



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF GALVESTON COUNTY

IMPACT REPORT

FY 2022



YEAR IN REVIEW



Dear Valued Stakeholders,

CASA of Galveston County has been serving our community's children and families by independent court appointment since 2014. During this time, we have served more than **1136** unique children who have benefited from the best interest voice of a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer. Trusting relationships between advocates and the children they serve have been built through consistent visitation, enhanced involvement in their schools, the development and creation of supportive connections and intentional advocacy in all areas of the child's life. The results speak volumes: increased academic success and support in the children's lives that lasts beyond that of the CASAs time in their life. The specialized voice of our advocates is only possible with your support and investment in our daily activities - recruitment, training, communication and on-going coaching and assistance.

Over the last year, your investments allowed us to focus on increasing our recruitment activities to build our volunteer base and ensure volunteers are representative of the diverse community we serve. We continued that effort in our staffing and board recruitment efforts; we are committed to meeting our community and understanding their needs in order to be effective in our role as the best interest voice before the judge. Thanks to your commitment, we have made strides to bridge the gap, but we still need your help! **We need additional men volunteers and more minority individuals to round out our volunteer team.** We call each of you to action!

Our annual fundraising events were highly successful and brought added awareness to both our mission and the need for additional volunteers. Our blue-ribbon campaign resulted in 770 blue ribbon sponsorships and our dinner fundraiser last July hosted a sold-out crowd of more than 230 guests. We finished the year with our annual December Walk A Mile in which we hosted more than 90 participants to walk a mile in the shoes of a child in foster care with a CASA by their side.

These efforts are ways for CASA of Galveston County to connect to our community and allow you to find the best way to support our mission. Our mission is critical and with your support, we can and WILL continue to make a difference. Thank you for taking the time to read our Impact Report - your support and investment is valued by our board, staff, and volunteers.

With most sincere gratitude,

Connie A. Ricketts

Executive Director
CASA of Galveston County



OUR STORY SO FAR

OUR MISSION

The mission of CASA of Galveston County is to provide trained community volunteers, appointed by the court, who advocate for the best interest of children in the foster care system who have experienced abuse and neglect in an effort to secure safety and permanency through family reunification while increasing child abuse awareness.



Comfort Kits in partnership with Day 1 Bags



CASA'S IMPACT THE STORY OF MAX & CARA

Due to abuse, siblings Max (13) and Cara (10) were removed from their parents and entered the child welfare system. A few precious belongings were shoved into garbage bags and the children were separated & sent to different foster homes.

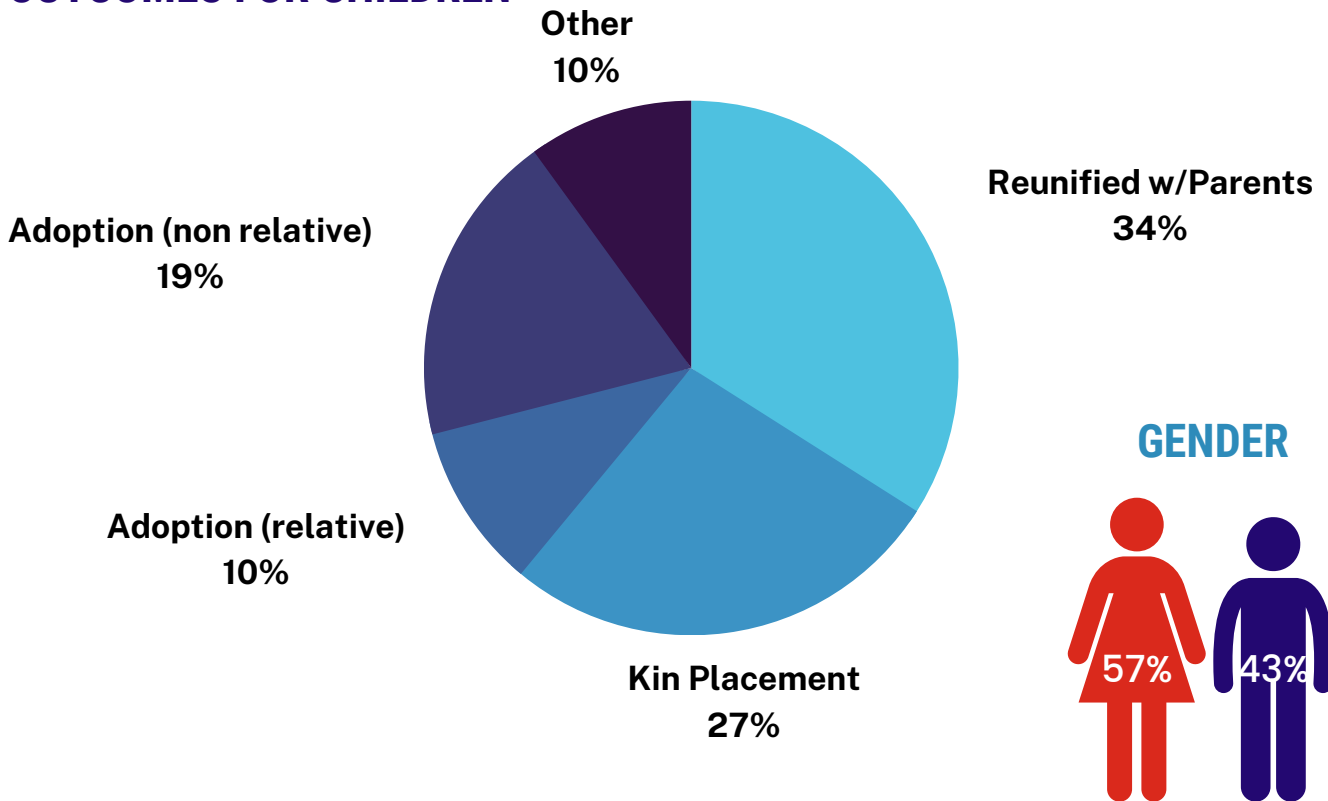
Allison was assigned as their CASA and her impact was immediate. She checked on the kids and facilitated communication between the siblings. She ensured they received health care and educational support and was instrumental in the search for permanency for the children, leaving no stone unturned.

In court, Allison made recommendations for Max and Cara's well being as an impartial advocate and witness to their journey. Allison (and CASA) are key in ensuring Max and Cara (and so many kids like them) have a CHANCE.

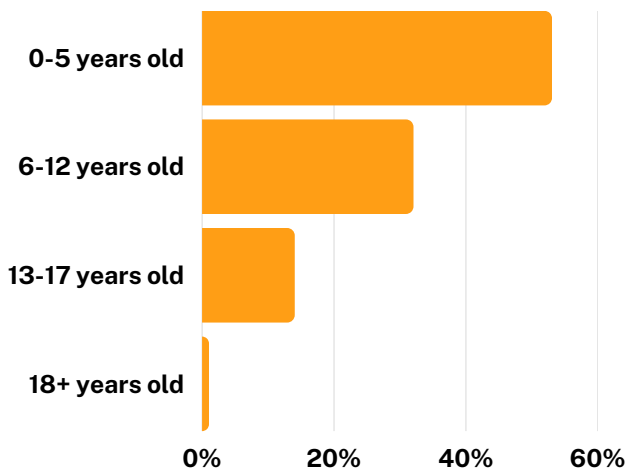
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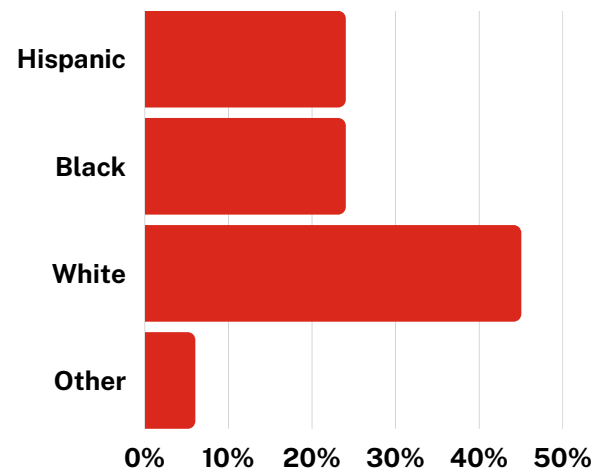
OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN



AGE OF CHILDREN



RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN



OUR ADVOCATES

151
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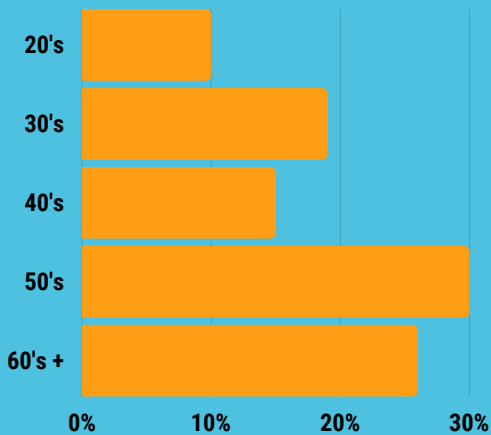
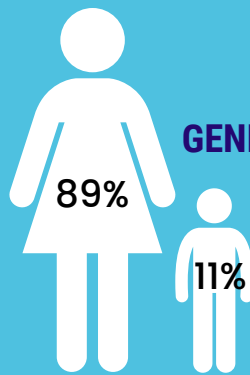
VOLUNTEER HOURS



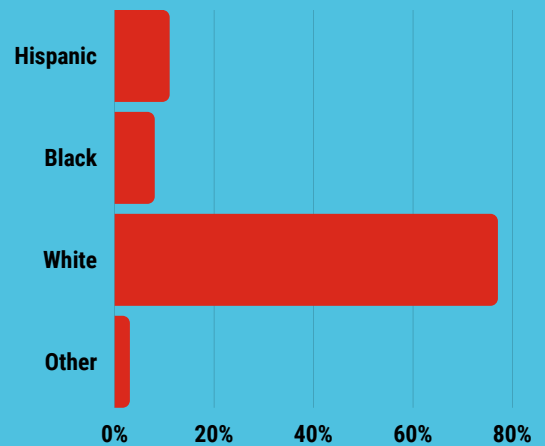
VOLUNTEER MILES



GENDER



AGE



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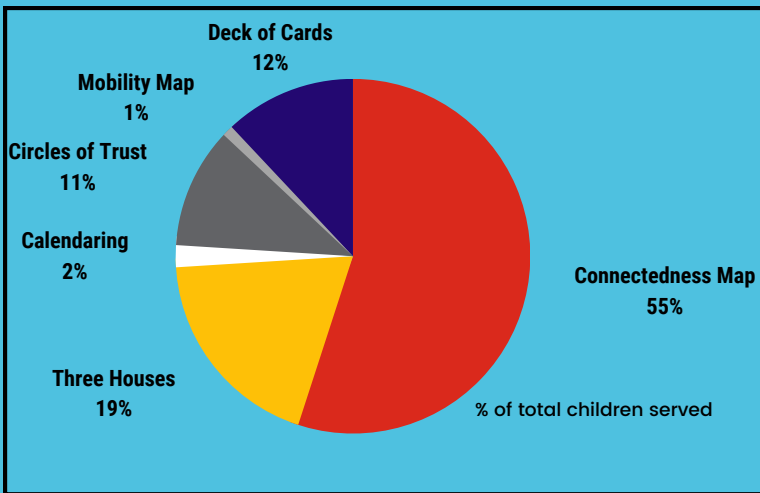
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

- Medical Advocate of the Year - **Marte Hersey**
- Advocate of the Year - **Laurie Nicks**
- Education Advocate of the Year - **Dawn Harvey**
- Innovative Advocate of the Year - **Mark Knox**
(not pictured)



COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CFE INTERVENTIONS FY22

CFE is just one of the ways that the CASA network and Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS) in Texas work together. CFE is Texas' model of Family Finding, which provides a process and tools to engage with and find parents, families and young people to ensure their voices are heard throughout the case.



Connectedness Map: a quick and easy tool that uses simple shapes and lines to illustrate that person's connections



My Three Houses: helps children to articulate what they are worried about, what they dream about, and what is currently working well in their lives



Calendaring: filling out a calendar with specific days of support – a visual for families to see their support network



Circles of Trust: a diagram of concentric circles to visually indicate how connected the child, youth, or family is to the network around them.



Mobility Map: a visual timeline the person draws of their life, starting from the place they first lived and/or the first memory, up through present day



Deck of Cards: an interactive game with questions centered around the 4 Cs. Great for all ages and is a great ice-breaker

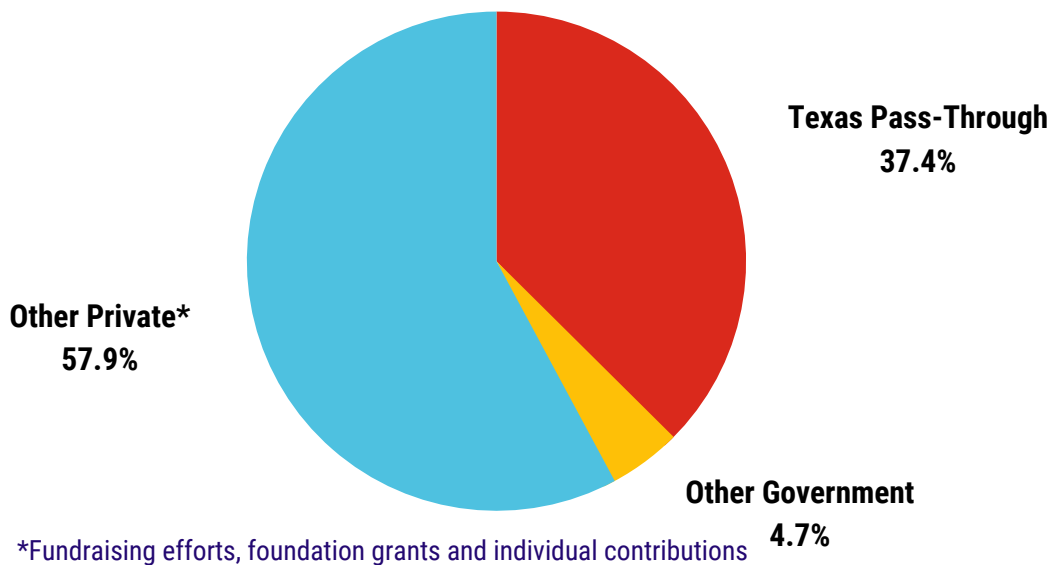
EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% closures rate for all Education Referrals
- 100% school history documentation for cases
- CASA of Galveston County has a 10 person Education Committee & F/T Staff Member to oversee educational needs

FISCAL REPORT

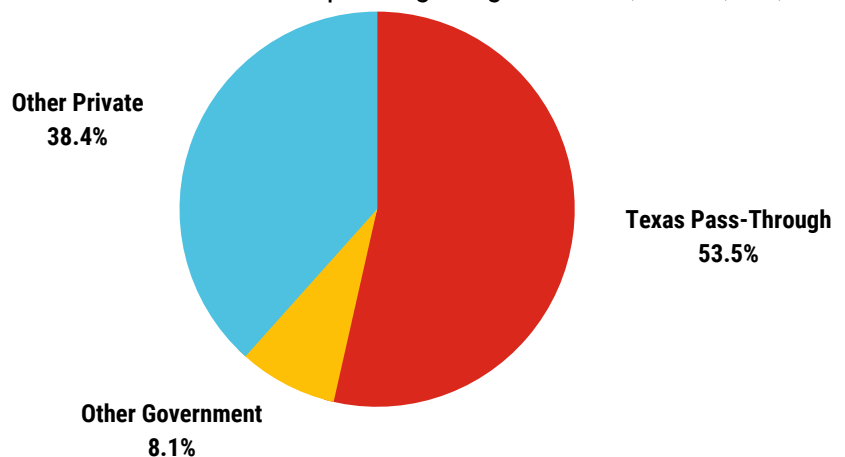
Organizational Revenue for FY 2022: **\$923,318**

Program Funding Distribution for CASA of Galveston County



Average Funding Distribution for Comparable Sized CASA Programs

Operating Budget of \$500,001-\$1,000,000



CASA of Galveston County is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you have questions regarding the organization's form 990, please reach out to Connie Ricketts, Executive Director connie@casagalveston.org

DONORS
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FY 2022

CASA of Galveston County's life blood are our volunteers, donors, and corporate partners. Stakeholders that are giving of their time and energy and who share our vision and make a financial investment to help us amplify the voices of children in foster care in our community. ***Only 37% of our funding comes from Texas CASA grants - thank you for helping us bridge the gap and helping us make an impact.***

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YAGA's Children's Fund
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United Way Galveston County Mainland
AMOCO Federal Credit Union
Del Papa Distributing
LaBure Family
Marathon Petroleum Corp
Paul and Fallon Mitcham
Wally & Debbie Scoggins
Phil & Jackie Starks

WITH APPRECIATION



EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE- IT'S YOU!



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FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT