



United Way of Douglas County

Community Partner Success Story:

CASA places abused and neglected children in safe, permanent, and loving homes with a CASA mentor who will break the cycle of abuse and neglect. CASA targets the Education and Health goals of our community.



Born to a 16-year-old mother who was in and out of drug treatment programs, Shane was removed from her care at age 4 and placed in foster care. A charming boy with cerebral palsy and a contagious smile, Shane never stopped dreaming of being reunited with his mother. During his emotional journey in foster care, his Court Appointed Special Advocate was the one constant in his life. As his CASA, Marty spent time with Shane at his foster homes, school, on outings, doctor's appointments and more. She even made trips to see Shane's mother in treatment centers.

Thanks to Marty's stable, caring presence and outstanding advocacy, 8-year-old Shane's dream came true when he was reunited with his mother and officially adopted by her in 2009. Now he can't stop smiling. According to Marty, "It is what every CASA worker hopes will happen. It is just the perfect ending to a case – the one we all work for."

A donation of \$3 per week provides a child like Shane with one month of advocacy.

For more information about CASA, please call (785) 832-5172.

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