



## Partner Agency Success Story **CASA**

My house is in a nice quiet working class neighborhood. One morning I opened up my paper to read that a two year child, a girl, has been beaten to death. Beaten to death! To make matters worse, the child lived in an apartment half a block from my house. Sad and angry, I determined that somehow I would make sure this didn't happen to another child.



I called United Way and they put me in touch with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA is a program where volunteers, after much training, are appointed by the family court judge to be the eyes and ears of a child or children who have come from abusive home situations and the family is in court.

Now I am the eyes and ears for the well-being of these children. I speak with the parents, the teachers, the social workers, the counselors – with all the grown-ups who are responsible for sorting out the lives of these children. And I speak with the children as well. The court system takes a long time but I am sticking with it. The Judge has said that my report is going to be important.

My recommendation is going to be part of an important turning point for these kids. I want their lives to turn out well. They will very likely not remember me, but I will know that I helped to protect and care for them so that they could have a better life. The kind of life every child deserves.

**United Way is funding CASA at \$15,000 for 2010.  
They could use \$22,000. Right now, we need  
United Way more than ever.**

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*“Even hard years are filled with multiple occasions for gratitude”*

*Buddy Stallings*

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With our thanks for your generosity to those in need here at home.

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