

Volunteer child advocate makes a difference in Teller County

Over the past year, Nelson Frissell has been advocating for children in Teller County. His volunteer work with CASA (Court Appointed Child Advocates) has empowered him to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

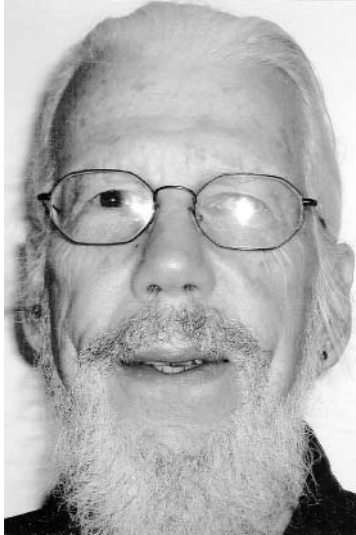
Nelson chose to volunteer with CASA because he wanted to give back to the community. "There is a lot of need in the world - particularly with kids," said Nelson. He believes the best part of volunteering for CASA in Teller County is the people he gets to work with. "The Teller County atmosphere is collegial, cohesive and full of energy. As a CASA volunteer I am part of a team dedicated to providing the best services possible to kids in need," explains Nelson.

CASA of the Pikes Peak Region is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization

that represents the best interests of our most vulnerable citizens - victims of child abuse, neglect, and severe domestic conflict. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court and in the community. The desired result is that children are placed into safe, loving homes where they can thrive.

To become a CASA volunteer, Nelson had to pass a rigorous screening and selection process and completed a 40 hour training course. He also receives ongoing supervision and support from CASA case supervisors. "You need to be capable of handling difficult circumstances,

but CASA provides exceptional training and continued education," said Nelson. "CASA's training program is one of the best educational systems I've experienced."



Nelson Frissell
CASA volunteer



Nelson's role as a CASA is to provide factual, unbiased information to the court about the child's and family's situation and progress, enabling the court to make more informed decisions in the best interest of the child. Nelson explains that as a trained CASA volunteer, he receives the highest respect from the court.

CASA needs more volunteers like Nelson to speak up for children in Teller County. To learn more, or to make a donation to CASA, please visit www.casappr.org or call 719-447-9898 ext. 1008.

The CASA Case Supervisor in Teller County is Terry Dickman, a long time Teller County resident. Terry will gladly offer visitors a tour of the historic Aspen Mine Center in Cripple Creek, which houses the CASA office. CASA also welcomes the opportunity to speak to community groups, workplaces, and places of worship in Teller County to talk about the need for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children in the community.