

# Guardian ad Litem Volunteers: Make a Difference in the Life of a Child!

*“My favorite moment as a volunteer was in my very first case. Things had a happy ending. The parents and children were and still are reunited. Seeing that family since and seeing them do so well is extremely rewarding.”*

*Anna believes other people should volunteer because “It is a fantastic way to make a difference in a person’s life. There are many families who only need encouragement or ‘hand up’. It is very rewarding to play that role in their lives.”*



*Anna Weir  
Chesterfield Volunteer Guardian ad Litem*

Anna Weir wanted to volunteer with kids. Anna has found that as a Guardian ad Litem volunteer, she could advocate for one or two children at a time, get to know them, and make a real difference in their lives.

Through the free 30 hour training, Anna became more comfortable about being an advocate. “The training was key. It helped to direct me to the people and organizations I need to work with in each case. It also clarified my role for the children as advocate, encourager and sometimes ‘cheerleader’.”

When she first became a volunteer six years ago, Anna was worried about becoming too attached to a child. She has since learned that “being attached is both good and bad. It is good because you want to feel connected to each child you work with and with their family and caregivers. I like establishing that bond. On the other hand, I have learned to step back and view the child’s situation as objectively as possible in order to make recommendations that are best for the child.”

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