

ANNUAL REPORT

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AMPLIFY A
CHILD'S VOICE



ADVOCATING
FOR CHANGE

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story."

Dear Friends of CASA for Douglas County,

Over the past year, we have continued to see the impacts of trauma, grief, and stress ripple across the lives of so many children impacted by the Child Welfare System due to abuse and/or neglect. It is a path many children witness for various reasons. While this is a heavy lift, CASA for Douglas continues to be a beacon of hope for these children and has been for 26 years.



CASA for Douglas County continues to support and amplify the voice of children and youth to help them through their hardest moments. When other doors seem to close, CASA for Douglas County's staff and Volunteer Advocates step in to support, encourage, ensure safety, and leverage resources for one of our most vulnerable populations, the children. It is difficult for a child to navigate such stressful situations that include the impacts of poverty, abuse, neglect, and housing insecurity. However, when children feel heard, supported, safe, and empowered to use their voice, believe in themselves and their strengths, and have access to necessary basic needs, the load they were given to carry feels lighter.

As of June 2024, CASA for Douglas County has served 421 children supported by 202 CASA Volunteer Advocates. Your generous support will continue to afford CASA the opportunity to recruit, educate, and empower Volunteer Advocates to advocate for children impacted by the Child Welfare System. Internally, as a team, CASA for Douglas County is intentional in the space of inclusion, and equity to ensure all children receive the best support during traumatic times in their lives. For this reason, CASA for Douglas County's platform, Representation Matters, has broadened our reach in underserved communities to meet the goal of being representative of children served.

As we close out 2024, *I invite you to invest in the future of children and families today.* Every dollar you donate fills gaps to provide support for those who need it most. Together, child by child, healing occurs, and our community gets stronger.

On behalf of all of us at CASA for Douglas County and the children, and youth who we walk beside to amplify their voice, we thank you for your generosity.

Respectfully,

Kimberly C. Barnes

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Executive Director

Mission

Training, empowering, and inspiring Volunteer Advocates to improve the lives of children who have been abused or neglected.

Vision

To provide a CASA Volunteer Advocate to every child in foster care who needs one.

Core Values

Diligence, Service, Inclusivity, Tenacity, Collaboration, Courage, Innovation.

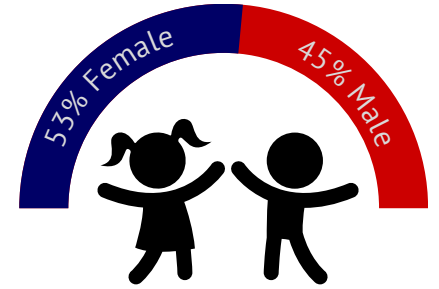
CHILDREN SERVED:

RACE / ETHNICITY

African American	39%
Caucasian	29%
Multi-Racial	13%
Native American	6%
Hispanic	5%
Other / Not Specified	5%
Asian / Pacific Islander	3%

421

Children Served by 202 Volunteer Advocates



AGE

0-4	18%
5-13	46%
14-17	24%
18+	12%

124 ACHIEVED PERMANENCY

36%	33%	17%	13%	1%
Reunified	Adopted	Aged Out	Guardianship	Other

WHY DID CHILDREN COME INTO CARE?

90%	Neglect
7%	Physical or Sexual Abuse
3%	Other

OUR VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES: REPRESENTATION MATTERS

RACE / ETHNICITY

Caucasian	87%
African American	5%
Multi-Racial	3%
Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
Other / Not Specified	2%
Hispanic	1%

GENDER

68%	Female
31%	Male
1%	Non-binary

AGE

21-29	24%
30-39	24%
40-49	12%
50-59	11%
60+	23%

MEN OF CASA

Men of CASA is a dedicated group of 11 men who meet quarterly to foster camaraderie and enhance recruitment efforts.

LGBTQIA+

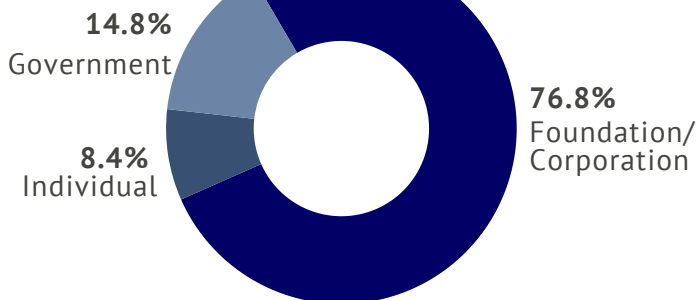
*Self identify
1.5%

40 NEW VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

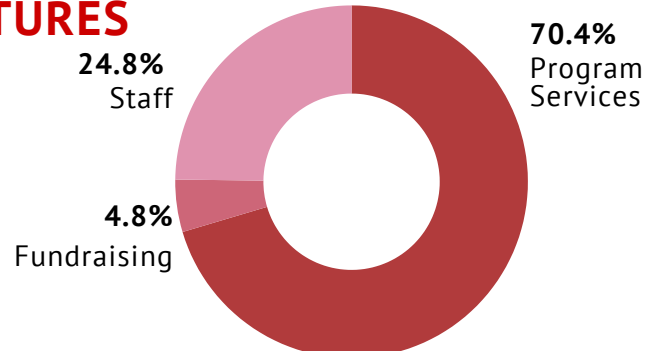
FINANCIALS

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REVENUE



EXPENDITURES





AMPLIFY THEIR VOICE

Give the Gift of Time

Children impacted by the child welfare system face trauma and uncertainty daily.

Advocate for change! Studies have shown children with a CASA have 50% fewer reentries into the child welfare system.

Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate and amplify their voice when they need it most.



FIND YOUR PASSION WITH CASA

Give the Gift of Dedication

Support Project Hope Pack by donating essential items for children in crisis.

Stay informed—get updates on exclusive events and training.

Bring CASA to your workplace—invite us to inspire your colleagues with our mission.

Expand CASA's reach—help amplify our efforts by connecting us with your network.



MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY

Give the Gift of Generosity

Your generosity advances our mission, empowering Volunteer Advocates to amplify the voice of children impacted by the child welfare system.

The incredible support provided by our donors is vital in creating lasting change to build a brighter future for the children who need us the most.

Donate today and make an impact that will last a lifetime.

EMBRACE YOUR PASSION, AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT:

Get involved today—your advocacy will fulfill an urgent need. For details, simply scan the QR code and take the next step!



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