



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO THRIVE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

IMPACT

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

WE'RE PROUD TO REPORT IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, 89% OF ALL MONEY RAISED WENT DIRECTLY TOWARDS ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

THE CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT CAN PROVIDE A SIZABLE TAX BENEFIT FOR DONORS WHO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT CHARITIES FOCUSED ON THE CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN IN COLORADO. WHEN A QUALIFYING DONATION OF \$500 OR MORE IS MADE TO ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CASA, THE CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT MAY ALLOW A DONOR TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO 50% OF THE TOTAL DONATION. PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR TAX ADVISOR.

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DONATE YOUR STOCKS

FIRST CONTACT THE COMPANY WHERE THE STOCK IS HELD, AND LET THEM KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SHARES TO A CHARITY WHOSE ACCOUNT IS HELD AT CHARLES SCHWAB. THEY WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC FORM TO SEND TO CHARLES SCHWAB. NEXT, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A MEMBER OF OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO CONNECT WITH OUR ACCOUNT MANAGER.



SPONSOR AN EVENT

WE HOST A VARIETY OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ARE ALWAYS EAGER TO WORK WITH TERRIFIC COMMUNITY PARTNERS INTERESTED IN DONATING THROUGH EVENT SPONSORSHIPS. COVERING THE COST OF EVENTS ALLOWS FOR SPONSORS TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE RECOGNITION AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS ALLOWS ALL DONATIONS MADE TO GO DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR KIDS.



INQUIRE ABOUT EMPLOYER MATCHES

DID YOU KNOW THAT APPROXIMATELY 65% OF LARGE COMPANIES AND 28% OF SMALL TO MID-SIZE COMPANIES OFFER SOME TYPE OF MATCH FOR EITHER MONETARY DONATIONS OR EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEER HOURS? CHECK WITH YOUR WORKPLACE TODAY TO SEE IF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CASA MAY BE MATCHED!



GIVE PART OR ALL OF YOUR TAX REFUND

IF YOU GET A STATE INCOME TAX REFUND, YOU HAVE A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE SOME OR ALL OF IT TO SUPPORT OUR ONGOING WORK. JUST ENTER ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CASA AND OUR REGISTRATION NUMBER (20023003345) IN THE DONATE TO A COLORADO NONPROFIT FUND LINE ON YOUR STATE INCOME TAX RETURN - OR JUST GIVE THIS INFO TO YOUR TAX PREPARER.



ENROLL IN KING SOOPERS REWARDS

PLEASE VISIT KINGSOOPERS.COM. ONCE LOGGED IN, PLEASE SEARCH FOR ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CASA EITHER BY NAME OR VA631 AND THEN CLICK ENROLL. (NEW USERS WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT WHICH REQUIRES SOME BASIC INFORMATION, A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS AND A LOYALTY CARD.) ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CASA WILL THEN RECEIVE A PORTION OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND!

CASA VOLUNTEERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

Sam first entered foster care with her two half-brothers in 2015. When their parents were arrested, authorities reported suspected neglect and possible abuse of the children. After a few years of attempting to keep the three siblings together, Sam was separated from her brothers, and they went on to be adopted together while she remained in the child welfare system. Over the last eight years, Sam has moved 37 times and has been in 25 different placements. She has lived in foster homes, group homes, hospitals, residential treatment centers and has even spent time living out of state in facilities that were supposed to have the resources to meet her needs.

For over eight years, Sam's life has been filled with new social workers and therapists, different schools and facilities. She has had very little stability with one exception, and that is her CASA Fran. Fran first met Sam and her brothers in September 2015. Since then, Fran has been by Sam's side for every move and change she has experienced. Fran has gotten to know Sam and her unique needs in a way that no other adult has ever been able to. When one of Sam's placements in Georgia was no longer a good fit, Fran traveled to Atlanta and flew back to Colorado with Sam and helped move her into a new foster home. When there were no appropriate relatives to attend family therapy with Sam, Fran was asked to participate and joined in the monthly sessions for over two years. Fran has been a sounding board for Sam through it all, for the big moments like when she's processing what kind of a relationship she desires to have with her biological aunt and uncle and for the more lighthearted moments like deciding what she wants to dress up as for Halloween. Even now that Sam's foster home is over an hour away from where Fran lives, she still makes the drive 3-4 times a month to ensure they see each other.

While Sam's journey through the system is far from over, the unconditional love and support she receives from Fran will be forever.

2023 IN REVIEW

814 CHILDREN SERVED
11,075 HOURS VOLUNTEERED
115,283 MILES DRIVEN
\$60,677 EXPENSES DONATED
\$1,471,042 TAX DOLLARS SAVED

"THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN MY LIFE ARE MY GRANDMOTHER, GOD, AND MY CASA."
-MIKEY, AGE 11, CASA YOUTH

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MISSION & VISION

IT IS OUR MISSION TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN & YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR OTHER LIFE CHALLENGES BY CONNECTING THEM WITH VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES AND ACTIVATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.



I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER AND TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF MY CASA YOUTH'S LIFE. THE WORK THAT CASA VOLUNTEERS DO MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN THESE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES AND I'M STILL HUMBLLED TO HAVE PLAYED A SMALL PART IN HER LIFE, IN PARTICULAR."

LORI, CASA VOLUNTEER

MISSION & VISION

IT IS OUR VISION THAT ALL CHILDREN DREAM, THRIVE AND GROW WITH A SENSE OF BELONGING AND EMPOWERMENT TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

OUR PROGRAMS

CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE EVERYDAY PEOPLE TRAINED TO ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR EXPERIENCED A LIFE CHALLENGE.

OUR PROGRAMS

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DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT

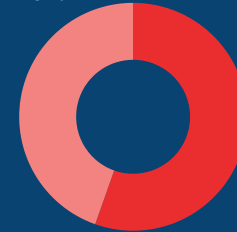
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE THE COURT AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WITH INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY AND WELLBEING OF THE CHILD. CASAS LEARN OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY BY SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR CHILD. CHILDREN AND YOUTH INVOLVED IN OUR DEPENDENCY & NEGLECT PROGRAM ARE APPOINTED THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT 80% OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OCCURS WITHIN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS OF A BABIES LIFE. THEREFORE, WE KNOW THAT THE EARLIER WE ARE ABLE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FAMILIES THE HIGHER OUR SUCCESS RATE.

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HOMEWORK HELP

THE HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM IS A DEDICATED INITIATIVE AIMED AT DELIVERING ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL AID TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN GRADES 6-12. WHILE PARTICIPANTS MAY HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE FOSTER CARE, TRUANCY, OR JUDICIAL SYSTEMS, ELIGIBILITY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THOSE AFFILIATIONS.

OUR COMMUNITIES SAW CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM, WITH STUDENTS OF COLOR DISPROPORTIONALLY REPRESENTED, MORE THAN DOUBLE DURING THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, RISING TO 23% FROM 10% THE YEAR PRIOR.



55.4% OF STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE MOVED INTO OR OUT OF THEIR DISTRICT IN A SCHOOL YEAR.

3

TRUANCY PROGRAM

OUR TRUANCY PROGRAM ASSIGNS CASA VOLUNTEERS TO CASES THAT ARE OPEN DUE TO UNDERLYING BARRIERS THAT ARE KEEPING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO GET AHEAD OF ANY ISSUES GOING ON AT HOME BEFORE IT LEADS TO THE NEED TO OPEN A DEPENDENCY & NEGLECT CASE.

Founded in 1985, Advocates for Children CASA emerged as a dedicated response to the pressing issue of child abuse. Our primary mission is to provide a voice in the courtroom for children who have endured abuse and neglect. Throughout the decades, our organization has evolved, gaining profound insights into the needs of our community.

Through our years of experience, we have learned that addressing child abuse requires a holistic approach. Beyond the courtroom, we have identified the crucial need for wraparound services. These services extend beyond the courtroom, focusing on prevention and providing ongoing support to children and families even after they are no longer system-involved.

Our commitment goes beyond advocacy. we strive to create a network of comprehensive resources that actively contribute to the well-being of children and families in our community. Through continuous learning and adaptation, Advocates for Children CASA remains dedicated to fostering a safer and more supportive community for children and families.

OUR PROGRAMS

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

ONCE ARRESTED, CHILDREN OF COLOR OR SPECIAL NEEDS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS.

OUR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASA PROGRAM ASSIGNS VOLUNTEERS TO YOUTH WITH AN OPEN CASE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THESE VOLUNTEERS FOCUS ON THE YOUTH'S STRENGTHS AND ACTIONABLE GOALS AS THEY PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY.

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LEGACY PROJECT

OUR LEGACY PROJECT FOCUSES ON SERVING YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13-23 WHO NEED SUPPORT IN BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT.

THESE YOUTH ARE PAIRED WITH A MENTOR WHO WORKS WITH THEM ON ACQUIRING LIFE SKILLS, GOAL SETTING, AND RESOURCE NAVIGATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, SO THEY CAN BECOME INDEPENDENT ADULTS.

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CASA CONNECTS


CASA CONNECTS, FORMERLY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SERVES DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND AGENCIES BY PROVIDING A COLLABORATIVE FORMAT TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE REGARDING APPROPRIATE, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCESS. DCCMP ALSO SEEKS TO BUILD MORE COLLABORATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON THE STATE AND LOCAL PLATFORMS.

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FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

25% OF FOSTER YOUTH WILL BECOME HOMELESS WITHIN FOUR YEARS AFTER FOSTER CARE

FOUNDATIONS HELPS CONNECT OLDER YOUTH WITH HOUSING VOUCHERS WHILE PROVIDING MENTORSHIP FOCUSING ON STABILITY AND FINANCIAL LITERACY. THIS NEWEST PROGRAM ADDRESSES A NEED WE HAVE OFTEN QUESTIONS ABOUT FOR YEARS, PROVIDING HOUSING SUPPORT OR YOUNG ADULTS NO LONGER IN FOSTER CARE.

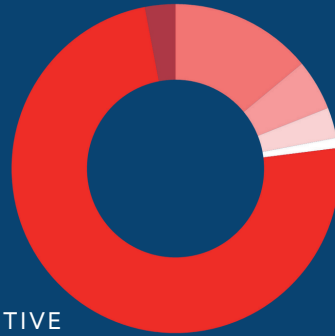


**I WAS HAVING A SAD DAY AND WHEN MY CASA CAME FOR A VISIT, HE LISTENED TO ME AND HELPED ME WITH MY BIG FEELINGS."
VERONICA, AGE 8, CASA YOUTH**

DIVERSITY DATA

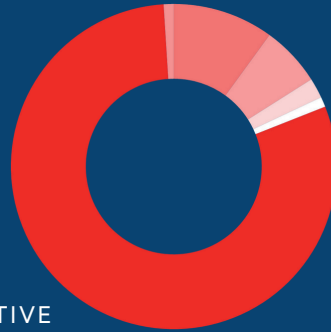
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BY RACE

- 74% WHITE
- 14% HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 5% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 3% TWO OR MORE RACES
- 3% ASIAN
- 1% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE



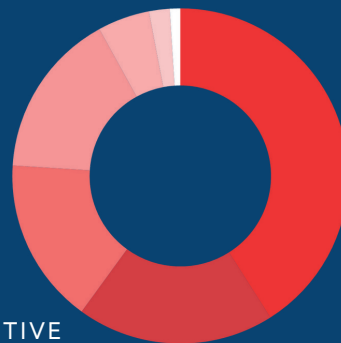
VOLUNTEERS ON CASES BY RACES

- 80% WHITE
- 10% HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 6% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 2% ASIAN
- 1% UNKNOWN
- 1% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE



CHILDREN SERVED WITH A VOLUNTEER BY RACE

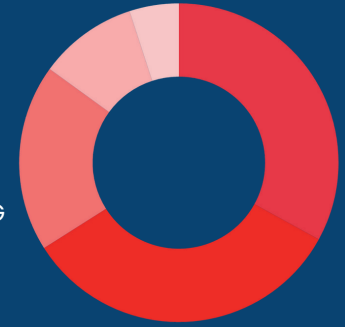
- 41% WHITE
- 19% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 16% HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 16% TWO OR MORE RACES
- 5% UNKNOWN
- 2% ASIAN
- 1% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE



OUR FINANCIALS

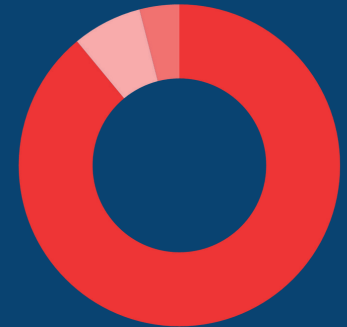
FUNDING SOURCES

- 33% EVENTS
- 33% INDIVIDUAL
- 19% GRANTS
- 10% GOVERNMENT FUNDING
- 5% OTHER



EXPENSES

- 89% PROGRAM
- 7% FUNDRAISING
- 4% OTHER



TAXPAYER VALUE

INCLUDES NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS, DOLLARS SPENT DIRECTLY BY VOLUNTEERS, AND THE COST TO SUPPORT A CASA VOLUNTEER

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS HOURS BASED ON INDEPENDENT SECTOR NATIONAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER CONVERSION	\$352,165.30
DOLLARS SPENT	\$60,677.00
COST TO SUPPORT NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN THE LAST YEAR	\$1,058,200.00
TOTAL	\$1,471,042.00

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 EVENT SPONSORS!



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

THE JAY & ROSE PHILLIPS FAMILY FOUNDATION OF COLORADO





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Court Appointed Special Advocates
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