

# Change a Child's Story for Generations



## Legacy Giving



# A Lifetime of Advocacy

*Does your will reflect the impact you want to leave for children?*

Many of us already know how we hope to be remembered. If your wish is to leave a legacy as a voice for vulnerable children and to create change that echoes for generations, CASA of the Bluegrass would be honored to help you make that vision a reality.

CASA of the Bluegrass volunteers advocate in the family court system to ensure that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect is safe, supported, and placed in a permanent, loving home. By including CASA of the Bluegrass in your estate plans, you can help break the cycle of abuse and ensure that our life-changing work continues for years to come.

This booklet is designed to guide you as you explore the possibility of leaving a charitable bequest to CASA of the Bluegrass. Inside, you will find:

- A snapshot of CASA of the Bluegrass at a glance
- FAQ to address common misconceptions about bequests
- Ways to begin the conversation

If you are ready to leave a lasting impact, you may also consider the following sample language for including CASA of the Bluegrass in your will:

"I give the sum of \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% to CASA of the Bluegrass, PO Box 45, Danville, KY 40423 (Tax ID: 26-1841458) to be used for the furtherance of its charitable purposes in the discretion and at the direction of its board of directors for its unrestricted use and purpose."

I'm here to help as you consider the legacy you wish to leave for future generations, and I would be delighted to hear from you.



Tami Wilson  
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# Our Impact



## Serving abused and neglected children in Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, and Mercer counties

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### Our Mission Statement

CASA of the Bluegrass recruits and trains Court-Appointed Special Advocates so every child who has experienced abuse, neglect, or dependency can be safe, have a permanent home, and the opportunity to thrive.

### What CASA Does:

- Maintains consistent, ongoing visits with the child
- Gathers information by interviewing caregivers, family members, and other individuals involved in the child's life
- Observes and monitors the child's home and placement environments
- Actively participates in case reviews, treatment planning meetings, and court-related conferences
- Provides informed, child-focused recommendations to the judge
- Helps ensure that court orders and services are implemented as directed
- Serves as a stable presence for the child by remaining on the case until it is officially closed

### A Volunteer's Impact

- Children spend less time in foster care and reach permanency sooner
- They are less likely to re-enter care, leading to greater long-term stability
- Children are more likely to receive needed services
- CASA advocacy supports stronger academic performance
- Each child has a consistent, caring adult ensuring their voice is heard

### Funding Needs

An investment of \$1,000 supports a CASA volunteer for a year, offering lasting advocacy at a fraction of the \$2,100 monthly cost of foster care.

# Your Legacy, Your Questions

*Leaving a gift to CASA of the Bluegrass is a meaningful way to ensure children who have experienced abuse or neglect are safe, supported, and placed in permanent, loving homes.*

## **What is legacy giving?**

Legacy giving, also called planned giving or a bequest, is a way to leave a charitable gift through your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance. It allows you to make a lasting impact for children without affecting your current finances.

## **How do I include CASA in my will?**

You can use simple language such as:

*"I give [amount/asset] to CASA of the Bluegrass, a nonprofit organization in Danville Kentucky, to be used for its charitable purposes."*

Your attorney can help tailor this to your wishes.

## **Can I direct my gift to a specific purpose?**

Yes. You can leave a gift to support CASA's greatest needs or designate it for a particular program, such as volunteer training or child advocacy.

## **Are legacy gifts tax-deductible?**

In many cases, charitable bequests reduce the taxable portion of your estate. A financial advisor or estate attorney can guide you.

## **How do I get started?**

Even a simple conversation can help you explore options. We're happy to answer questions and guide you through planning a gift that reflects your values.

Still have questions? Contact us at  
[director@casaofthebluegrass.org](mailto:director@casaofthebluegrass.org) or call (859) 936-3510