

CASA OF ADAMS &
BROOMFIELD COUNTIES



**If there's a WILL
there's a WAY
to leave a LEGACY**

GUIDE TO LEGACY GIVING

OPTIONS FOR LEGACY GIVING

Charitable Bequest

You can make a bequest by including specific language in your will or living trust naming CASA as the recipient of a testamentary gift.

Gift from IRA

Naming CASA as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401k, or 403b is a simple way to benefit the community while avoiding significant, often unanticipated taxes.

Life Insurance

Including CASA as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or assigning policy ownership to CASA, can leverage small premium payments into significant community benefit.

When you include CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties in your estate plan, **you provide hope through advocacy to future generations of children and families in our community.**

Planning your legacy now benefits:

- Your family who can receive greater financial and tax benefits from certain types of estate gifts.
- Our organization because generosity from legacy donors is crucial for our future impact.

Professional counsel from estate planning attorneys is recommended.



CASA Impacting Future Generations

“My CASA, Jillon, has continued to be in my life long after my case ended, and I couldn’t be more thankful. She’s been an outstanding influence towards the wonderful man I’m becoming.

I do truly believe that if every kid going through a situation like mine had a CASA in their life, the world would be a better place. CASA and Jillon have been one of the most impactful and positive things in my life and I hope others get the same experience.”

– Tristan, former CASA Youth

BENEFITS OF A WILL

Without a will, the state determines how your property is distributed.

Beneficiaries

You decide who inherits your assets including your family and favorite charities.

Executor

You select the person you trust to carry out your wishes, paying debts, and distributing your assets.

Dependents

You choose who will continue to care for a child or an adult with special needs.

Charity

You can include organizations or causes that matter to you, like CASA, without impacting your assets today.

SOCIAL COST OF YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

In 2023, the estimated social costs (including incarceration, public assistance, and the value of lost wages) of someone aging out of foster care was over \$310,000. Indicating that the lifetime cost to Colorado taxpayers and communities for the approximately 200 who age out of the Colorado foster care system each year is over \$62 million.*

*Anderson, C., & Summers, D. (2023, November 14). Untapped Potential: Economic costs of Colorado's Foster Youth. Common Sense Institute. <https://www.common senseinstitute.us/colorado/research/jobs-and-our-economy/untapped-potential-economic-costs-of-colorados-foster-youth>

Next Steps?

- ✓ Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor.
- ✓ Contact Lisa Gallegos, Development Officer, at 720.373.1125 or lisa@casa17th.com to learn more about becoming a member of our Legacy of Hope Society.
- ✓ Let us know if CASA is in your estate plan, we would love to recognize and appreciate your kindness!

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ABOUT OUR CASA PROGRAM

For 25 years, CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties has provided advocacy for children and families in Adams and Broomfield Counties. Since our founding, 1,548 volunteers have stepped forward to serve an incredible 4,963 children.

Dependency & Neglect

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a trained volunteer who represents the best interests of children who are currently in the child welfare system, through no fault of their own.

CASA Volunteers ensure that the child's physical, mental, educational, and emotional needs are being met, and advocate for the child in court, all while supporting them in their journey to find a safe and permanent home.

Truancy

A Truancy CASA is a trained volunteer who represents the educational interests of a child or youth with a truancy case in the 17th Judicial District.

Truancy CASAs work alongside the child, family, and school to identify barriers to attendance, access community resources, and improve the student's school attendance and academic success.

Family Engagement

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Advocates work one-on-one with families whose children are chronically absent from school. Advocates partner with families to identify and build upon strengths, provide advocacy and mentorship for children, and facilitate resource navigation for families.

This prevention-focused program is voluntary for families and operates outside the child welfare and court system.