



## Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan



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# For Immediate Release

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**Subject: The Third Circuit Court CASA Program Recognized by For the Seventh Generation**

**Detroit, MI** - The For the Seventh Generation Thrive Award is presented to an organization that significantly contributes to the quality of life for children and families in the Wayne County Child Welfare system by providing resources needed for them to thrive in a safe, loving, and stable home and creating opportunities for these children to pursue their dreams and become productive members of our community.

This year's recipient of the award was the Third Circuit Court's Wayne County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program.

So far this year under the leadership of Director Roland Smith, the Wayne County CASA 49 community-trained volunteers have zealously and effectively represented 100 youth in the most difficult cases heard in the Third Circuit Court. The Wayne County CASA is celebrating 21 years of speaking up for the best interest of children in and helping to ensure they have the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home.

Director Roland Smith says, "The CASA program is successful because of ordinary men and women in the community who are compassionate about the safety and well-being of children. A successful CASA volunteer advocates for and ensures that all children have a voice in court proceedings and have a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible. Please join our team of specially trained volunteers. It takes a minimum of 8-10 hours per month to advocate for the children in foster care. Be among the finest and wear the honor proudly. Make a difference in a child's life."

Financial donations to support the efforts of the Wayne County CASA Program may be made through the Wayne County Friends of CASA, Attn: Elena K., 1025 E. Forest, Bldg. B – Room 118, Detroit, MI 48207.



The Mission of Third Judicial Circuit Court is to provide accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution. **The Third Judicial Circuit** has jurisdiction over Civil, Criminal, and Family matters arising in the County of Wayne. The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket. For more information, visit our website [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org), follow us at Twitter@3rdccorg, and like us on Facebook @3rdccorg.