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Letter from CASA Leadership

Fiscal Year 21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Recently, a young man was traveling with his placement provider to a medical appointment a few hours away. During the drive, the placement provider had a medical emergency, which resulted in a car accident. The young man, in a panic, unsure of what to do or who to call, called the person he knew would be able to help him: his CASA volunteer. The CASA volunteer talked this young man through the whole situation, helping him to remain calm until the emergency services arrived.

While situations like this are uncommon, what's not uncommon is CASA volunteers being the steady, caring adults that children and young people in foster care rely on and trust. Children turn to their CASA volunteers for reassurance when they move to a new home or when they don't recognize any of the new professionals on their case at a court hearing. CASA volunteers influence the children's lives and cases in small and big ways every day.

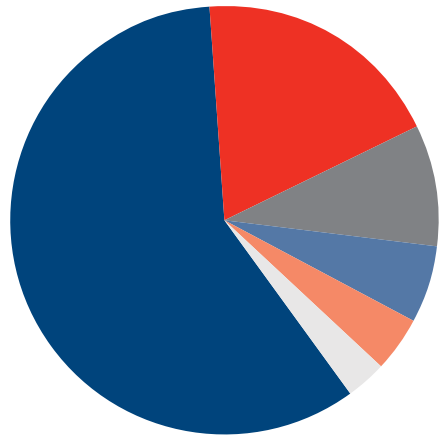
This past fiscal year, while children were brought into foster care in record numbers, your continued support made it possible for Heart of Missouri CASA volunteers to again advocate for more children than ever before. Fifty-two new volunteers joined our growing community of advocates, who together advocated for 368 children, 72 more than last year!

As we enter year two of our three-year strategic plan, we remain hyper-focused on growth. We firmly believe no child should have to venture through the foster care system without a CASA volunteer by their side. You have helped us grow by leaps and bounds. Please join us as we continue our steady journey toward giving a voice and hope to all the children in need in our circuit.

IMPACTFUL NUMBERS

2021 FISCAL REPORT

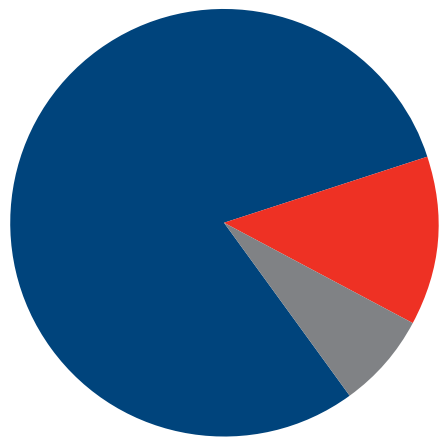
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



\$620,090

Total Revenue & Community Support

- **\$371,320 (59%)** *Grants & Contracts*
- **\$116,561 (19%)** *Individual & Corporate Contributions*
- **\$53,695 (9%)** *Special Events*
- **\$37,000 (6%)** *Foundation Grants*
- **\$24,335 (4%)** *United Way*
- **\$17,179 (3%)** *In-Kind*



\$499,878

Total Expenses

- **\$396,953 (79%)** *Program Services*
- **\$68,226 (14%)** *Fundraising*
- **\$34,699 (7%)** *General/Administration*



A CASA MOMENT

CASA Becca was assigned her first case during the height of closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When her case began, the child was in a local placement, but he soon moved two more times and ended up in a small rural town many miles away.

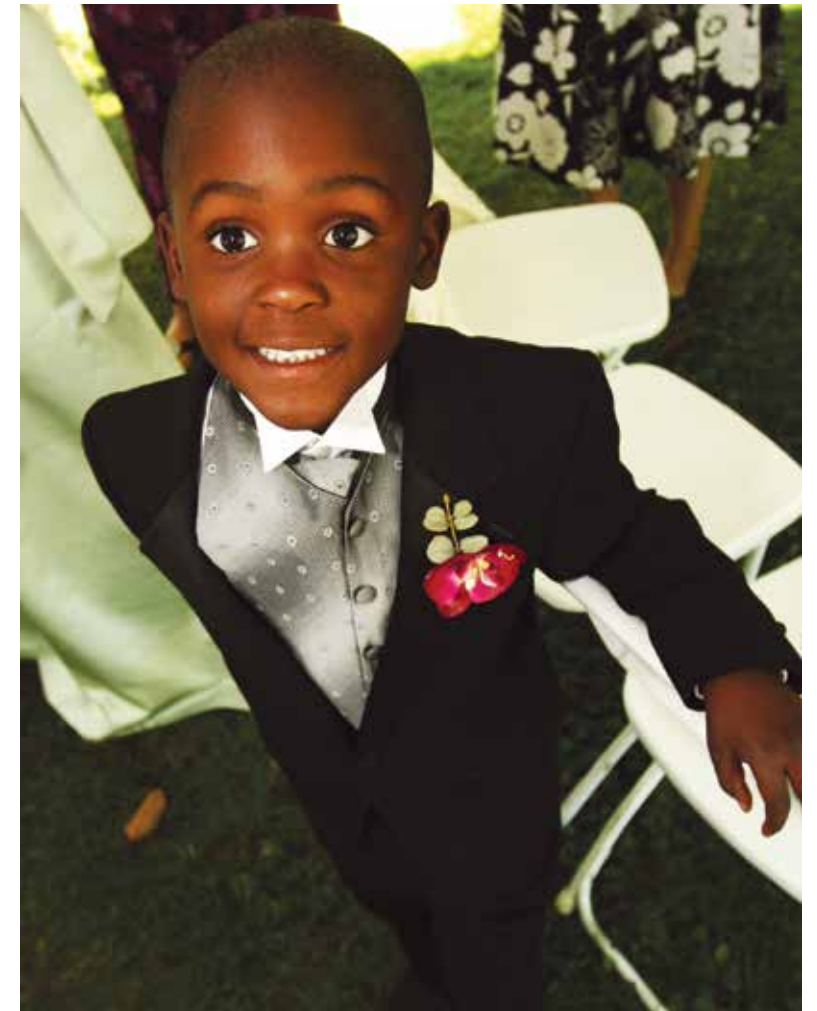
For months, she was only able to visit him through video chats. Now that she can see him in person, Becca drives approximately 400 miles a month to spend time with him.

Through the many placement changes and turnover of professional team members, Becca has been a consistent voice and presence in his life, making sure his needs are not forgotten.

This young boy knows he can count on his CASA to visit and advocate for him.

When he missed a family wedding, Becca arranged to live-stream the event for him. They got dressed-up and she set-up a makeshift wedding reception at his placement, complete with flowers, cake, and a boutonniere to match the wedding party.

CASA volunteers care deeply about the children they serve and show up for the moments that matter.



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IMPACTFUL NUMBERS

STATISTICS

368

Children Served



273

Boone County

95

Callaway County

185

Active CASA Volunteers

52

New Volunteers Trained

8,866

Advocacy Hours

11%

Increase in Active Volunteers



24%

Increase in Children Served

98%

of Cases Closed with a Permanent Home

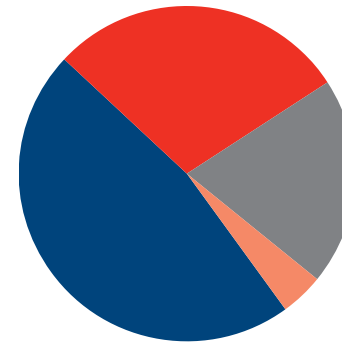


76%

of Cases Closed with Family Reunification or Relative Placement

94%

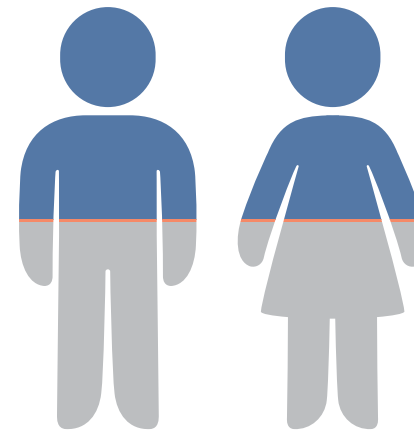
of Volunteers' Recommendations Were Accepted/Ordered by the Judge



97

Children's Cases Closed

- **47%** Reunited with Parents
- **29%** Adopted by/Live with Relatives
- **20%** Adopted by/Live With Non-Relatives
- **4%** Aged Out of the System/Transferred to Another Division



Of the 722* Children in Foster Care in Boone and Callaway Counties:

- 364** Had a Dedicated CASA volunteer
- 4** Were Served by CASA Staff Members
- 354** Still Needed CASA's Advocacy

*Based on data from Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2020, — September 30, 2021



“As a CASA, for a small investment of your time and resources, you can make a huge difference.”

Mary Hoskins
CASA Volunteer



Being able to advocate for a baby boy to be with his father and siblings and see a case end well was really impactful for me. It felt like the best-case scenario for him, to grow up with his family and have what he needs in life. It was really special to be a part of that.”

Ashley Broadstone
CASA Volunteer



A CASA MOMENT

One day, a young teenage boy was traveling to a doctor’s appointment in another town with his foster mom when she suffered a minor stroke. The stroke resulted in a car accident and left them stranded on the side of the road.

The boy was shaken up and scared as he tried to figure out what to do next. He picked up the phone and called the person he trusted most — his CASA, John. John was the

one caring adult he knew he could count on in a moment of crisis. John helped him call for help, spoke to the paramedics on the phone when they arrived, and helped this young man not feel alone as he navigated a scary situation.

Every kid needs someone they can call in life’s most difficult moments. When heartbreak or crisis comes, they all need to know that someone is in their corner.

CASA volunteers are always in the corner for the children they serve, in the courtroom and in life.

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FOCUS ON GROWTH

THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2020-2023 - Year 1 Update

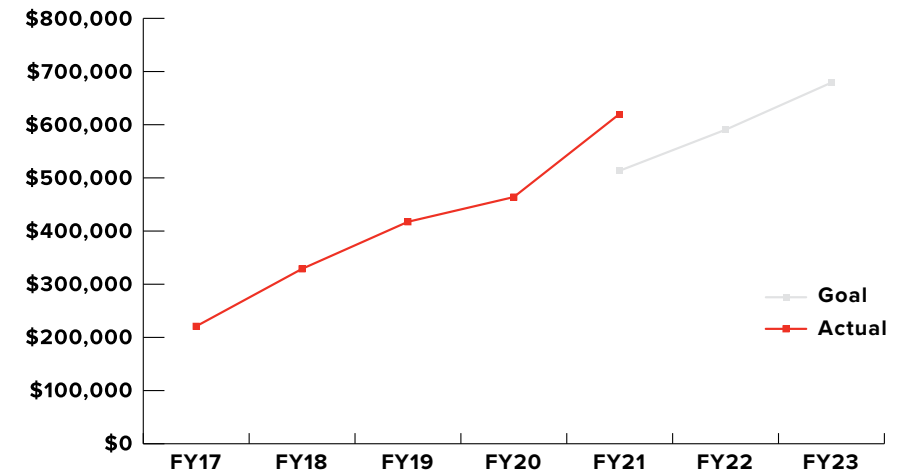
Our vision is for all children involved in the 13th Circuit Family Court because of abuse and/or neglect to have a caring, consistent CASA by their side. The HOMCASA team works diligently day-in, day-out to increase the number of children with a CASA volunteer through effective recruitment, training, and support of CASA volunteers. At the beginning of 2020, our board and staff created an ambitious three-year strategic plan with the goal of reaching 75% of children in need of CASA services by the end of our 2023 fiscal year.

We are thrilled to reveal the tremendous progress we made in Year 1 of the Strategic Plan!

To continue reaching our strategic goals, dynamic growth of resources, both financial and volunteer, must take place. Your continued partnership with us will make these goals a reality. Your support will give more children in foster care the powerful advocacy they need and deserve.

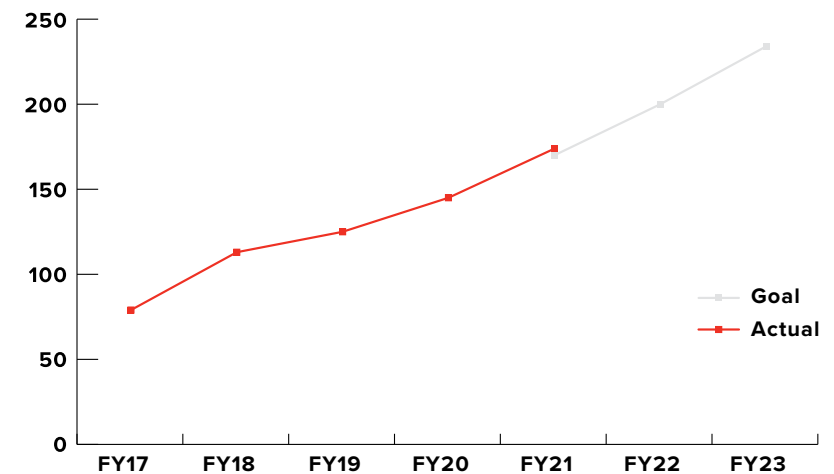
Focus Area #1 – Financial Stability

(Total Revenue)



Focus Area #2 – Talent

(Active, Assigned CASA Volunteers)



Focus Area #3 – Impact

(Children Served)

Goal to serve 350 children • **Achieved 368**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

VOICES OF COLUMBIA

Voices of Columbia 2021 exceeded our expectations in every way.

From a sold-out crowd to the amazing local musicians who performed, we couldn't have asked for a more perfect night.

Thank you for helping us raise **\$52,000** so more children in foster care can have the powerful advocacy of a CASA volunteer!

Make plans to join us for Voices of Columbia 2022 on June 16, 2022, at The Blue Note!



A CASA MOMENT

A teen girl in foster care had been on the run for six months and no one had been able to locate her.

Jacque, her CASA, had been on her case for more than two years and wanted to remain hopeful that she would be found. One evening, to Jacque's amazement, she saw the young lady out in the community.

Jacque immediately went over to give her a hug and to talk to her. The teen was happy to see her CASA and said she wanted to return to foster care so she could go back to school. After reconnecting, Jacque continued

to communicate with her through text messages and got a meeting set up with her new caseworker at a local restaurant.

While they worked out the details of finding a new placement for her, Jacque stayed to give her support. The teen wanted her CASA to stay by her side through the process. Jacque's commitment to this young lady may very well change the trajectory of her life.

She has once again found safety and is getting the education she needs for a bright future.

This is the incredible difference a CASA makes in the lives of foster youth.

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We support the noble cause of CASA and their dedicated volunteers who step up to fill the void created by those who have failed these little ones.

KCA applauds the honorable efforts of CASA to protect our vulnerable youth.”

Mary Safire

Kingdom Christian Academy



“When I show up and see the look on the kids faces, it’s remarkable to see that they suddenly shine a little brighter. I understand how much it means to them.”

Mark Sontz

CASA Volunteer

Note: This list is the donors' cumulative giving between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Angela Carson, Development & Marketing Manager, at angela@homcasa.org or (573) 442-4670.



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