

Nate's in foster care.

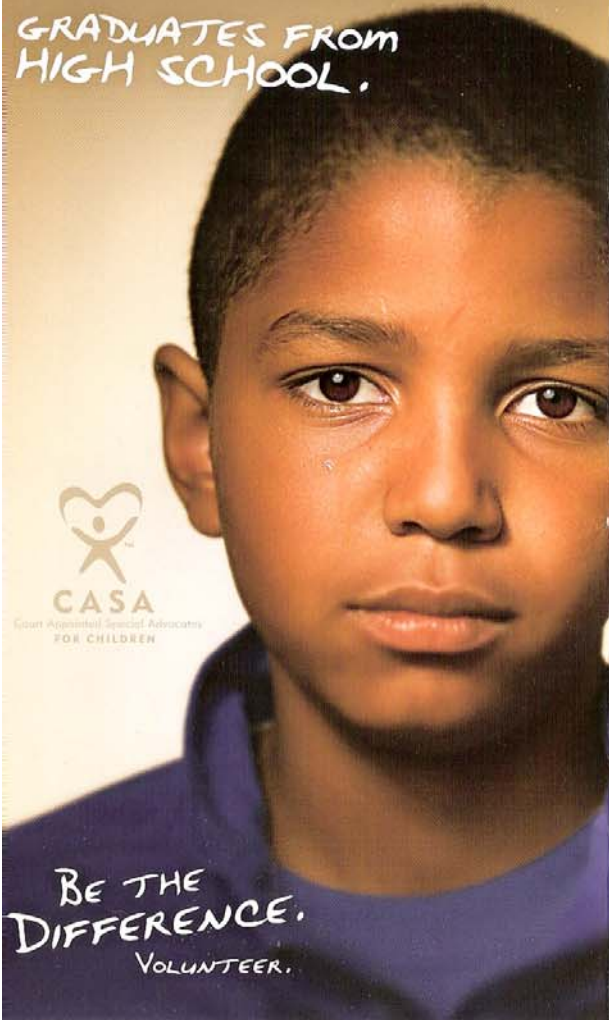
He's attended eight schools.

Nate gives up

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and drops out.

*GRADUATES FROM
HIGH SCHOOL.*



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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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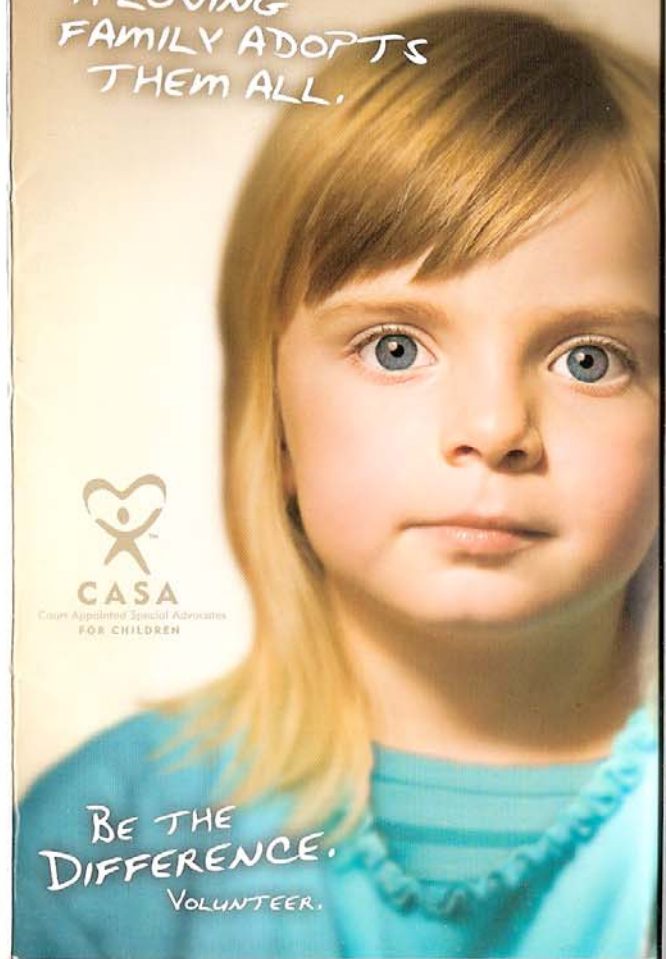
Emily was abandoned by her mother.

So were her three sisters.

They live in four different foster homes

and will likely never see each other again.

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"IT'S ALL ABOUT CARING AND COMMON SENSE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'RE GIVING THESE KIDS SO MUCH MORE THAN THEY'VE EVER HAD." - Sue & Steve Forstadt, Retired, CASA Volunteers

Every year, more than three million children nationally are reported abused or neglected. Despite the states' attempts to help, many of these kids become trapped in the court and child welfare maze and can spend their childhood moving from one temporary shelter to another.

This is where you step in by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer.

As a CASA volunteer, you speak up for the best interests of a child in court.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to recommend the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child's future. Whether this means helping to make a connection with adoptive parents or safely reuniting the child with parents or relatives, the ultimate goal of the CASA volunteer is to help ensure that every one of these kids can live in a safe, permanent home.



"I CAN SPEAK POWERFULLY FOR THESE CHILDREN." - Rick Neyrey, Director of Business Development, CASA Volunteer

You don't have to be a lawyer or social worker to be a volunteer. We're simply looking for people with a desire to help abused children. As a CASA volunteer, you'll receive training from professionals in the legal and welfare fields, and you'll have the complete support of your CASA organization to help you through each case.

CASA volunteers review records, research information and talk to everyone involved—social workers, attorneys, judges, parents, teachers, family members and, of course, the children themselves.

"IT'S ABOUT HELPING A CHILD REPLACE A LIFE OF HURT WITH ONE OF HOPE." - Genora Brimfield, Mental Health Worker, CASA Volunteer

Volunteers then present their recommendation to the court as to what they feel is best for the child. Judges rely heavily on this testimony to make an informed decision on the child's future.



"YOU START OUT TO CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE AND FIND YOU'VE ALSO CHANGED YOUR OWN." - Carol Price, Homemaker, CASA Volunteer

Become a CASA volunteer and be rewarded with some of the most powerful and fulfilling experiences you can find. CASA is the only organization that empowers everyday citizens as appointed officers of the court. Your involvement will make a direct impact on a child's life and perhaps for generations to come.

We welcome volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethnic and educational backgrounds.

You can also stand up for abused children by making a donation. You will be supporting CASA volunteers in their efforts to help some of our most vulnerable children. All donations are appreciated and help more abused children find a caring CASA volunteer.