

# WHO WE ARE

VASIA's mission is to provide public guardianship services to seniors and incapacitated adults.

VASIA consists of a team of volunteer advocates who help seniors and incapacitated adults in the Johnson & Shelby County areas achieve the highest degree of independence possible, while also assisting them with maintaining the greatest degree of health, comfort and safety.

VASIA serves adults over the age of 18 years old. Those served are diagnosed by a physician as being mentally or medically incapacitated. The adult is also without a willing, able or suitable relative or significant person to serve as guardian. A county judge rules that the person needs guardianship and then assigns VASIA.

To be eligible for VASIA services, the adult must reside in Johnson or Shelby County and live in a residential facility.

Anyone can submit a referral to our public guardianship program. To complete a referral, please visit our website at [www.indianavasia.org](http://www.indianavasia.org).

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ADVOCATES FOR  
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## GUARDIANSHIP OF A PERSON

When a court appoints a guardian of the person, the guardian may have the following responsibilities:

- Identify and advocate for the person's needs and preferences
- Promote and monitor the well-being of the person
- Maximize independence in the least restrictive setting
- Communicate with family members and health care providers
- Consent to and monitor medical treatment
- Consent to and monitor non-medical services, such as education and counseling
- Maintain confidentiality
- Submit an annual report to the court
- Prearrange funeral services
- Make end-of-life decisions

## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Anyone over the age of 21 can volunteer. You can set your own hours and should expect to put in an average of 6 hours per month. Volunteer activities include monthly visits, personal shopping, recreational activities, service monitoring, and advocacy. You can apply by completing an application on our website.

## BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES

Help celebrate a VASIA birthday with an encouraging note and gift card for cake and ice cream. Our volunteer advocates will deliver the sweet treats and celebrate their special day! Gift cards can be purchased from any location.



## ANGEL TREE

The VASIA Angel Tree is available from November 15th - December 15th located outside the VASIA Office in the Johnson County Courthouse. Grab a detailed ornament from the tree and drop the corresponding items off at our office. Our volunteer advocates will wrap and deliver the gifts to the adults we serve.

## MUSIC & FLOWERS

VASIA clients will receive a vase of flowers from Bud & Bloom and music from The Marshall Band.



## FUNDING

VASIA receives grant funding from the State Supreme Court of Adult Guardianship and relies on local county funding and donations. Fundraisers available with community partners.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

