

# CASA VOLUNTEERS HELP PROTECT CHILDREN



CASA volunteers helped at a car show benefit at Home Depot last fall to raise money to continue training volunteers to help Coweta's abused and neglected children.

If you're interested in working on behalf of abused and neglected children, one group that is always looking for volunteers is CASA, or Coweta's Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains and supports community volunteers to advocate for children who have been removed from their homes because of neglect and abuse by their caregivers.

CASA volunteers advocate for these children by:

- Gathering information about the child's situation.
- Attending court proceedings.
- Making a recommendation to the judge to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future.
- Maintaining contact with the child until he is placed into a safe,

loving and permanent home.

Coweta CASA began as a non-profit organization in 2005 at the urging of concerned citizens and at the request of Juvenile Court Judge Joseph MacNabb.

Under the direction of its first executive director, Sue Rickenbaker, Coweta CASA grew quickly and was able to advocate for 88 abused and neglected children here in Coweta County. Sue and her husband moved to Wyoming in the spring of 2006, and Sherie Pepper is currently serving as executive director.

Because Cowetans continue to support Coweta CASA financially and through their volunteer service, CASA can continue to grow and speak for these hurting children.

To volunteer or for more information, call 770-253-0046 or visit [www.cowetacasa.org](http://www.cowetacasa.org). ©