



# Children Find Forever Home

I'm Dave DeHaven, a volunteer with Yamhill County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). I've been sharing with you a recent case of child neglect I worked to resolve. It was time to make a recommendation to the judge about permanent custody for the children.

I met with the children's aunt one more time. Because she worked part-time and was very frugal, it was possible she could quit her job and live on the monthly payments from the Department of Human Services if she gained permanent custody of the children.

I continued meeting with the children. "We're happy here," the older child kept saying. "We want to stay with our aunt." He was doing well in school and the infant was thriving.

The Citizen Review Board, a panel of volunteers who review foster care cases, studied the record and reports. The aunt attended the Board's

meeting; however, the dad was still in jail and the mom didn't show. Next, the Department of Human Services held a family reunification meeting. The parents missed that meeting too.

After much research and contemplation, I filed my last report with the court. My recommendation: Give the aunt permanent custody of the children. The judge agreed with my recommendation. The mother and father would be able to visit if and when they were clean and sober.

The aunt quit her job to care for the children full-time. I was pleased with the happy ending I helped create for these children. They were placed in a stable, loving home – a home where I knew they would feel safe and protected.

Isn't that what every child should have? Please join me as a volunteer to make this happen for other children.

To read the first two parts of this story, visit [www.yccasa.org](http://www.yccasa.org).

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Some of the details of this case have been changed to preserve the anonymity of the people involved in it.

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