



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO DREAM, THRIVE, AND GROW

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

IMPACT

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

WE'RE PROUD TO REPORT IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, 88% 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.



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](https://www.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

In January 2018, Jessica was referred to her local truancy court due to chronic absenteeism. By semester's end, Jessica had not completed enough assignments for her teachers to calculate grades for her. Advocates for Children CASA read Jessica's referral to the court and assigned a former educator to be her Truancy CASA Volunteer.

Jessica's Truancy CASA Volunteer, Ann, learned that Jessica did not like school, but that was not the main reason she was not attending. Jessica and her family were experiencing homelessness, and educational neglect was taking place due to the severity of the family's circumstances. Jessica was understandably feeling anxious and depressed due to all the uncertainty in her life.

Ann worked tirelessly with both Jessica and her mother to help them recognize the value of education. Ann discovered another reason for the poor attendance was that the family was constantly moving around, so the route to school each morning was constantly changing. Jessica often needed to take two buses to get to school and her mother could not afford to provide bus passes for her.


Once Jessica and her family found a semi-permanent home in a motel, Ann worked with the truancy court to set up a transportation service to get the kids to and from school. Ann's advocacy led directly to transportation access, which started helping Jessica make it to school more regularly.

Ann continued to help Jessica and her mom when the family moved to a new neighborhood, about 10 miles from Jessica's school, and even when they found a different home that was 15 miles from school. Ann taught them how to set up transportation access on their own, instilling a sense of independence and long-term sustainability, rather than doing everything on their behalf.

Thanks to the support of her Truancy CASA Volunteer, Jessica continued attending school regularly, improved her academic performance, and even started participating on the snowboard team! Jessica, with Ann still walking by her side today, recently acquired the last of her high school credits and is now excited to figure out the next step in her educational journey!

2024 IN REVIEW

1,197 CHILDREN SERVED
9,407 HOURS VOLUNTEERED
86,880 MILES DRIVEN
\$51,293 EXPENSES DONATED
\$1,922,433 TAX DOLLARS SAVED



"I THOUGHT THAT EVENTUALLY,
MY CASA WOULD STOP
COMING...BUT SHE SHOWED UP
EVERY TIME."

SARAH, 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.



“IF YOU CAN AMPLIFY A CHILD’S INNER BEAUTY THROUGH YOUR ADVOCACY – THAT IS WORTH EVERY MINUTE. I AM GLAD THAT CASA EXISTS.”

TOM, 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.



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 focus on prevention and provide 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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DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT

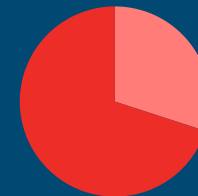
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE THE COURT AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WITH INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELLBEING OF THE CHILD. CASA VOLUNTEERS LEARN OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY BY SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR ASSIGNED CHILD. 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 BABY'S LIFE. THEREFORE, WE KNOW THAT THE EARLIER WE ARE ABLE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FAMILIES, THE HIGHER OUR SUCCESS RATE.

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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 THEY LEAD TO THE NEED TO OPEN A DEPENDENCY & NEGLECT CASE.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY ARE CRITICAL FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, AS ONLY 36% GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN FOUR YEARS IN COLORADO, COMPARED TO 84% OF THEIR PEERS NOT IN CARE. THIS STARK DISPARITY UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS' EFFORTS TO ENSURE THESE CHILDREN HAVE THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT NEEDED TO SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY.



36% OF STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN FOUR YEARS IN COLORADO.

“I’VE CHANGED BECAUSE I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. MY CASA CAME TO MY GRADUATION, SO SHE’S SEEN ME GRADUATE, GET JOBS, GET A CAR. LIKE, GROW FROM EVERYTHING.”

MADDIE, AGE 21, CASA YOUTH

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 CASA VOLUNTEERS TO YOUTH WITH AN OPEN CASE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THESE CASA 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

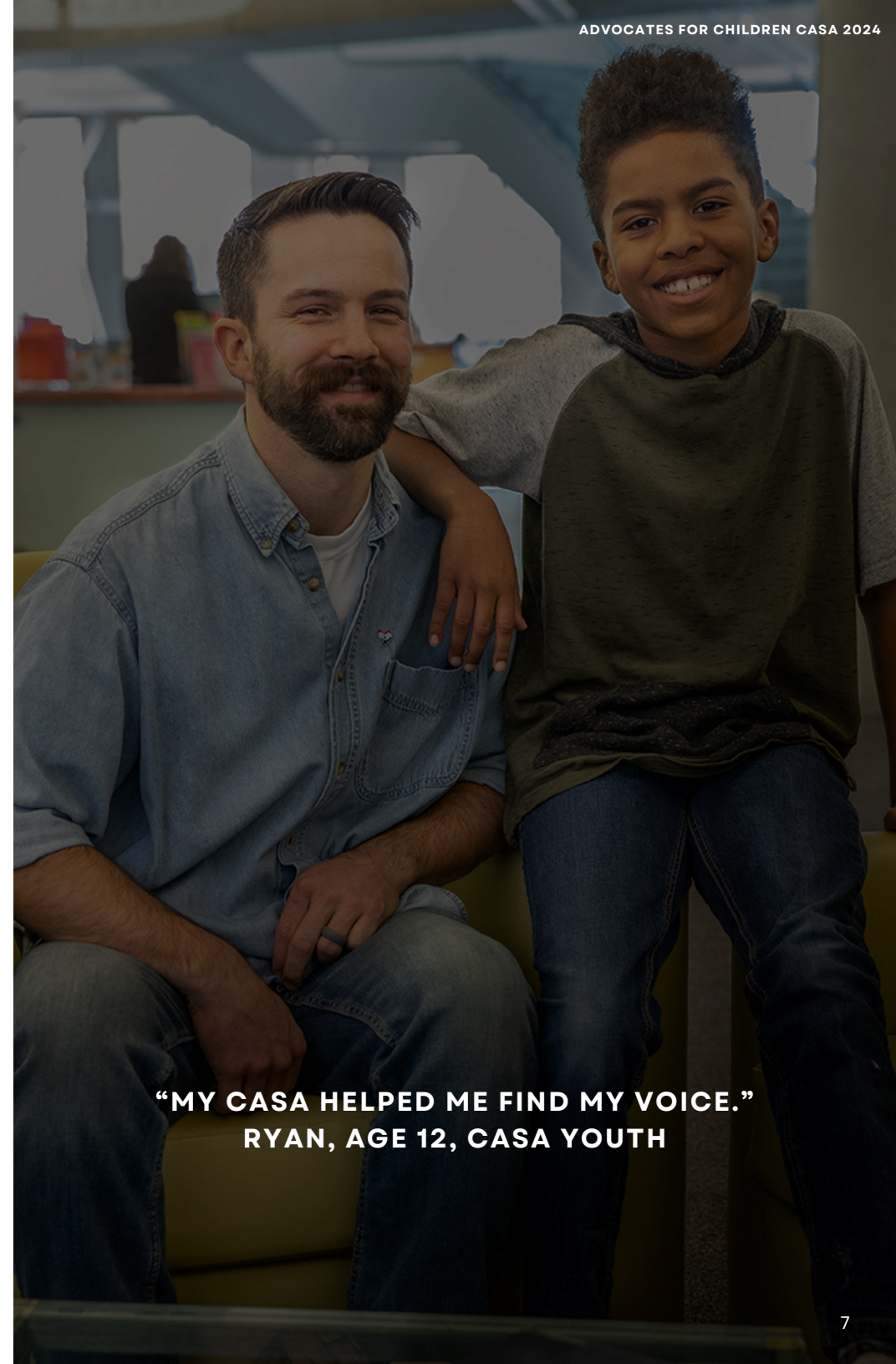
CASA CONNECTS, FORMERLY THE DOUGLAS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, SERVES DOUGLAS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND AGENCIES BY PROVIDING A COLLABORATIVE FORMAT TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE REGARDING APPROPRIATE, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT SERVICE, DELIVERY, AND ACCESS. BOTH COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ALSO SEEK 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.

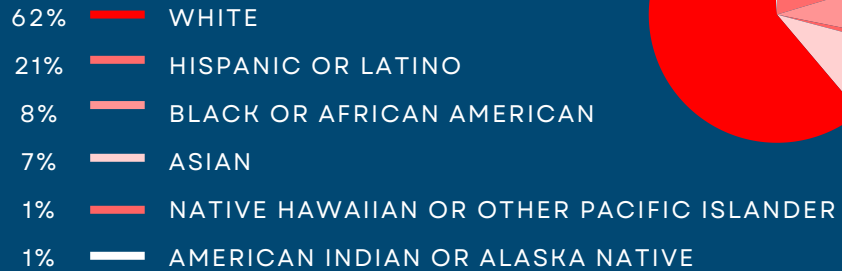
FOUNDATIONS HELPS CONNECT OLDER YOUTH WITH HOUSING VOUCHERS WHILE PROVIDING MENTORSHIP FOCUSING ON STABILITY AND FINANCIAL LITERACY. THIS NEWEST PROGRAM ADDRESSES A NEED WE OFTEN HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FOR YEARS, PROVIDING HOUSING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG ADULTS NO LONGER IN FOSTER CARE.



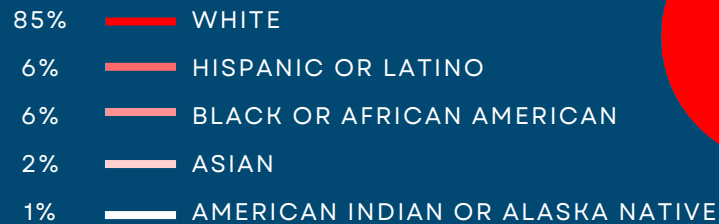
**"MY CASA HELPED ME FIND MY VOICE."
RYAN, AGE 12, CASA YOUTH**

DIVERSITY DATA

18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BY RACE



VOLUNTEERS ON CASES BY RACES



CHILDREN SERVED WITH A VOLUNTEER BY RACE



OUR FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



EXPENSES



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	\$315,040.43
DOLLARS SPENT	\$51,293.00
COST TO SUPPORT NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN THE LAST YEAR	\$1,556,100.00
TOTAL	\$1,922,433.40

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