



## Sharita Spears

*"As a CASA, I am a ground Angel blessed with the opportunity to do what I love, which is giving back to my community. I am able to help abused and neglected children navigate through a very difficult and scary time in their lives while motivating and encouraging them that there is light at the end of the tunnel. I give my time willingly without expectation to ensure my CASA kids know that I am fighting hard to ensure that their voices are heard and what's in their best interest is met. In my opinion, a CASA is more than a volunteer position. For me it a way of living, loving and sharing my gift with the children I serve. "*

Sharita has been an outstanding CASA volunteer in West Feliciana Parish for over five years.

While working full time, going to school and taking care of her own two children, Sharita has served on six cases. One of the cases she served on the children were placed in New Orleans and Sharita never missed her monthly visits with them. Another one of her cases was classified as a high priority case that lasted for about 3 years. This child might still be in foster care if it weren't for Sharita and her dedication.

The reason she became CASA volunteer was that during her childhood, she was around kids that she knew were being abused and neglected and did what she could to help them. She realized then that they didn't have anyone to turn to and knew how much they needed someone. As an adult, she felt that by being a CASA she could be a voice for kids like that.

We are truly grateful for Sharita's commitment and dedication to the children she has served and for everything she has done for our CASA program. She is a pleasure to work with and we wish her the best as she completes her law degree.