

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY

25 YEARS



**HOPE NEEDS A
HELPING HAND**

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

— Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since I began my tenure as the Executive Director at CASA for Douglas County. My role as Executive Director has shifted my perspective on supporting children navigating the challenges of the child welfare system. It is extremely important, and beneficial to collaborate with intentions of equity and inclusivity, so all children receive the best support during traumatic times in their lives.



Over the last year, CASA for Douglas County has increased visibility in underserved communities, and created a platform for Representation Matters to ensure all cultures are representative of the children we serve. The connections we facilitate through our Advocacy program, communities, and stakeholders, offer unique opportunities to build authentic relationships across differences, generate new ideas to support, and amplify the voice of children receiving CASA services. Additionally, CASA for Douglas County has added entry factors related to children coming into care to prioritize the wait list based on need. This addition has afforded CASA the opportunity to diversify funding in these targeted areas.

As a team, we are working internally to make sure we strike the right balance between our daily efforts and our long-term vision. So far this year, we held our very first off-site strategic planning session with CASA for Douglas County Board of Directors, to dream, envision, and plan for what is ahead for CASA. Notably, CASA for Douglas County is celebrating 25 years of supporting children who are navigating the foster care system due to abuse and/or neglect. It is a priority that the benefits CASA has to offer continue for many more years to come, while honoring the mission through advocacy, and amplifying the voice of children impacted by the Child Welfare System.

As of June 2023, CASA has served 485 children with 209 CASA volunteer advocates. Your generous support means creating more impactful recruiting, training, and advocating for children in the child welfare system. The impactful and meaningful work done by CASA for Douglas County cannot be achieved without the support of our community.

As 2023 comes to an end, CASA is humbly asking for you to consider a financial gift to improve the lives of children impacted by the child welfare system. Your gift can start the healing process coupled with a bright future for children served by CASA for Douglas County.

This year, you can donate easily by scanning the QR code or you can mail your gift payable to CASA for Douglas County to 2412 St. Mary’s Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68105 or you can make a donation online by visiting casaomaha.org.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation to CASA for Douglas County!

Kimberly C. Barnes

KIMBERLY C. BARNES
Executive Director

Mission

Training, empowering, and inspiring volunteer advocates to improve the lives of abused and neglected children.

Vision

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

Core Values

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

485

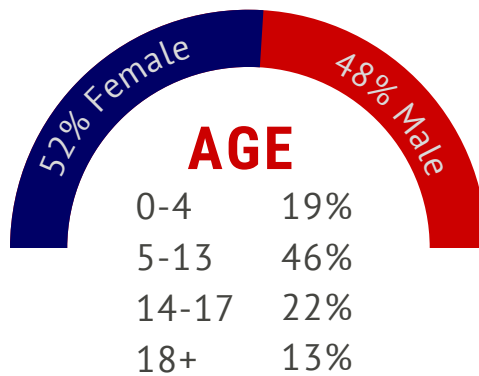
Children Served by **209** Advocates

WHY DID CHILDREN COME INTO CARE?

83% Neglect
11% Physical or Sexual Abuse
6% Other

RACE / ETHNICITY

African American	40%
Caucasian	24%
Hispanic	15%
Multi-Racial	8%
Native American	6%
Other / Not Specified	4%
Asian / Pacific Islander	3%



171 ACHIEVED PERMANENCY

43%	22%	15%	11%	9%
Reunified	Adopted	Aged Out	Guardianship	Other

OUR ADVOCATES

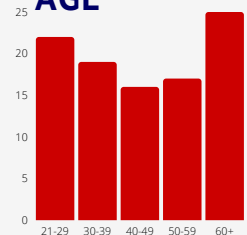
RACE / ETHNICITY

Caucasian	89%
African American	5%
Hispanic	4%
Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
Multi-Racial	1%
Other / Not Specified	>1%

Gender

85% Female
14% Male
1% Non-binary

AGE



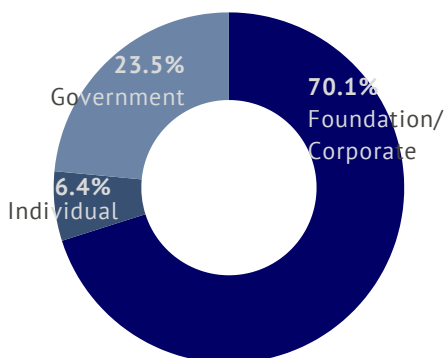
EMPLOYMENT

69% Full time
10% Part Time
4% Not Employed
11% Retired
6% Students

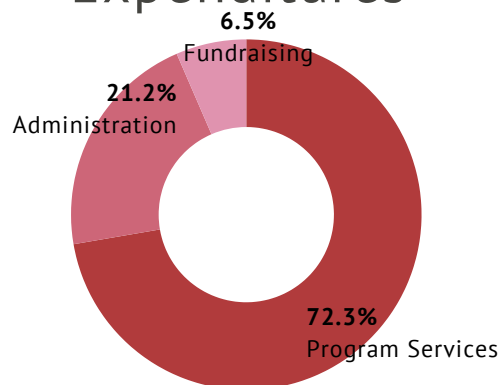
FINANCIALS

Visit our website for the full financial audit and more: casaomaha.org

Revenue



Expenditures





AMPLIFY THEIR VOICE

There's a child in foster care waiting for an advocate like you.

Change a child's story by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer.



FIND YOUR PASSION

- Help with Project Hope Pack
- Learn about upcoming events & trainings
- Invite CASA to give a presentation at your workplace



MAKE AN IMPACT

Make a gift to support CASA's vital work.

Your generosity to CASA gets us closer to our vision of providing a CASA Volunteer to every child in foster care who needs one.

Visit CASA's website to discover more ways you can get engaged. For more information, scan the QR code.



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