

# Hanover CASA Volunteers Sworn In

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Hanover County has a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program for children who are involved with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The newest class of volunteers was sworn in last week by Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Larry Gilman.

CASA is devoted to serving the interests of abused and neglected children. Members are citizen volunteers who receive specialized training to speak for these children and seek the best outcome for them. Over the 20 years this program has been in Hanover County, more than 140 citizens have volunteered for CASA, helping nearly 400 children.



From left to right on the front row are Dana Etheridge, Debra Miller and Kathy Henderson. From left to right on the back row are Judge Gilman, Cindy Loving, Jennifer Jones, Lucianna Winters and Aubrey M. Stanley.

The 2008 class consists of Dina Etheridge, Kathy Henderson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Loving, Debbie Miller and Lucianna Winters. They were congratulated by Aubrey M. Stanley, Chairman of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors; Ivy Sager, Director of Hanover's Department of Community Resources, which supervises the program; and Melanie Baker, CASA Coordinator.

"The CASA program is a very valuable asset to the children of Hanover County," said Judge Gilman. "I appreciate you good folks who care about the community's young people and are willing to do something about it."

If you would like to learn more about CASA, [click here](#). You can call Melanie Baker, Coordinator, at 804-365-4296 or e-mail her at [mdbaker@co.hanover.va.us](mailto:mdbaker@co.hanover.va.us).