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5th Annual "Give the Joy of Toys" Toy Drive and Shop & Sip



Every year in November, CASA CIS holds its Give the Joy of Toys toy drive. It is one of our favorite events of the year, because it allows our community get involved in a different way. Once again, our amazing community came through for our CASA kids by purchasing toys from our Amazon wish list so our advocates could "shop" for their kids for the holidays. This campaign has been so special for our advocates, staff, and the kids we serve. Every year, we are thrilled by its success and we are so grateful to all those who continue to purchase toys, donate gift cards, or show support by attending our Shop & Sip Open House!

Charity Golf Classic

April 27, 2026 | 8am Shotgun Start

Westfields Golf Club

13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue

Clifton, VA 20124



Benefitting



6am - Registration & Breakfast

8am - Shotgun Start

1pm - Lunch & Awards

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We're just 8 weeks away from BION's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Classic, happening on April 27th at the gorgeous Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, VA! We're thrilled to be selected as this year's beneficiary. Come support CASA CIS and help us advocate for children in need.

Tickets and sponsorships available [HERE](#).

Leadership Prince William's Signature Class of 2026
CASA CIS Program Director Kristen Dobbyn

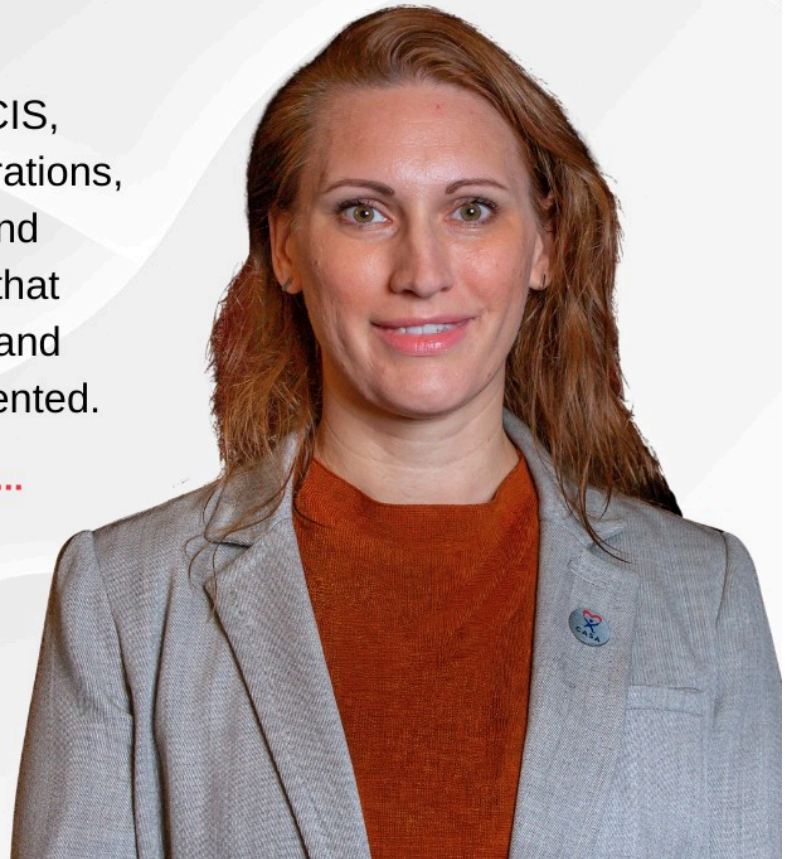
Meet

KRISTEN DOBBYN

SIGNATURE CLASS OF 2026
“ONE NINE WE ALL SHINE”

Kristen

is a Director with CASA CIS, overseeing program operations, volunteer coordination, and community partnerships that ensure children’s voices and best interests are represented.



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www.LeadershipPrinceWilliam.org

We couldn’t be more proud of our Program Director, Kristen Dobbyn! Much of what keeps this program functioning never makes headlines. While not always visible, our Program Director is the operational backbone of CASA CIS. The consistency and stability of the program reflect Kristen’s disciplined oversight. Please take a moment to read [Leadership Prince William's](#) write-up on Kristen below:

Kristen is a Director with Court Appointed Special Advocates, Children’s Intervention Services, supporting the advocacy of trained volunteers on behalf of children involved in the legal and child welfare systems. In her role, she oversees program operations, volunteer coordination, and community partnerships that ensure children’s voices and best interests are represented. Kristen developed and facilitated CASA CIS’s volunteer training, serves on the CASA state training committee, and local Best Practice Teams.

She collaborates with courts and service providers while also providing casework support and promoting awareness of CASA’s mission throughout the region. She is committed to trauma-informed, child-centered advocacy and to strengthening systems that protect vulnerable young people.

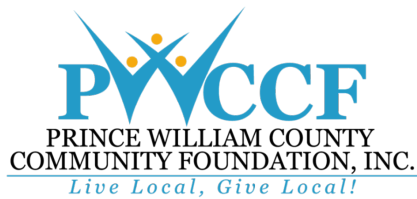
Active in the Northern Virginia and Prince William area, Kristen works with community organizations, supporters and grant foundations to expand CASA's impact and connect more children with dedicated advocates and the resources needed. Through her leadership, she helps ensure that our communities' most vulnerable children receive the safety and care they deserve.

When we lead with heart, we all shine! We're honored to have Kristen's voice in the Class of 2026!

Recent Community Support



We're grateful to **Oak Spring Garden Foundation** for their renewed support through another generous donation of craft kits! This time around, each kit came with four projects. These thoughtfully assembled kits help our advocates bring joy, creativity, and comfort to the children they work with, without the stress of planning and prep. Thank you, Oak Spring Garden Foundation, for being such a valued partner in our mission!



Thank you to Amazon and Prince William County Community Foundation for awarding CASA CIS with a \$10,000 grant! Seventeen nonprofits serving Prince William County have been awarded grants totaling \$161,300 through the Amazon Prince William County Community Fund, a partnership between Amazon and the Prince William County Community Foundation. The grants will support projects across five key focus areas: health and wellness; food security; sustainability and environment; veterans and military services; and social cohesion.



We are thrilled to announce that Northern Virginia Health Foundation awarded us with a grant to enable us to continue supporting the health and wellness of our volunteers and staff. Thank you, Northern Virginia Health Foundation!



We are beyond grateful for the incredible support from Harris Teeter Northern Region! Their generosity has brought so much joy to the children we serve through their amazing toy drive. We're so thankful to Harris Teeter for also sharing our Amazon Wish List, which brought even more cheer directly to our office.



In January, some of our amazing staff and volunteers enjoyed a fun and relaxing evening at **Laconiko Olive Oil**'s Sip & Sketch! Thanks to a generous grant from the **Northern Virginia Health Foundation**, we're able to invest in staff and volunteer wellness events, because caring for our community starts with caring for the people who make our work possible. We're proud to prioritize the well-being of our staff and volunteers, and we're so grateful for this support!

In February, **Laconiko Olive Oil** welcomed guests for a Mediterranean-inspired evening where food, wine, and purpose beautifully came together. Chef Donnella Pearson brought the open kitchen to life with a live cooking demonstration, showcasing how she incorporates Laconiko's olive oils and vinegars to elevate every dish. Beyond the incredible flavors and warm atmosphere, the evening carried even deeper meaning: 30% of all retail sales were donated to CASA. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



Thank you to **Halftime Band** for showing up for us in such a big way again this year! They're an amateur group made up of musicians who picked up their instruments in the second half of their lives, and who play because music brings them real joy that they want to share. One of our guardians ad litem, Joanne Yi, connected us last year when the band was looking for a charity to support during their two night concert series. They came back again this year and raised \$3,170 for our work! We're grateful for their generosity, their energy, and the fact they choose to put their time and talent toward something bigger than themselves.

Thank you to Helena Zenyuh and **Heart Full Boxes** for showing up again for our CASA kids! For the second year in a row, Helena (this time joined by her brother!) donated a new round of thoughtful, creative art kits made to spark joy and imagination. These were a BIG hit with our advocates last year! They loved having a ready-made activity to engage in with the kids on home visits. What started as service hours has clearly grown into something much bigger. Thank you both for proving that generosity runs in the family!

Huge thank you to Morgan and her incredible organization, **All Ur Heart**, for hosting a toy drive for us again this year! Morgan is a high school student and an inspiring young leader who also organized a drive for us last year, and we're so grateful she chose to come back and make an impact once more. Seeing young people lead with so much heart gives us all hope.

Thank you, **Wednesday Morning Bowling League - Bull Run**! Every year, this amazing group of ladies come together to collect gifts for our CASA children, helping us spread the Joy of Toys during the holiday season. Their kindness makes a world of difference! Thank you for standing with our advocates and supporting the children we serve.

New Advocate Training

February 19, 2026
Sworn in by the Honorable Judge Flores Laboy



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On February 19, we had the honor of joining our six new advocates (and our newest Child Advocacy Supervisor!) as they were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Flores Laboy. They have all been assigned their first cases and have begun advocating for their CASA children's best interests. Welcome to the team, Alyssa, Kristen, Johnna, Wendy, Latoria, Stephanie, and David!

Virginia CASA's Training of Facilitators



In January, our staff spent two energizing days in Fredericksburg attending Virginia CASA's new Training of Facilitators, and we're thrilled about what we learned! The in-depth updates Virginia CASA has rolled out are exciting, and we can't wait to put this new knowledge into action. We're looking forward to implementing these enhancements in our May training as we continue strengthening the support we provide to our volunteers and the children they serve.


Interested in becoming an advocate? Our next training begins May 2, 2026. Inquire about our next info session at info@casacis.org!

Looking for other ways to be involved? Join our Fauquier Community Outreach & Development Committee and help raise awareness, build partnerships, and create events that support children in need. Email Kristen Dobbyn at kdobbyn@casacis.org for more information on meeting dates!

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