

Raise your right hand and repeat after me...

When it is a good thing to have an appointment at the courthouse to appear before a judge?

When you are being sworn-in as a new Guardian *ad litem* (GAL) for CASA!

After a CASA/GAL volunteer completes his/her 40 hours of training, the interview process, courtroom observation, and background check there is only one more step to complete before being appointed to a case. Each volunteer is sworn in by a Franklin County Juvenile Court judge or magistrate. In November, we welcomed our fourth GAL training class of the year to the Franklin County Courthouse to be officially recognized as a “friend of the Court” before being appointed to their first cases.

CASA holds a brief ceremony for the new GALs, family, and friends at the conclusion of each quarterly training session to acknowledge the accomplishments of the class and to thank each class member for agreeing to undertake such an important responsibility.

Class members enjoy this last time together as a group. There are lots of pictures taken and much cake eaten. Congratulations to our newest class!