



Maryland CASA Association

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Geanelle G. Herring Joins Maryland CASA Board

TOWSON, Md. (Jan. 26, 2016) – Maryland CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association has appointed **Geanelle Griffith Herring, MSW** to a two-year term on its board of directors.

A University of Maryland School of Social Work graduate, Mrs. Herring is excited to join the Maryland CASA Board and service her community by continuing her passion of finding permanent homes for all of Maryland’s children in foster care.

“The work that Maryland CASA does for vulnerable children throughout the state is very near and dear to my heart,” said Mrs. Herring. “I became familiar with the work of CASA early into my social work career while investigating cases of abuse and neglect of children in Baltimore City; many of which had CASA volunteers assigned to them,” she added.

Mrs. Herring currently works as a **Policy Analyst** for the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** located in **Woodlawn, MD**, where she is responsible for communication, drafting and coordination Federal legislations, regulations and policies for the healthcare industry and its programs.

“Mrs. Herring brings firsthand knowledge of the issues facing abused and neglected children in Maryland. Her background in social work and commitment to giving back to her community will be critical to the continued success of Maryland CASA,” said **Lisa Lunghofer, Ph.D.**, board president for the organization.

In addition to her newfound commitment to Maryland’s abused and neglected children, Griffith Herring is also involved with **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Patapsco River (MD) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated** and the **Junior League of Baltimore**. She presently resides in **Randallstown, Md.** with her husband and 2 daughters.

Those interested in learning more about becoming a member of Maryland CASA’s Board of Directors are urged to contact Ed Kilcullen, State Director, at Ed@marylandcasa.org or 410-828-6761.

About Maryland CASA Association

Maryland CASA Association is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring the rights of all victims of child abuse and neglect to grow up in safe, permanent homes. This mission is carried out in partnership with the state’s 15 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs, which provide trained volunteer advocates to speak up for the best interests of children. For more information, visit www.marylandcasa.org

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