



Mission Statement:

To recruit, train and support volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court system and to educate the community about the needs of these children.



**2016...
In Their Own Words**

Over the past year, the staff, board and volunteers of CASA of Central Virginia worked hard to raise the necessary funds to make up an unexpected funding gap. We planned our first ever Superhero Run, partnered with Mustaches

4 Kids, sold thousands of pairs of shoes at our Warehouse Sale and Ladies Night Out and participated in the 25th annual Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour. The hard work paid off, and we ended our fiscal year in June 2016 with a small surplus.

This year, CASA of Central Virginia won the nonprofit category and overall award at the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance Small Business Awards. Our team was honored to be selected and grateful for the advertising package that came with the award. We were also thrilled to win the “Nonprofit of the Year” award from the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce.

The publicity that comes with these awards means increased donations and volunteers.

Our team also planned something new—a Graduation Banquet to celebrate local foster youth who have beat the odds to graduate high school. Our hope is that these teens will be inspired to continue their education and follow their dreams.



As we look ahead to 2017, we are anticipating... a possible expansion of our program into a neighboring county, new partnerships with universities, businesses and organizations, and increased opportunities for training and awareness. Creating a trauma-informed community is vital to breaking the cycle of abuse and creating a brighter future for our children and this region.



“I am proud to lead this organization and inspired by the countless hours our volunteers and staff give to these precious children. The stories most people hear about on the news are only a small piece of the caseload we see. Our advocates are the constant amidst the chaos within the foster care system. Because of these everyday heroes, our children do not fall through the cracks. What an amazing legacy to leave to this community.”

*—Executive Director,
Allison Stronza*