



A VOICE OF PERSISTENCE

How would you describe yourself in 3 words.

Passionate. Patient. Persistence.

Your Volunteer Coordinator agrees, but would also describe you as collaborative, vivacious, dedicated, and always professional!

Why did you chose to get involved with CASA?

I chose to get involved with CASA because:

1. There was a need for CASA volunteers in Henrico.
2. I wanted to make a difference in the community by sharing my time, talents and treasures
3. Advocating for children and youth is a strength for me.

What is your best moment, to date, as a CASA?

My best moment to date is the day I showed up to visit my child after a cancelled visit on my part. She grabbed me, hugged me, and said, "I missed you." I was startled because this was so atypical for a thirteen year old and this was only like visit number four. So after just three visits, there was some kind of connection. A pretty cool moment for me.

What advice would you give a new CASA?

Stay focused on the child. The other stuff will overwhelm and distract you. Remember you are the advocate for the child.

Who inspires you?

My dad who is deceased continued to be my inspiration. I can always find his voice in my quiet space. He listens when I talk. For me that is reassuring, comforting, and a blessing.

What is your favorite way to spend your time (outside of CASA, that is!)?

Traveling, walking, water aerobics, reading, eating good food, drinking good bourbon/beer/wine and listening to good music!