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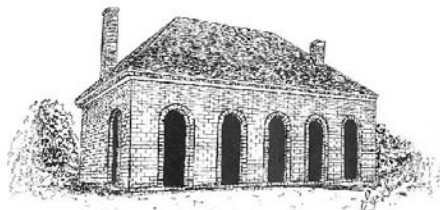
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**HANOVER CASA VOLUNTEERS SWORN IN**

The 2011 class of volunteers for Hanover County's Court Appointed Special Advocates program for children (CASA) were sworn in by Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Shannon Hoehl on November 30.

These volunteers will advocate for the interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in cases being heard by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The new volunteers received 36-plus hours of intensive, specialized training that will enable them to speak for these children and seek the best outcome for them.

Over the 23 years this program has been in Hanover County, over 175 citizens have volunteered for CASA and more than 475 children have been helped. This year CASA volunteers gave more than 1,264 hours of service and provided much-needed advocacy for 30 children.

The 2011 class consists of **Kathie Fowler, Darlene Giles, Anne Gorman, Larrie Henley, Ann Klumpp, Kimberly Langston, Dana Layne, Missy Matthews, Katherine McCaffrey, Leslie Munson, Janice Penny, Stephanie Rue, Kathy Smith** and **Jesslyn Watkins**. At 14 members, this is one of the largest Hanover CASA classes ever.

They were congratulated by Judge Hoehl, who was swearing in her first CASA class; Jim Taylor, Assistant County Administrator; Ivy Sager, Director of Hanover's Department of Community Resources, which supervises the program; and Melanie Baker, CASA Coordinator.

"What a wonderful gift you are giving," said Judge Hoehl. "I see reports showing that volunteers spend 60, 80 and 100 hours on a case and I am thankful for the sacrifices that they have made and for their level of dedication."

To the many family members and friends of the new CASA volunteers who were present in the courtroom for the ceremony, Judge Hoehl urged, "take time to thank them for the work they are doing."

For more information about Hanover's CASA program, please call Melanie Baker, Coordinator, at 365-4296 or e-mail her at [mdbaker@co.hanover.va.us](mailto:mdbaker@co.hanover.va.us).

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PHOTO CAPTION: The Honorable Judge Shannon Hoehl (left) swore in the following citizens as the 2011 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children. To the left of Judge Hoehl on the first row are Dana Layne, Kathie Fowler, Larrie Henley, Janice Penny, Ann Klumpp, Kimberly Langston and Stephanie Rue. From left on the back row are Jesslyn Watkins, Darlene Giles, Anne Gorman, Missy Matthews, Katherine McCaffrey, Leslie Munson and Kathy Smith.