

# *Union Guardian ad Litem Volunteers: Making a Difference in the Life of a Child!*

Robert Hill is a busy man. A dedicated father and husband, Hill is also a grandfather, though you wouldn't know it based on his sprightly demeanor. He works a full-time job at the recreation department where he also coaches basketball and softball. He is the President of the Pacolet River Baptist Association Brotherhood and as part of his duties oversees 23 churches. He's a youth advisor with D.J.J. and a Men of Action leader in his church.

"I don't know why I can keep a job because I'm always volunteering," Hill said, laughing.

Hill said he has always been passionate about helping young people and became intrigued by the Guardian ad Litem program when he met the Circuit Coordinator over Union County, Mary Hoppman.

"We met for lunch at Bonjangle's to talk about the program," Hill said. The Union County office had not yet been established, and Hoppman asked Hill if he could get some people together to have an inaugural training session.

"I said yes. I went to Men of Action and got a bunch of people - 7 out of 10 of them." Twelve volunteers in all finished the first training class. "It was a good start for the Union County Guardian ad Litem Program," Hill said.

The office in Union County opened on June 17, 2010 and Hill continues to get more people to volunteer. Hill has a desire to see many more Union County residents volunteer their time.

"A lot of people don't want to have to spend their time," Hill said. "And it does take some time. But we have ex-teachers and other people around here that could really make a difference and do good. I would love to see them part of the program. There's a need here in Union County."



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