



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF COLLIN COUNTY



2023 Impact Report



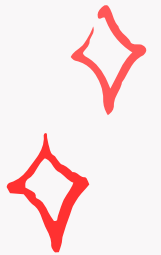
About Us

Established in 1991, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Collin County remains the only court-mandated child-advocacy organization in Collin County. CASA advocates for the best interests of children in foster care. Since 1997, we have served 100% of abused and neglected children removed from their homes in Collin County.



Our Mission

CASA of Collin County trains and supports volunteers to serve as court-appointed advocates who provide powerful best-interest advocacy and meaningful connections for children in the child welfare system who have experienced abuse, abandonment, or neglect.



Our Vision

All children deserve a safe and loving forever home, free from abuse or neglect. CASA of Collin County is committed to providing well-trained Volunteer Advocates for 100% of children removed from their homes under jurisdiction of the Collin County Courts.



Our Impact



100%
CHILDREN SERVED,
assigned to CASA of Collin County by the court

323
CHILDREN SERVED,
with an advocate



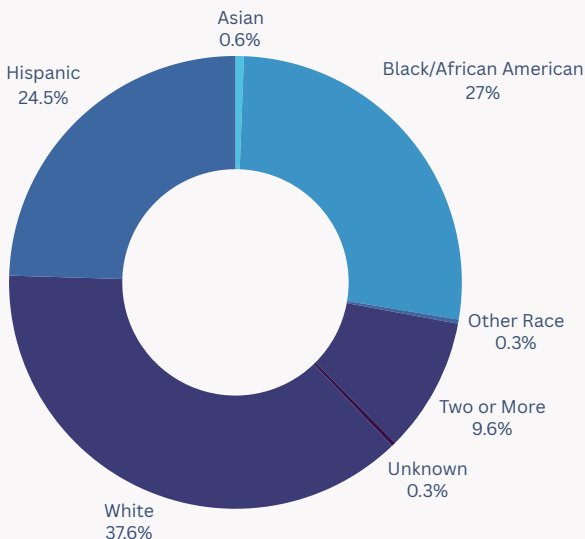
"I cannot tell you the number of times I've relied on the valuable information that CASA volunteers give to me in court."

District Judge Lindsey Wynne

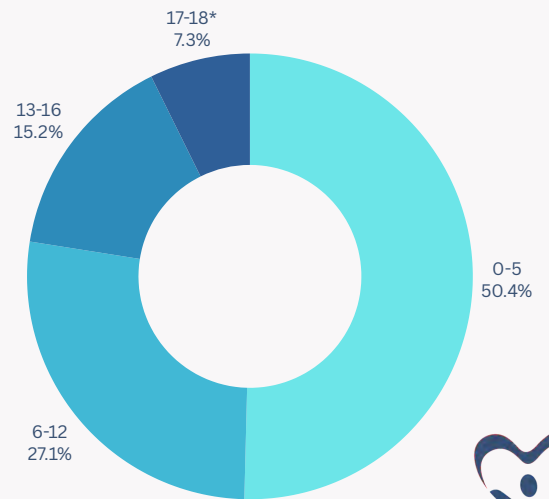
198
Active Advocates
48 new volunteer advocates sworn in

15,495
Total hours of CASA volunteer service

163,508
Total miles traveled by CASA volunteers



Demographics Race

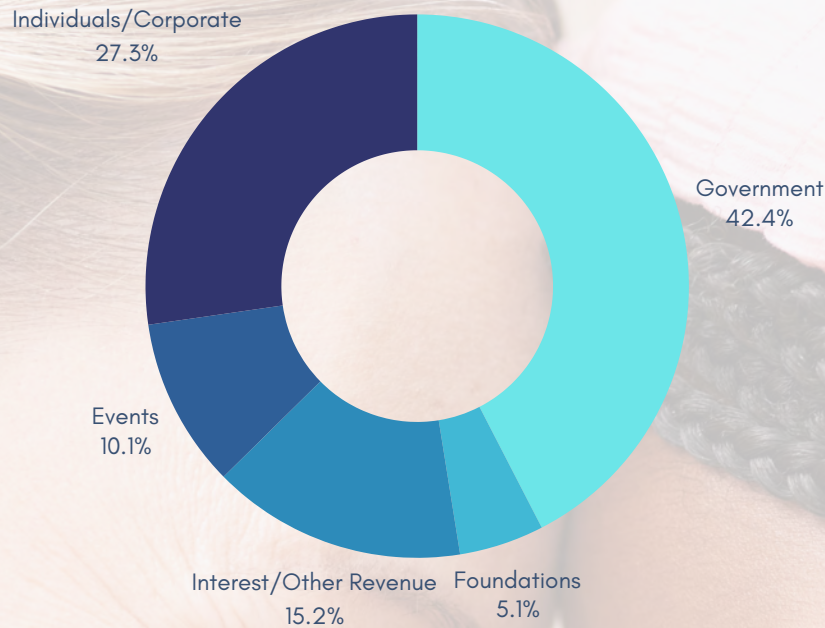


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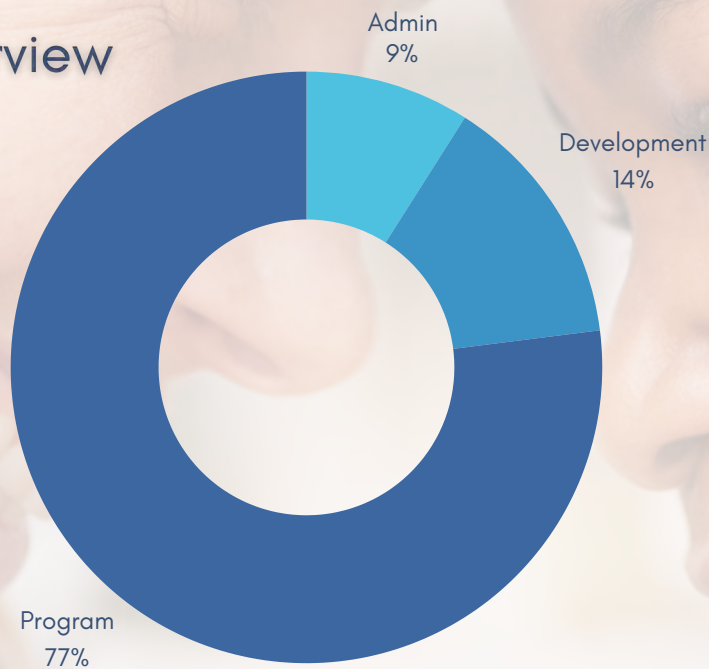


Financials

Income Overview



Expense Overview



CASA of Collin County's financial report for the fiscal year period January through December 2023. The complete audited Financial Statement and IRS Form 990 are available at request by contacting Jessica Dunn, Chief Philanthropy Officer at jdunnecasaofcollincounty.org.

Thank you!



Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our Board of Directors and Advisory Council, who consist of skilled, perceptive, and compassionate individuals representing us across Collin County. Their unwavering dedication to supporting CASA of Collin County and embracing our growing community is truly invaluable. Our Board Members wholeheartedly endorse our mission of providing exceptional advocacy for children and youth within the child welfare system. From financial support to fundraising efforts, they ensure our ability to recruit, train, and assist advocates remains strong. Furthermore, they cultivate relationships with community partners who share a common commitment to aiding children navigating the complexities of foster care.

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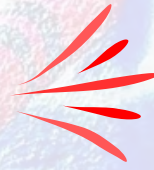


“The best part of being a CASA of Collin County volunteer is not only working in the best interest of children in foster care but a happy ending to the case. As a CASA of Collin County volunteer, we work towards reunification, or with kin, or adoption, basically back in a safe, secure, and stable environment with loved ones, where possible.”

– Karuna Thomas, CASA Advocate



CASA Advocates



***Terri	*Martha	Janice	Scott	Aspen	Al
***James "Jim"	*Rebecca	Wendy	Misty	Cindy	Aaron
***Pam	*Amber	Wanda	Maria	Jonathan	Letty
**Linda	*Carolyn	Jennifer	Scott	Diane	Rachel
**Christine	*Barbara "BK"	Shara	Jeffrey	Cynthia	Alyssa
**Risa	*Deborah	Carol	Joe	Todd	Latoya
**Ann	*Karuna	Pamela "Pam"	Kari	Tiffany	Rebecca
**Minh	*Mark	Kelley	Georgette	Susan	Bethany
**Erin	*Marlena	Catherine	Leanne	Abbi	Kathy
**Melinda	*Charles "Don"	Evelyn	Daryl	Sandra	Belinda
*Rebecca	*Nancy	Margie	Christi	Jennifer	Maudie
*Nancy	*Holly	Jaylyn	Jody	Sherry	Jennifer
*Galia	*Ron	Heather	Linda	Lisa	Rich
*Brenda	*Lisa	Susan	Chitra	Michael	Maria
*Jean	*Alicia	Jana	Tony	Rachelle	DK
*Mary	*Tara	Sharon	Neely	Brianna	Latara
*Diana "Dee"	*Kim	Sage	Trevor	Mary	Cyndi
*Susan	*Stacy	Kristin	Monica	Niki	Stacey
*Debra "Debbie"	*Sancy	Richard	Kimberly	Lesley	Stacy
*Anne	*Kari	Stephanie	Kathy	Stephanie	Lauren
*Kristen	Andrya	Kathy	Jackie	Jennifer	Diane
*Shannon	Susan "Sue"	Laurie	Trisha	Meredith	Jennifer
*Dawn	Misty	Jana	Casey	Sheri	Erin
*William "Bill"	Monica	Russell	Loren	Paige	Lidia
*Liz	Gretchen	Margaret	Kim	Christy	Mindy
*Traci	Sed	Melissa	Melissa	Kalie	
*Michelle	Dennis	Arhet	Mahathi	Taylor	
*Suzanne "Max"	Janette "Jan"	Sharon	Melissa	Carla	
*Jacque	Ami	Lori	Suzette "Su"	Valerie	
*Sherry	Nicole	Leona	Alexandra "Alex"	Charlie	
*Rachelle	Barbara	Laureen "Laurie"	David	Kerri	
*Shannon	Todd	Stacey	Gail	Rhonda	
*Julia	Alishia	Russell	Christine	Robyn	



Years of volunteer service
*5-9 **10-15 ***16+

A huge thank you goes out to the dedicated CASA volunteers who selflessly serve the children in our community. Without their hard work and commitment, the important work we do wouldn't be possible. These caring individuals invest their time and effort standing up for children in need, offering them guidance, support, and a voice within the legal system. Their dedication to positively impacting the lives of vulnerable youth is truly admirable. Their contributions make a significant difference in the lives of those they support, demonstrating that a simple act of kindness can have a far-reaching and positive impact.

Impact Stories

Jane

Jane was dropped off at the footsteps of a CPS office when she was 4 years old. Her parents had relinquished their rights and a family member temporarily stepped up to assist in her care but lacked consistency and eventually, they too, walked away from her leaving her in the custody of the state. CASA Advocate Tracy was assigned to Jane's case, over the next few years she had multiple case workers, changed households 8 times and each time was forced to change schools.

She never knew where she would be placed next or how long she would get to stay in a home. She experienced the trauma of abandonment and uncertainty, time and time again. Tracy was by Jane's side from day one and remained a constant and trusted support.

Because of her consistency, personal relationship and understanding of Jane's needs, she and the CASA team identified a family who could provide the support and stability that Jane required. After advocating for Jane, CPS, empower (the "new privatized version of CPS"), case attorneys and other stakeholders involved in the case all agreed that a move to this home would be in her best interest.

I am happy to report that because of Tracy's hard work, advocating and determination, later this summer, Jane will have a family of her own and will finally be adopted!



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Amelia

Amelia (9 months old) was removed from her home due to extreme medical neglect, where she had developed sepsis and multiple other health issues. CASA ensured she had the necessary medical services such as occupational and speech therapy to heal and thrive. Amelia is now living a healthy and happy life, where her medical, social and emotional needs are being met.

Isaac

The transition into foster care was difficult for Isaac (14), and with frequent changes he had experienced numerous failed placements. CASA volunteer, John, proved to be a consistent role model and advocate. He empowered Isaac to learn healthy ways to express himself and was key to Isaac's future success and adoption.

"I give my time and efforts to CASA because they are on the front lines with children and families in need. I know that my efforts are not wasted. CASA changes lives for the better and they are part of the healing process for children who have experienced trauma, abuse, and neglect. Their mission brings joy, love, compassion, and safety to some of the most vulnerable members of society."

-Joe Ortiz, CASA Advocate

We'd like to thank all our donors for their *generous support*



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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported CASA in 2023. Your kindness has left a lasting impact on the lives of abused and neglected children in our community.

Throughout the year, your support enabled us to:

- ★ **Advocate:** Our committed volunteers, much like yourself, emerged as everyday heroes. Your dedication and time ensured that these vulnerable children had a voice in court, advocating for their well-being.
- ★ **Empower:** Your contributions empowered us to offer unique court-appointed advocacy. We stood alongside children removed from their homes due to maltreatment, guaranteeing they received the care and attention they needed.
- ★ **Support:** Together, we built a safety net for these children. Your donation assisted us in creating a brighter and safer future where they can recover, flourish, and hold onto hope.

Once more, your generosity has a deep-reaching impact that goes beyond words; it echoes in the lives you have touched. Our heartfelt gratitude to you! Thank you!



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