

Abused children can't wait

Loving and intelligent, Tanisha struggled without a permanent home. Not knowing where she might go next, she began hoarding food and struggled to make friends with other children.

Meanwhile Tanisha's advocate Terry stayed on her case, tracking down Tanisha's long-lost grandfather living in another state. Dallas CASA interviewed him and he expressed a strong desire for Tanisha to come live with him. Tanisha's advocate recommended to the court that the grandfather be considered a placement for the child. After months of delay and dogged pursuit by Dallas CASA, a home study was finally completed and approved for Tanisha's grandfather. Tanisha found permanency right in her very own family.

After five years of uncertainty and chaos, Tanisha now lives with her grandfather and will start kindergarten this week. She has her own bed and her own room. She plays with neighborhood children, including her next-door best friend, who is also starting kindergarten this week. She and her grandfather have formed an unbreakable bond and still Skype with Tanisha's CASA volunteer advocate.

Tanisha is with family and she's thriving. She's also making plans to celebrate her sixth birthday in December with her best friend, her classmates and her new forever family.

