



ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT US

When a child is removed from an abusive or neglectful environment and placed in foster care, it is important to have someone speaking up for the best interests of that child. CASA of Clackamas County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing that advocacy for children who have been placed in foster care in Clackamas County. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the organization recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to become advocates for children who have entered the foster care system.

MISSION

CASA of Clackamas County recruits, trains, and supports court appointed special advocates: community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of children in the foster care system who need safe, permanent homes.

VISION

We envision a world where children who experience abuse and neglect are given the opportunity to thrive.

EQUITY

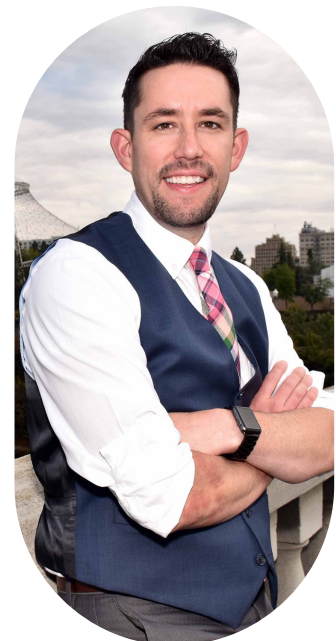
CASA of Clackamas County is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging and believe they are critical to justice- achieving the best outcomes for children in foster care who have experienced abuse and neglect.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

There's a lot to be proud of this past year, as our team of expert staff and experienced CASAs helped hundreds of children in the foster care system feel heard and valued while also encouraging the court to act in their best interests. For a program our size, to serve 94% of youth with a CASA is no small feat and is a result of the community's continued support.

Advocacy for youth in foster care yields better outcomes, but we also know that when the community advocates for CASA as an organization and the importance of our mission, we're able to serve every child in our region. I encourage you to continue to advocate for CASA through supporting our work financially, volunteering yourself, or encouraging support in others so that each time a child enters foster care, they have the advocacy needed to thrive.

KEITH O'BRIEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



VIV'S STORY

Viv's journey with CASA began around 30 years ago when she became a foster child/ward of the state due to her mother's mental health struggles. Despite the challenging circumstances, Viv never lost her love for her mother. In 1989, her mother had a nervous breakdown, leading to Viv and her brothers being placed in different foster homes. The social workers' belief that "Nobody wants a teenager" further added to the difficulties.

Over the years, Viv experienced numerous foster homes and a group home before finding a guardian at the age of seventeen. Amidst the constant changes and challenges, Gwen Nye, Viv's CASA worker, became a consistent and caring force in her life. Gwen's advocacy in court, genuine concern for Viv's well-being, and consistent presence made a lasting impact. Their close bond included shared adventures, cooking lessons, and even winning a costume contest dressed as Sylvester and Tweety Bird.

Life as a foster kid was tough, and having someone like Gwen to count on meant the world to Viv. She credits Gwen for where she is today and is now eager to give back to CASA. After her son graduated high school, Viv felt a calling to be of service in a role that would be emotionally fulfilling. A chance encounter with a CASA office and a conversation with a foster parent while purchasing a fridge in Salem, OR solidified her decision to become a CASA volunteer in Clackamas County.

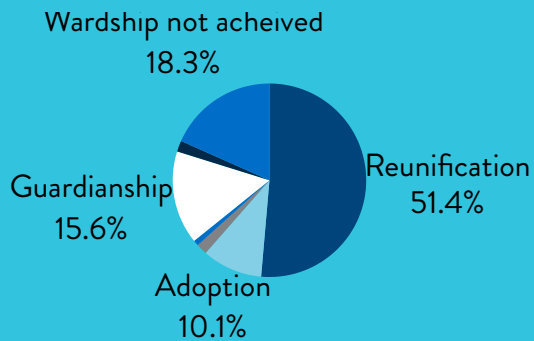
Viv sees herself as a foster kid success story, acknowledging the struggles many face. CASA played a crucial role in her life, holding people accountable and providing emotional support. Grateful for the benefits she received as a child, Viv is now proud to be part of CASA, hoping to be for another child what Gwen was for her.



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

379 Children Served in FY23

123 children left foster care.



195 CASA Volunteers

29 new CASAs

2 children on average per CASA

16,474 hours total volunteered,
worth \$523,873*



CHILDREN WITH A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA):

- Perform better academically
- Have better behavior in school
- Are more likely to be reunified
- Are 2x as likely to achieve permanency
- Report higher levels of hope

In Fiscal Year 2023, **94%** of Clackamas County children in foster care had a CASA volunteer.

*Independent Sector values a volunteer hour at \$28.54



FINANCIAL REPORT

(July 2022 - June 2023)

OPERATING REVENUE

Private Grants & Contributions:	\$360,980
Government Grants & Contracts:	\$224,814
Special Events (Cash & In-Kind):	\$108,382
Gifts In-Kind:	\$12,939
Interest & Other:	\$10,731

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE: \$717,846

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services:	\$631,134
Fundraising:	\$123,808
Management & General:	\$64,120

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: \$819,062



EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August 22nd, 2022, we hosted our 10th Annual Golf Tournament. After a fun day on the green, a short auction, and a delicious lunch, we raised \$55,000 which was OVER our goal for the event! This event provided 367 months of advocacy to children in foster care in Clackamas County. Our next golf tournament will be on August 22nd, 2024.

DISCO BALL SPRING GALA

We got our groove on at The Oregon Golf Club on May 19th, 2023! Everyone came in their 70's best for a sparkly night of dancing, dinner, an auction, and more! In total, this event raised \$112,000 or 735 months of advocacy - which was over our goal of \$105,000! Our next spring gala will be on May 17th, 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Whether you were a donor, a sponsor, or a community member, thank you so much for your support during this fiscal year! Your support, small or large, helps us light the way home for Clackamas County children in foster care. We look forward to another great year of serving this community in fiscal year 2024!