

LEXINGTON GUARDIAN AD LITEM VOLUNTEERS

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Monita Hinson-Houston
Volunteer Guardian ad Litem

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Monita Hinson-Houston is one person who can say Dr. Phil changed her life.

Hinson-Houston has been happily married for 27 years. She successfully raised a son, and has been a full-time Cobra Coordinator at Blue Cross Blue Shield for 10 years. However, Houston still felt she was meant to do more.

“For three to four months I had been talking to my husband about the idea of volunteering,” Hinson-Houston said. “It’s like I kept thinking, ‘there’s something I’m supposed to be doing, but I don’t know what it is.’”

Then on a September afternoon in 2008, an episode of Dr. Phil led her down a path to a volunteer opportunity she never knew existed.

“I’ve never watched the show before,” Hinson-Houston said. “I just happened to be at home this particular day and was flipping through the channels.”

Dr. Phil McGraw and his wife Robin are spokespeople for the National CASA Association, a network of 955 programs that are recruiting, training and supporting volunteers to represent abused and neglected children in court.

The show detailed the role of the volunteer guardian ad litem and Hinson-Houston, who was intrigued at the idea of being a child’s advocate, set out to do research. She found the Lexington Guardian ad Litem program, which is part of the National CASA Association.

“When I found out we had this program right here in our community, I reached out to them,” Hinson-Houston said. “I cannot personally imagine anything more satisfying than being able to make an impact on a child’s life. I never knew there was a program that would allow me to make such a huge impact.”



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