

SCAN

Building hope for children & families
in Northern Virginia

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE: **SUPPORT ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

ALEXANDRIA/ARLINGTON
CASA PROGRAM

Each year, too many of Alexandria & Arlington's children suffer abuse or neglect. These children frequently end up in the local court system, and that's where SCAN's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program plays a critical role.

A CASA VOLUNTEER HELPS VULNERABLE CHILDREN NAVIGATE LIFE-CHANGING SITUATIONS WITH ONE ULTIMATE GOAL:

SO WHAT DOES A CASA DO?

A CASA volunteer completes **INTENSIVE TRAINING** and is then matched with one child or one sibling group to advocate for his or her needs. Each CASA works to:

**VISIT CHILD + GATHER INFORMATION + MONITOR COMPLIANCE + IDENTIFY NEEDS
+ ATTEND COURT HEARINGS + MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS = REPORT TO JUDGE**



HOW DOES SCAN HELP?



Last year, **82 CASA volunteers** spent **6,000+ hours** advocating for **198 abused & neglected children** in Alexandria and Arlington Juvenile & Family Courts.

HOW CAN YOU HELP STOP CHILD ABUSE?



MAKE A \$1500 INVESTMENT IN SCAN TO GIVE AN ABUSED CHILD A TRAINED & DEDICATED ADVOCATE FOR ONE YEAR TO GIVE THEM A VOICE AS WELL AS HOPE FOR A SAFE, LOVING HOME.

SUPPORT ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN THROUGH SCAN

CASA volunteers advocate for children in abuse and neglect cases. CASA volunteers:

-  Conduct interviews with the children, families, and professionals involved in the case
-  Gather information on the child's needs and resources
-  Monitor compliance with the Court orders
-  Participate in multidisciplinary and family team treatment meetings
-  Attend Court hearings where they report to judge on child's needs and best interests

Having a permanent home and family setting is critical for children's healthy development. CASA volunteers often help **accelerate family reunification** when a child has been removed. They encourage parents to comply with the court's orders and with their social workers' requirements so that families can be reunified. When parents do not comply with the court's orders and needed services, the CASA volunteer can be an important advocate, **looking out for that child** and raising issues so that a different goal can be identified for the children if returning to their parents seems an unlikely or unsafe option.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.
TAKE ACTION TODAY:**



DONATE!

SCAN needs \$285,191 for its advocacy work every year.



BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER

to give a critical voice to abused and neglected children in Alexandria and Arlington.



INVITE A SCAN SPEAKER

to your civic, faith or professional group to talk about how every community member can be part of the campaign to end child abuse and neglect!