abused and neglected children, in the courtroom and the community.

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SOURCES: casaforchildren.org/evidence



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