LETTER FROM CASA LEADERSHIP

We’re thrilled to report – once again – that our CASA volunteers advocated for more children this year than in any previous year of our history. Our motivation to reach more children grew stronger, as we witnessed the impact of the child welfare system’s struggle with staff turnover and the overwhelming number of children and families in need. As always, the role of the CASA volunteer was essential to the ongoing care of children within the foster care system. When children faced uncertainty and instability, they could count on one thing: their CASA volunteer would show up.

When a young child was faced with being alone at the family day at his school, his CASA volunteer drove over an hour to be there. She made sure he wasn’t alone. She made sure he could have special memories of this important day with someone who cared about him. We have hundreds of volunteers who made sure children in foster care were seen, heard, and knew they were valued and important members of our communities.

Your support of our community’s foster children has never been more important. We look forward to continuing our work together to give every child in Boone and Callaway Counties the caring, consistent CASA volunteer they deserve. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and friendship!
2022 FISCAL REPORT
July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

TOTAL REVENUE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
$756,329

- Grants & Contracts: $389,909 (52%)
- Individual/Corporate Contributions: $146,398 (19%)
- Special Events: $55,319 (7%)
- Foundation Grants: $121,500 (16%)
- United Ways: $31,500 (4%)
- In-Kind: $11,700 (2%)

TOTAL EXPENSES
$642,625

- Program Services: $510,495 (79%)
- Fundraising: $89,696 (14%)
- General/Administration: $42,434 (7%)
A CASA MOMENT

Stella advocates for a sibling group of three children. The oldest boy is in a residential home two hours away from his siblings. Stella always makes sure that she takes pictures and videos of the children to share with each other at her CASA visits. Stella has advocated tirelessly to set up sibling visits with the children. Finally, after months of waiting, the children were able to have a zoom visit. All of the children (and their placement providers) were overwhelmed with how happy they were to see each other. Everyone is now on board with ensuring the children have regular contact.

At a recent visit, one of the little boys told her about a special day coming up school called Family Day. He was sad that didn’t have anyone who could attend. Stella surprised him and showed up at school on Family Day. As soon as he saw her his face lit up. He ran to give her a big hug. The young boy kept telling her how special it was to have a person in his life that he can share his school and accomplishments with. Stella was able to enjoy the carnival activities, petting zoo, and cheer for him as he was recognized with a “computer whiz” award. Stella also talked with his teachers, which will help her better advocate for his educational needs at team meetings and court. Stella’s presence on this special day at school made all the difference for this young boy!

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THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

387 CHILDREN SERVED
281 CHILDREN IN BOONE COUNTY
106 CHILDREN IN CALLOWAY COUNTY

“I believe all children need a loving home, education, and opportunities to develop their own gifts and talents. In my role as their CASA, I want the kids to know that I am here through the whole process and won’t give up until we find permanency for each of them.”

–Jennifer Chapdelaine, CASA Volunteer

181 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS
47 NEW VOLUNTEERS TRAINED
8,567 ADVOCACY HOURS
93% CASES CLOSED WITH PERMANENT HOME
58% CASES CLOSED WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION OR RELATIVE PLACEMENT
96% OF OUR 566 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED/ORDERED BY THE JUDGE
“Cheyanne waited 6 years for her forever family, and unknowingly I had been waiting 10 years for her. I couldn’t have asked for a better kid, really. I’m so thankful for her.” - Jessica Miller

After 2,163 days in foster care, 8 placements, and 11 case worker changes, Cheyanne finally found the permanency and love she has always deserved. She wanted her and her mom to be princesses that day, and they absolutely were. Tiaras and all. Jessica also had this to say about Cheyanne’s longtime CASA, Melanie.

“Melanie was a phenomenal resource to us through this process. Because of Cheyanne’s long history in care, much of her story was lost. Melanie has been the best history giver, and she also was a support to me during some behavioral upsets, struggles with bio relations, and general parenting struggles. I felt I had a support and a friend as we worked toward what was best for Cheyanne. Cheyanne has very few prized possessions, but most of them came from Melanie. She has recognized that Melanie was there throughout a huge part of her life, and that special place will never be forgotten.”

“We are so glad that of all the kids and CASA volunteers, Melanie and Cheyanne were matched. Thank you for what you do!”
– Jessica Miller

We couldn’t love this any more! Thank you to Jessica Miller for so generously sharing a piece of their story and this photo from their adoption day. Every kid in foster care needs someone like Jess and Melanie in their life!
THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2020-2023 YEAR 2 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. At the beginning of 2020, our board and staff created an ambitious 3-year strategic plan with the goal of reaching 75% of children in need by the end of our 2023 fiscal year. We are thrilled to report we grew in every area during year two of our plan!

FOCUS AREA #1 FINANCIAL STABILITY
(total revenue)

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FOCUS AREA #2 TALENT
(Active, Assigned CASA Volunteers)

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FOCUS AREA #3 IMPACT
(children served)

Goal to serve 423 children – Achieved 387
A CASA Moment

Lily, a young girl in foster care with special needs, outgrew her wheelchair about a year ago. Her placement provider researched the options and found the perfect wheelchair for her but had no funding to purchase it. Over the course of 8 months CASA Jasmine worked tirelessly to find grants and funding so she could get the wheelchair she needs. She filled out forms, made phone calls, and didn’t give up until Lily got her wheelchair. She loves it and it has increased her comfort and mobility! Children are more likely to receive the services and resources they need when they have a CASA volunteer. What a difference this made for Lily. We are so thankful for Jasmine’s persistence and hard work!

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LAURA BAKER

“I taught Sunday School for many years and love working with children. I had a friend become a CASA volunteer and watched her through social media share about what it meant to her. I saw how the need was great and the volunteers were few. I read about the program and talked with my friend to see how it impacted her. I really felt called to become an advocate. The placement provider I work with said it best—’CASA volunteers are there for the children even if everything else around them is changing.’ I want to bring light to a potentially dark and scary time—be a constant and bring hope.”

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

CHIMAERIC MOTION PICTURES

“One of the things I love most about my work is that I get the opportunity to do a deep dive into businesses and organizations that I otherwise wouldn’t come into contact with. I get to learn about their history, the work they do, and why they exist. I distill the essence of that into a concise story designed to emotionally connect with an audience and hopefully move them to take some sort of action. As we started working on this (video) project, learning about the foster care system and the work that CASA does within that system, we completely fell in love with the organization, the people, and with the CASAs themselves. Through hearing their stories, we were moved to take action ourselves.” – David Anderson, Founder + Creative Director
Voices of Columbia 2022 was one for the books. With 200 guests in attendance, our emcees kept the night of friendly competition moving and entertaining. Talented local musicians knocked it out of the park again and helped us raise almost $15,000 throughout the evening, allowing us to reach our goal of $50,000. This provided 2,000 hours of powerful advocacy for children in foster care right here in our community.

Mark your calendars for June 4, 2023 and join us at Logboat Brewing Co. for more great music, food, drinks, and fun for the whole family to benefit children in foster care. We hope to see you there!
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Callaway County
United Way

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