

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

**“My name is Robert Woodbury, and I’ve been a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteer for almost a year.”**

Robert Woodbury is a pastor and works full time with the school district. Before becoming a volunteer, he was concerned about not having enough time. He wanted to make sure he had time to effectively advocate for these children. After he started working as a volunteer, he realized he had plenty of time to do what was needed to be done and more.

Through the free 30 hour training provided by the GAL program, Robert became more comfortable about being an advocate for abused and neglected children. “I learned everything I needed to know to be able to go and visit with the children and their families.”

Robert believes other people should volunteer because “they will make a difference in a child’s life. I think anyone that has a vested interest in their community and how it turns out, should be in this program. Every time that you are able to help a child out, you are making a major impact in the community. It affects the way the children grow up, the way they think and their mindset overall. I enjoy the program and what it stands for.”



*Robert Woodbury  
Marion Volunteer Guardian ad Litem*

*“One of the biggest moments in my life was when I was sworn in to the program. Being a volunteer, you play a big role in the child’s life. I feel like the decisions I made have allowed children to be in safer environments.”*



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