

ANNUAL REPORT

CASA OF ADAMS & BROOMFIELD COUNTIES

FISCAL YEAR 2026 | JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Dear Friends of CASA,

Every year, we are reminded that the work of CASA is about one simple but powerful idea: **every child deserves someone in their corner.**

This year, **172 CASA Volunteers advocated for 374 children and youth in Adams and Broomfield Counties.** Each number represents a child with their own story, challenges, strengths, and hopes for the future. Behind every one of those children is a volunteer who chose to show up, listen, ask questions, build relationships, and make sure their voice is heard. While we are proud of the impact we made in the lives of children and families this year, we are also deeply aware of the growing need. **Nearly 250 children remain on our waitlist for a CASA Volunteer.** That number is a powerful reminder that our work is far from finished and that more people are needed to step forward and advocate for children.

This year was also one of continued growth and evolution for CASA. In the second year of our Family Engagement Program, volunteers provided relationship-based advocacy to students whose chronic absence was costing them connection, stability, and learning, helping families overcome barriers and access resources before challenges escalate into deeper system involvement. We also invested time in building a stronger foundation for our organization. **We refined financial policies and internal controls, evaluated our organizational structure and staffing to make the most of the resources entrusted to us, and identified thoughtful ways to reduce expenses and operate more efficiently.** At the same time, we continued to improve our volunteer pre-service training and ongoing education, ensuring volunteers have the tools and knowledge they need to advocate effectively. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it is essential to CASA's long-term sustainability and impact.

The challenges facing children and families remain complex. Families are navigating housing and financial instability, mental health concerns, barriers to healthcare and education, and other circumstances that can make an already difficult situation even harder. Nonprofits are also facing increasing financial uncertainty and greater competition for limited resources. **Yet, amid these challenges, our community continues to show up for children and families.** Our volunteers dedicate themselves to advocating for children, our donors make this work possible through their generosity, our community partners help families access support and opportunities, and our staff brings compassion and dedication to this mission. We are deeply grateful for the collective commitment that makes CASA's work possible.

As we look toward the year ahead, we know there is more to do. We want to reach more children, welcome and support more volunteers, and build on our programs and partnerships. We remain committed to responsible stewardship and expanding our reach so that more children have someone in their corner when they need it most.

CASA is more than a program. It is a community of people who believe that children deserve to be heard, supported, and given every opportunity to thrive. To everyone who has been part of this mission, thank you for helping make that belief a reality. And to the children and youth we serve, thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey. Together, we are working to ensure that children do not have to navigate difficult circumstances alone.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Vickie Ricord

Vickie Ricord
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OUR MISSION

Provide volunteer advocacy and support for at-risk children and youth, empowering families to thrive.

OUR VISION

A community that values and strengthens children and families from all backgrounds and life experiences, providing opportunities to thrive and build successful lives.

OUR VALUES

Adaptability | Collaboration | Integrity | Respect | Quality | Service | Stewardship

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Our Programs



Dependency & Neglect

CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are trained volunteers appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in the child welfare system. They get to know the child, gather information from the people involved in the child's life, and make recommendations to the court about the child's needs, wellbeing, and permanency. CASA Volunteers help ensure each child's voice is heard and their needs are considered as decisions are made about their future.

Family Engagement

Family Engagement is a voluntary, early-intervention program that pairs trained volunteers with students experiencing attendance or school engagement challenges.

Volunteers build supportive relationships with students, partner with families to identify strengths and address barriers, and connect them with community resources. The goal is to improve school attendance and engagement before concerns escalate to truancy proceedings.

Truancy

Truancy CASA Volunteers are trained volunteers appointed by the court to advocate for students involved in truancy proceedings. They work alongside students, families, and school personnel to identify barriers to attendance, connect families with resources, and help students build the skills and support they need to attend school regularly and succeed academically.



Meet Elisabeth



"The reason I became a CASA Volunteer is pretty personal. I had always wanted to be involved with foster care, but my life ended up going in a direction where that wasn't going to be possible.

When I discovered CASA, it gave me another way to support children in the system. One that allowed me to advocate for them while still caring for my own family and meeting the needs of my personal life. It gave me a chance to give back in a way I had always hoped to."

-Elisabeth O'Brien, CASA Volunteer

Year In Review

374

Children and Youth That Received Advocacy

Dependency & Neglect	Truancy	Family Engagement
304*	36	34

***2 Foster Youth in Transition† Children**

172

Volunteer Advocates

49 New Volunteers

7,617

Volunteer Hours Donated

Cost Per Hour	**Total Value**
$39.99	$304,604

30,734

Miles Driven by Volunteer Advocates

Cost Per Mile	**Total Value**
$0.725	$22,282

235

Cases Served

Dependency & Neglect	Truancy	Family Engagement
170*	36	29

***2 Foster Youth in Transition† Cases**

Learn more about the demographics of the children we serve, our volunteers, and our community.

†Through Colorado's Foster Youth in Transition (FYIT) program, CASA Volunteers serve as trusted allies for young adults aging out of foster care. Operating under a youth-led advocacy framework, volunteers do not make best-interest court recommendations, but rather empower 18-to-21-year-olds to direct their own case plans, secure essential housing and educational resources, and successfully step into independence.





















CASA In Our Community



5 Swearing In Ceremonies









316 Light of Hope Attendees









200 Backpacks Distributed

CASA's involvement in the community expands our visibility and strengthens our organization through connections, partnerships, and relationships with community members and businesses.



69 Community Events

"Some of the most heartwarming experiences come during the holidays. CASA and its volunteers go above and beyond to make the holidays truly special for every family we serve, and seeing the joy it brings is unforgettable."

– Joseph Davalt, CASA Volunteer



Thank You Volunteers

YEARS OF SERVICE

20+

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15-19

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10-14

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Ashley Dunn
Margaret Dunnington
Morgan Ernzen
Suzie Ewing
Abigail Fisher
Estelle Fleckenstein
Madison Gallipo
Kiana Gonzales
Mary Jaquish
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Edward Vaughn

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Jennifer Skinner
Tomeka Speller
Erika Stewart
Bozica Van Landingham
Grant Williamson

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Learn How You Can Change A Child's Story.™



"I saw firsthand how deeply children and teens are shaped by their environments, and how powerful it can be when even one person consistently stands by them. I realized that having someone who genuinely listens, advocates, and believes in them can plant the seed for real growth and healing. That's what inspired me to become a CASA Volunteer."

-Sandra Cardenas Santiago, CASA Volunteer

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

CASA's **Legacy of Hope Society** recognizes and honors the following supporters who have included CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties in their estate plan, giving hope for future generations of children and families in our community.

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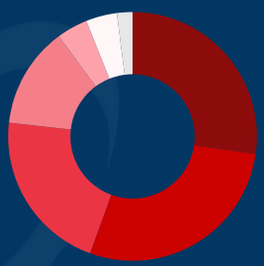
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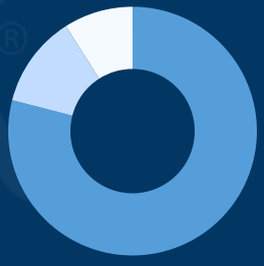
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$1,428,462



Sources of Revenue

Grants.....28%
Donor Investment.....28%
Fundraising Events.....21%
State / Leg Funding.....13%
In Kind.....4%
Other.....4%
Investment Income.....2%



Use of Funds

Program 81%
Fundraising 12%
Administrative 7%

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