



# the VOLUNTEERS

Billy works full time for Timkin, one of the largest companies in Cherokee County. While juggling a family and working third shift, he has made time to dedicate to the Guardian ad Litem program.

Having lost both of his parents at a young age, Billy saw the direction he could have gone if it wasn't for people making a difference in his life. He understands the challenges that many kids face and because of that is giving back to the community by being an advocate for children. As Billy puts it: "it's not children's fault they're in the position they are in. They need a voice to speak up for them and that is what the Guardian ad Litem program does".

Billy first heard about the Guardian ad Litem program through an article in the newspaper. Having a love for children and because of his own experiences growing up, Billy wanted to make a difference in the lives of children's futures. After 10 years of service, he sees no better way to invest in a child. Billy states: "Children are the future. If we don't help provide a future for them, then who will? It's satisfying knowing that I can give back to the community by being an advocate for children".

Billy mentions that one of the most rewarding parts of being a Guardian ad Litem volunteer is seeing the effects it has on a child. Many of these children have never had someone believe and inspire them until they have a GAL. Billy states: "It's rewarding to feel and notice the bond between children and the volunteer. Seeing the joy they have when you invest in them and advocate for their best interests provides a rewarding experience for volunteers. Seeing that smile makes all the difference".



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*Cherokee Volunteer Guardian ad Litem*

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