

Capital City CASA

Annual Report 2024



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for how far our organization has come. Thanks to your unwavering support and commitment, what once seemed like a distant dream has become a remarkable reality.

In 2011, we served just 39 children. In 2024, that number has grown to 160. More importantly, we have expanded our reach beyond children under 10, now advocating for older youth until they age out at 21. This year alone, six young people served by our CASA volunteers have graduated from high school or trade school—two are even in their second semester of college! These milestones would not be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers, who refuse to give up on any child. As one volunteer so powerfully put it, “There are no bad children, only children in bad places.”

Looking ahead to 2025, we still need more community volunteers to step forward to ensure that every child who needs a CASA volunteer has one. Every child deserves a CASA volunteer to guide them through the uncertainties and profound unknowns in the child welfare system. With your continued partnership, we can work toward a future where every child has a voice and someone to fight for them.

Thank you for being part of this mission. We couldn't do it without you!

Gratefully,
Gina Clement
Executive Director

Did you know:

- \$300 to train a CASA volunteer (\$25 a month)
- \$1500 to support a volunteer for 1 year (\$125 a month)
- 100% of funds raised in Cole County stay in our community to serve Cole County children.

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Giving

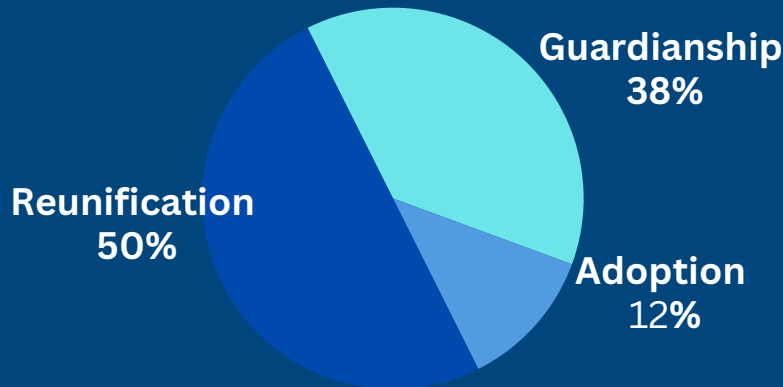
Monthly giving makes a BIG
impact on kids right here in Cole
County! ♥ Join us in creating
brighter futures.

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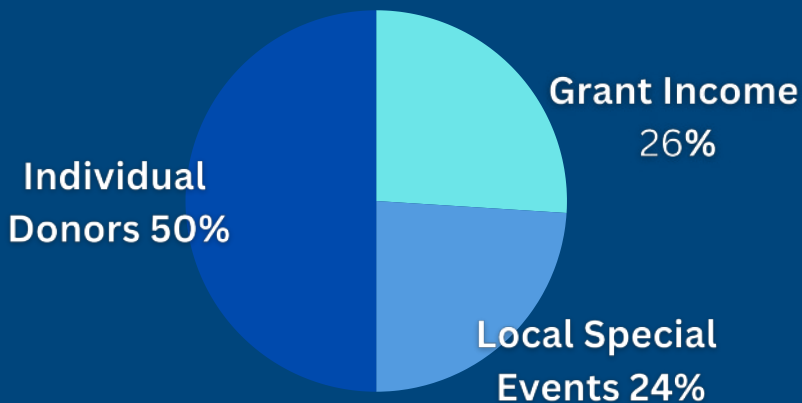


Measuring Our Impact: Key Statistics at a Glance

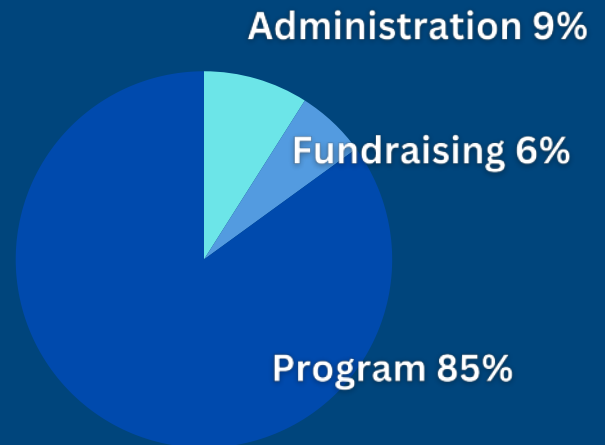
Case Closures



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Board of Directors

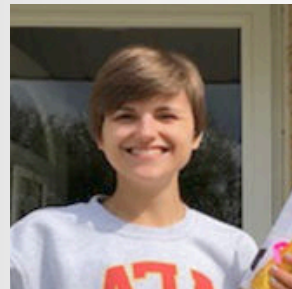
Elizabeth Sheehan, President, Greg Phillips, Vice President, Katie Hug, Treasurer, Katie Brenneke, Secretary, Miranda Backes, Julie Gates, Pam Gentry, Bob Gilbert, Kelly Jackson, Doug Otto, Dale Struempf, Bridget White, and Julie Wilson

Capital City CASA Impact

You know our CASA volunteers make a direct impact on a child's life. They also indirectly impact professionals on the child's family support team.

I would also like to thank Allison (CASA) for all that she has done for these kiddos. Allison went above and beyond her call as a CASA and we greatly appreciate her. She was always present for the children and had lots of info to share with the team. She walked this case every step of the way and I can't speak enough as to how pleasant she is to work with! Next to Ms. Peggy, Allison is a favorite (CASA) of mine!

-DaLisa Collins, Deputy Juvenile Officer, Prenger Family Center



Tammy is an exceptional CASA who sets a high standard for advocacy. She genuinely cares for the child's well-being and supports us as a foster family with compassion and guidance. Tammy is invested, available, and truly amazing—we couldn't imagine working with anyone else.

-Ben and Terra Nickelson, Foster Parents

Laura's tenacity and dedication to advocating for her youth were evident from the start. She quickly educated herself on the case and family dynamics, going above and beyond to maintain contact with the youth, and even arranging a much-needed hair appointment. Balancing empathy with accountability, Laura worked with the team to provide guidance and support. She exemplifies what a CASA can offer a child.

-Tyler Watson, Caseworker, Children's Division



Capital City CASA Success Stories

I'd like to share a bit of my story about how a CASA volunteer truly changed my life. I first met Susan during one of the most uncertain times of my life. When everything around me felt unstable, she brought a warmth and consistency that I desperately needed. I can't quite explain what it meant to have someone like her show up—always with a smile, always with food—and always at just the right moment.



It wasn't easy navigating the foster system, with different caseworkers and countless visits. But no matter what, Susan was there. I know without a doubt that God blessed me in a special way by putting her in my life. -Mason

Tynesha has been a CASA volunteer for just nine months and is already making a huge difference! She supports a sibling group (ages 16, 14, and an infant) by helping create a healthier home environment. Tynesha goes above and beyond—helping with job applications, ensuring YMCA memberships, and securing school supplies through the CASA Angel Fund. Her dedication and detailed reports make her a trusted expert on the children she serves. The children's placement says it best: "She's an amazing volunteer!"



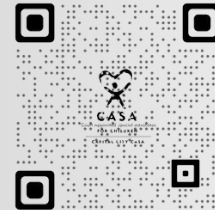
J.B. entered foster care for the second time in 2019 and has had a childhood filled with trauma. Fortunately, he and his CASA volunteer, Jim, have formed a strong relationship that will have a positive long-term effect. Jim is a consistent, and supportive presence for J.B. which has allowed him to focus on school. No matter what is going on, J.B. knows his CASA volunteer will answer his call. Thanks to encouragement, consistency, and support, J.B. graduated high school in May of 2024 and is now attending college.



OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE TRUE CHAMPIONS, MAKING A LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT FOR THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE.

Becoming a CASA volunteer can make a lasting difference in a child's life! As a court-appointed special advocate, you will be trained to walk along with a child, advocating for their best interests and helping ensure they find a safe, permanent home. Commit to changing a child's life for the better. Join us and become a voice for a child in need!

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In the year 2024:

59 children entered foster care

8 children re-entered foster care

47 children were without a CASA

24,754 miles driven by CASA volunteers

CASA volunteers advocated for 160 children

2,210 hours invested by volunteers serving children

13 new CASA volunteers were trained

6 children we served graduated

2 children we served started college

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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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JUNE
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2025

Jefferson City Country Club

Lunch and Registration: 11:30 am

Tee Off: 1:00 pm



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Thursday, October 9th, 2025

Hosted By Capital Bluffs Event Center



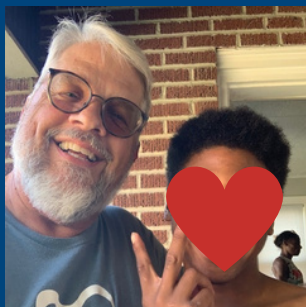


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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Capital City CASA program to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children and youth within the 19th Judicial Circuit of Missouri based on the belief that children are entitled to a safe and permanent home. The mission will be accomplished through screened, trained, and qualified community court appointed volunteers.

Change A Child's Story.



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