

Abused children can't wait

Jessica went straight to the top and called the drug manufacturer. Within two days, Alex had a month's worth of medication and a nurse to administer the shot.

"Calling the drug company wasn't the easiest way to get it done, but it got him the medication the quickest," she said. "Doctors said if he missed the medication for a month his kidneys might start to fail. I was not going to let that happen."

For Jessica what started as a collegiate passion for CASA, bloomed into a full-fledged desire after college to help kids in need.

"This is one of the only volunteer roles out there that allows you to touch every part of a child's life," she said. "It's not just their school, not just their family, not just their medical needs – it's everything."

"I have held kids' hands through every hard walk they've had and I've been able to make impactful change. That's what keeps me going."

A corporate attorney, mother of one and wife to a basketball and football coach, Glitz is proud of her role at Dallas CASA. She says being an advocate has made her a better attorney, a more grounded mother and a more sensitive person.

"Obviously, when you're a CASA volunteer it can reveal the horrible things in the world," she said. "But for me, this allows me to see what really matters. I don't sweat the small stuff so much."

Jessica has had two cases involving four kids since she became an advocate in 2011.

"Jessica has been the constant presence in the lives of the three children on her current case for nearly four years," Jessica's supervisor Shelly Wilbanks said. "When the case was scheduled for trial, she showed up repeatedly, willing to testify. When the children talked to the judge, she sat in court and supported them afterward."

Today, Alex, left on CPS' doorstep in poor health, is living in foster care, hoping for a forever home soon. But he still has Jessica, who says she'll be by his side until his dream comes true.

