



# Capital City CASA

## Annual Report 2025



As we begin a new year, I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given their time, talent, or treasure to support children in our community who have experienced abuse and neglect. Because of you, Capital City CASA shows up for children when they need it most. This year, our goal is to train and assign 21 new CASA volunteers to children currently waiting for an advocate, with a long-term vision of serving 90% of children in Cole County by 2029.

At our Raise Your Glass event, our speaker captured our mission perfectly: "Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story." In 2025, 146 children who once felt unseen now have a consistent, caring adult by their side. They are reminded that their voice matters and that their future can be defined by possibility rather than their past. Behind every statistic in this report is a child whose life has been changed through hundreds of hours and thousands of miles devoted by CASA volunteers.

Whether you are a volunteer, donor, board member, community partner, or supporter, you play a vital role in bringing stability, dignity, and hope to children during some of the most challenging moments of their young lives.

As we look ahead, I invite you to deepen your impact by volunteering, sharing our mission, or making a gift to support our volunteers and expand our reach so every child who needs a CASA volunteer has one. I also hope you'll join us at our upcoming events—Trivia Night on May 11th, our 11th Annual Golf Tournament on June 1st, and Raise Your Glass for CASA on October 8th—to stay connected and help move our mission forward. Thank you for believing in this important mission and for giving children hope and stability.

*Gina Clement*  
Executive Director

Capital City CASA donors can make a lasting impact for children in foster care and receive a 70% Missouri tax credit. Your contribution trains volunteer advocates who support children in the court system, while providing you with a meaningful way to give back.

**Did you know:**

- \$350 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.

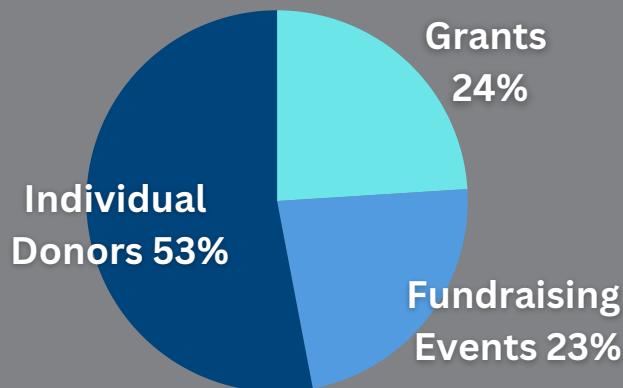
# Monthly Giving



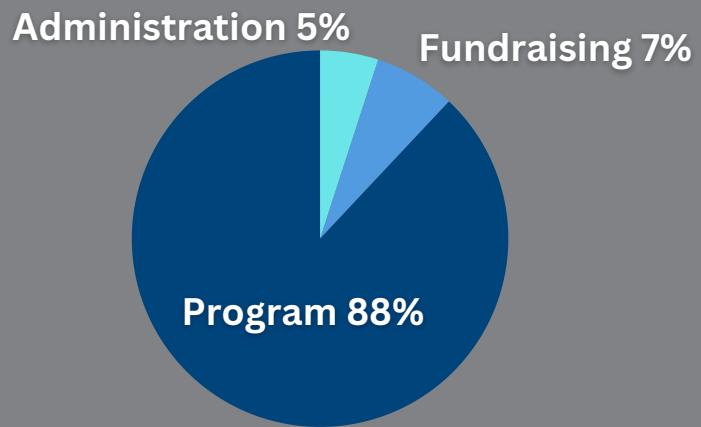
Monthly giving makes a BIG impact on kids right here in Cole County! ❤️ Join us in creating brighter futures.  
[www.capitalcitycasa.org/donate](http://www.capitalcitycasa.org/donate)

# Key Statistics at a Glance

## Income



## Expenses



## Board of Directors

Elizabeth Sheehan, President,  
Greg Phillips, Vice President,  
Katie Hug, Treasurer,  
Katie Brenneke, Secretary,  
Miranda Backes, Tommy  
Barron, Mindie Friederich  
(not pictured), Julie Gates,  
Bob Gilbert, Doug Otto, and  
Dale Struemph



We had 64 CASA volunteers in 2025.

We want to recruit and train 21 additional  
CASA volunteers in 2026.

# Capital City CASA Volunteer Impact

**Our CASA volunteers make a direct impact on a child's life.**

Finding a CASA volunteer to walk along side a teen in foster care is a challenge, but finding a male volunteer to advocate for a teenage boy in foster care is like making that 3-point shot at the buzzer to win the game. And that is exactly what CASA Steve has done. He gets the assist in helping this young man achieve great things. Things most teens take for granted, like getting his driver's license, a part time job, graduating from high school and enrolling in a trade school. CASA Steve has been that one, consistent adult who doesn't judge his circumstances, but instead encourages him by being there when he just need someone to talk to.



CASA Cheryl has been a dedicated CASA volunteer since February 2022. When one child reentered foster care, CASA Cheryl agreed to be her CASA again, demonstrating true commitment. The 12-year-old girl, who has faced significant trauma, benefits from the steady comfort, guidance, and trust provided by CASA Cheryl. The child confides in CASA Cheryl and often asks for more visits, which CASA Cheryl gladly provides. Cheryl's empathy, patience, and unwavering dedication make her an invaluable advocate for the children she serves.

CASA Mary advocates for a 15-year-old girl who has been in and out of foster care for 7 years. The girl has a history of physical and emotional abuse and abandonment by her family. Case managers came and went, but the girl needed someone consistent—often calling CASA Mary nightly to have someone to talk to. Today, she's working, studying for her GED, and learning to be independent.

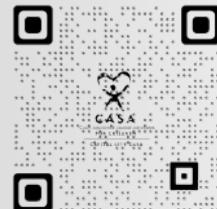
CASA Mary has advocated for the girl's education, bridged communication, and helped her secure essentials like a birth certificate and Social Security card.



## 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!

[www.capitalcitycasa.org/volunteer](http://www.capitalcitycasa.org/volunteer)



### In the year 2025:

76 children  
entered  
foster care

4 children  
re-entered  
foster care

45 children  
were waiting  
for a CASA

19,235  
miles  
driven by  
CASA  
volunteers

CASA  
volunteers  
advocated for  
146 children

2,713 hours  
invested by  
volunteers  
serving children

10 new CASA  
volunteers  
were trained

5 children we  
served  
graduated

2 children we  
served started  
college

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# Capital City CASA

# GOLF

## TOURNAMENT

### 2026



**SAVE THE DATE**

JUNE  
**1**  
2026

*Jefferson City Country Club*

*Lunch and Registration: 11:30 am*

*Tee Off: 1:00 pm*



## SAVE THE DATE

RAISE YOUR GLASS 2026

# Raise Your Glass

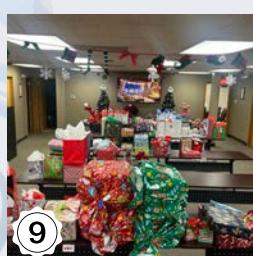
## for Capital City CASA



Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Hosted by Capital Bluffs Event Center

# A Year of Advocacy and Impact



1. Josh Shipp speaking at Raise Your Glass
2. Spring CASA Volunteer Swearing-in Ceremony
3. Executive Director, Gina Clement
4. Putting Contest
5. Raise Your Glass
6. Capitol dome illuminated blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month
7. 10th Annual Capital City CASA Golf Tournament
8. Beneficiary at Redemption Inside the Walls event
9. Christmas gifts donated by Christmas elves
10. Staff and Board of Directors
11. Fall CASA Volunteer Swearing-in Ceremony



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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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