



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CLACKAMAS COUNTY



FY21 IMPACT REPORT

WHERE WE ARE NOW

As I reflect on the last year, I am humbled by the impact our work had on children in foster care in Clackamas County, despite challenges faced as a result of the pandemic. The commitment from our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers was even more important as pandemic restrictions led to increased isolation and online school. Our dedicated CASAs volunteered 14,794 total hours, providing advocacy for 438 children.

There are so many stories of the way that CASAs make an impact on children's lives that it's hard to narrow it down to one example. This story illustrates just one way CASAs provide support and ensure that the best interests of the children are at the forefront of all decisions made:

During the pandemic, a child in foster care was falling far behind due to virtual schooling, and so the resource parent offered to homeschool them one-on-one to catch them up to grade level. It is clear that they need this help. The child's father put up a huge fight about it and objected to the best interests motion to change the child's school to homeschooling.

They were concerned, and did not trust the resource parent's ability to teach the child.

The CASA stepped in and gathered lots of information about homeschooling in Oregon, information about the resource parent's credentials, put it all together and sent it to all parties. As a result of the information the CASA provided, the objection to the motion was withdrawn and this child can start getting caught up - and has - right away!

As retirement nears, and my time as Executive Director of CASA of Clackamas County comes to an end, I am filled with gratitude for our community. Together we are changing the lives of children in foster care in Clackamas County. Thank you for the role you play in this important work.

Robin Christian



WITH OUR PARTNERS WE...

CASA of Clackamas County believes in working with our partners to help provide essential services and support to children in Clackamas County. Our collective impact led to many great successes this year, including:

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

With the help of Oregon CASA Network and lobbying partners, Governor Kate Brown declared May 18th CASA Volunteer Day. This proclamation will help shed light and appreciation on CASAs volunteers in May, which is also Foster Care Awareness Month!

HOUSE BILL 2738

Passed with the help of our partners, HB 2738 invests \$5.92 million to improve CASA operations, increase outreach, train new volunteers, support more neglected and abused children and create a statewide distance training and learning program for CASA volunteers, which will strengthen training efforts and provide flexibility beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAFE KIDS COALITION FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY

The Safe Kids Coalition for Clackamas County uses a collective impact model to ensure critical services are accessible to children and youth impacted by trauma. Their vision is to create a community where the safety and well-being of children and youth are a top priority and a shared responsibility.

Q. WHAT IS A CASA?

A. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, a special kind of volunteer. When a child is placed in foster care, their CASA visits them, advocates for the child's needs, provides a voice in court for the child, and is a consistent, caring adult throughout their time in foster care.

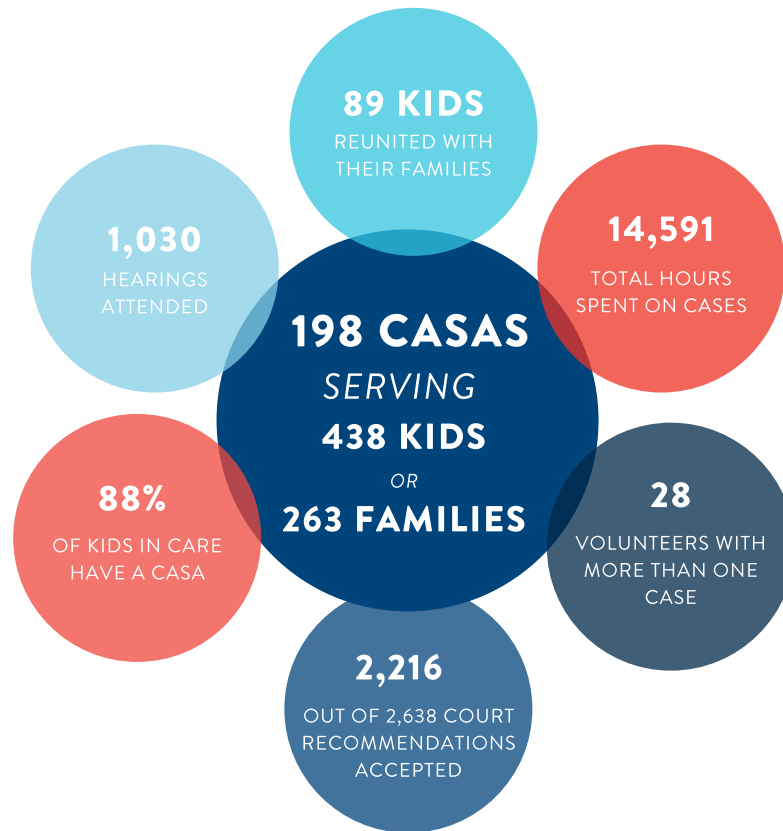
Q. WHAT DOES A CASA DO?

A. A CASA volunteer visits with the child for whom they are advocating, getting to know the child. They gather information about the child, contact caseworkers, talk with parents and other family members, ensure the child receives necessary medical care, look out for educational needs, monitor the progress of the case, and make recommendations to the court regarding the permanent placement of the child. A CASA is a constant, consistent person during a very tumultuous time in the child's life.

Q. WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

A. We ask for a 2 year commitment. A CASA volunteer typically dedicates 10-20 hours per month to their case. After completing training, the CASA visits the child face to face at least once per month. CASAs also attend court hearings and other case meetings.

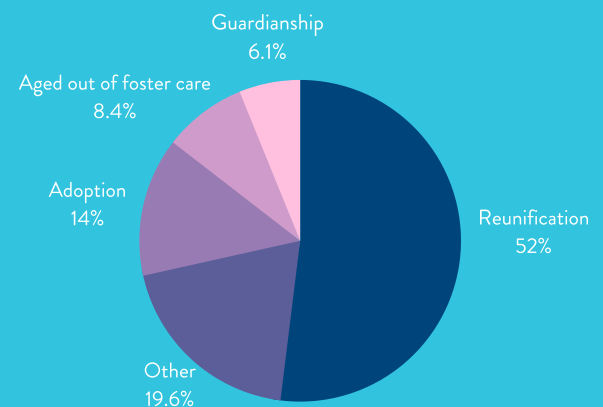
ADVOCACY AND IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



438 Children Served in FY21

179 children left foster care.

Here's why. 



198 CASA Volunteers

49 new CASAs
2 children on average per CASA
14,794 hours total volunteered, worth \$422,221*



*Independent Sector values a volunteer hour at \$28.54

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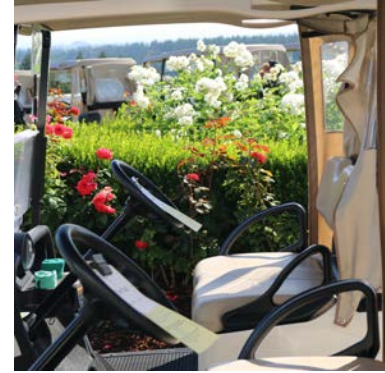
CASA MANAGER

EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL CASA GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was so nice to be back in person for our 8th Annual CASA Golf Tournament. Held on August 24, 2020 at the Oregon Golf Club the event raised \$48,435, which funds advocacy for 26 children in foster care for one year.

Thank you to our CASA Golf Tournament sponsors: Columbia Bank, J.A. Smith Contracting, LLC, Premier Northwest Insurance, Meduri Farms, Inc., UnitedHealthcare, Pahlisch Homes, Essex General Construction, Hoffman Construction, Pacific West Bank and St. John's Grocery Outlet.



IF YOU GIVE A KID A CASA HOLIDAY APPEAL CAMPAIGN

The holiday campaign in December 2020, If You Give a Kid a CASA, celebrated the countless ways a CASA impacts the life of a child in foster care. The campaign raised \$133,609, which funds advocacy for 73 children in foster care for one year.

"If the idea of living in 16 different homes over the course of a year-and-a-half seems daunting to you, imagine how it must feel to a small child. And what if during that time you had 2 different attorneys, and 4 different caseworkers. And all of that took place over just 3 short years." - Sandy G., CASA Volunteer

[WATCH SANDY'S FULL INTERVIEW HERE](#)

Thank you to our campaign sponsors: Crowley's Granite & Quartz, Evergreen Gavekal, Pirtle Winery, Premier Northwest Insurance and Columbia Bank.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Despite pandemic restrictions, we felt it was important to honor our dedicated CASA volunteers for their unwavering commitment during a challenging time. This year we gathered virtually to honor the volunteers that are at the heart of our work.

We heard from guest speaker, The Honorable Judge Colleen Gilmartin, played a special icebreaker activity, and had lots of fun showing our appreciation for our volunteers!



BE A HERO SPRING CAMPAIGN

As a large gathering in a ballroom wasn't possible this year, we held a Spring "UnGala," and invited our community to support children in foster care with a financial donation. The campaign highlighted the heroes in the lives of a number of our CASA volunteers.

Thanks to a generous anonymous matching donor, all donations to the campaign were matched, raising a total of \$36,421, which funds advocacy for 20 children in foster care for one year.



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CASA of Clackamas County

FINANCIAL REPORT*

7/01/20 - 6/30/21

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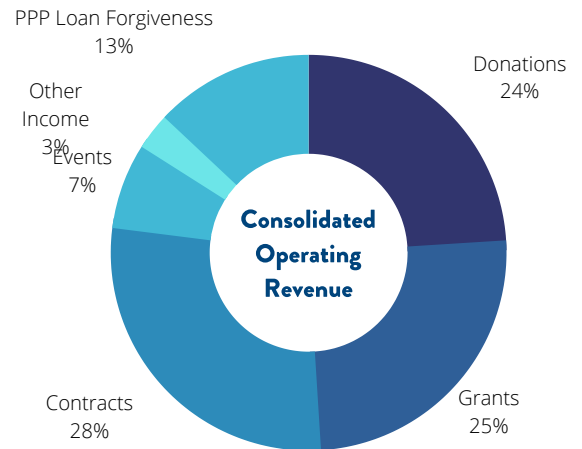
DONATIONS	178,661
GRANTS	184,890
CONTRACTS	203,697
EVENTS	49,765
OTHER INCOME	20,747
PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS	92,697

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE 730,458

OPERATING EXPENSE

PERSONNEL	523,156
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	94,117
OFFICE AND OTHER EXPENSE	83,724
EVENT COSTS	14,010

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE 715,007



ASSETS

CASH	499,469
RECEIVABLES	102,148
PREPAID EXPENSES	18,189
EQUIPMENT	11,147

TOTAL ASSETS 630,952

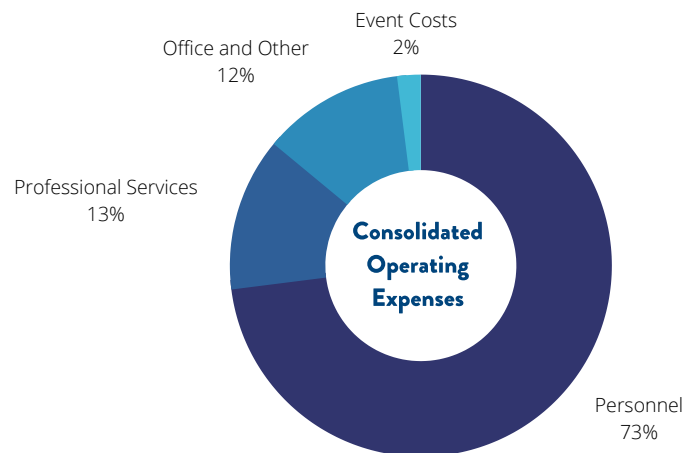
LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES	40,715
PPP FEDERAL LOAN	98,752

NET ASSETS

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	332,966
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	158,519

TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES 630,952



*Financials presented are unaudited at the time of this report.

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