

FY 2023

IMPACT **REPORT**



YEAR IN REVIEW



Dear Valued Stakeholders,

CASA of Galveston County's vision is to serve every child that needs the voice of a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and while our motto is "Every Child Has a Chance – It's YOU," it's the "YOU" in our motto that stands out, as it is YOU, who supports and invests in our critical mission. These investments are realized in a variety of ways, and we strive for diversity in every area of our organization to ensure we are meeting the needs of the children who rely on the consistent presence of their CASA to be there no matter what.

In FY 2023, we continued our annual Walk a Mile In My Shoes event that brought the story of sibling group Max and Cara alive - sharing segments of their story along the walk with each segment highlighting how their CASA advocated for their rights in court. Walkers enjoyed the human aspect of what it means to a child to have a CASA. In the Spring of 2023, we hosted our Candlelight Vigil to focus on the prevalence of children in our community who are victims of alleged abuse and neglect and find themselves experiencing foster care. This solemn evening brought our community together and we heard from the Honorable Judge Anne B. Darring, Torriona Harris, Chad Smith and music presented by Fanfare! Lutheran Music Academy. We launched our t-shirt program, "Empower, Advocate, Inspire" to raise awareness along with our #CASACupsofCaring initiative - partnering with local coffee shops on Galveston Island to display our special coffee sleeves during the month. Thanks to our partners MOD Coffeehouse, Seawall Coffee, and Sugar Bean Coffee and Cream for their investment in our mission in this very special way.

We ended our year in late July 2023 with an unforgettable evening at the Grand Galvez for our dinner fundraiser that featured keynote speaker, Mr. Jim McIngvale and honorees Mr. and Mrs. Wally Scoggins, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mitcham. It was an evening of inspiration that brought our core value of "Hope" alive. This event raised over \$155,000 towards realizing our vision of a CASA for every child that needs one.

We partnered with many community resources to support our families, including the Galveston County Food Bank, Gulf Coast Center, our Chambers of Commerce, The Riverside Project, The Birthday Joy Program, and many more. These partnerships allow our volunteers to have access to resources to support their advocacy for children and families. It takes a community to come together for our most vulnerable population – our children - and the Galveston County community is rich with caring and giving hearts.

We are so incredibly grateful to all of YOU! We will continue our fight and fulfill our mission with your support and investment. We hope you will visit every page of our impact report and see the difference that is made alongside YOU - our volunteers, friends, family, supporters, champions, and investors.

With most sincere gratitude,

Connie A. Ricketts

Chief Executive Officer
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.



CASA'S IMPACT

THE STORY OF A and his CASA

I kept asking myself, 'When is something going to hit the fan?' But instead, what was supposed to happen in an ideal CASA world kept happening. If there is a heaven, I believe it will be full of stories like this one. - Geoff, CASA advocate

On paper, A's case was daunting - he was his mom's fourth child who was experiencing foster care due to drug addiction. But this time was different, both A's parents were committed to doing the work to get A back - they completed their services, remained drug free, attended their visits and meetings and communicated often with their CASA, attorneys and caseworkers.

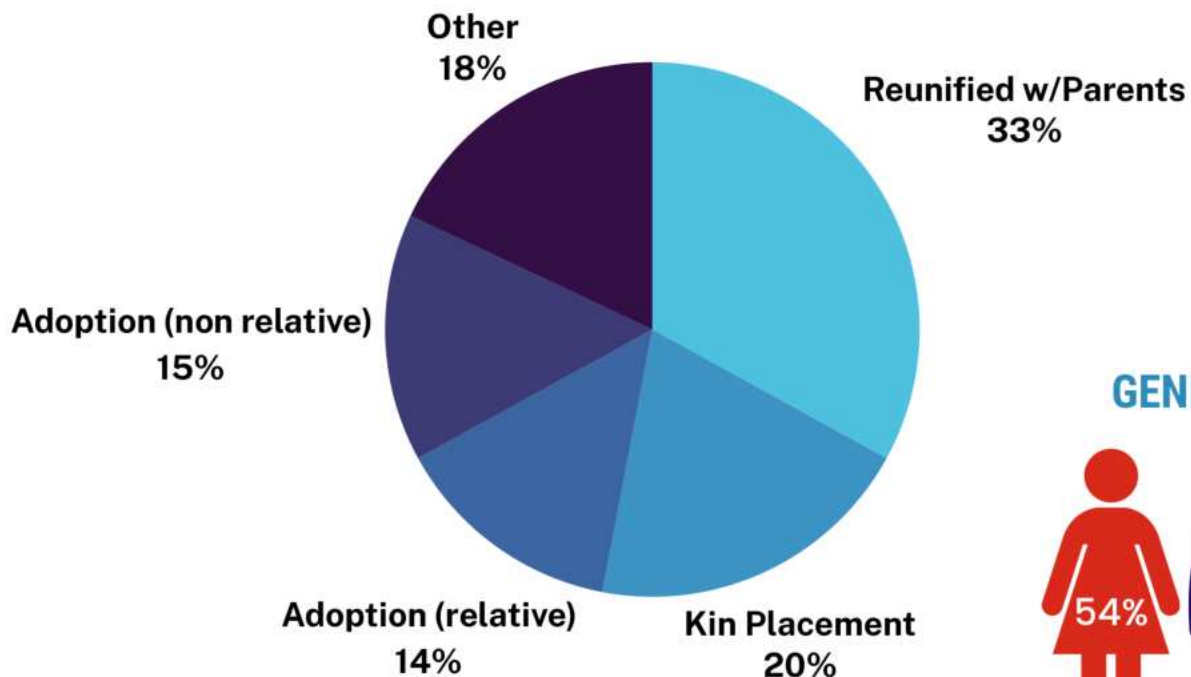
Their CASA played a key role in supporting the relationship between biological parents and foster parents, resulting in successful family reunification and continued success for the parents after case closure. In fact, the biological parents and foster parents formed such a strong bond that the foster parents are now A's godparents!

THE CHILDREN WE SERVE

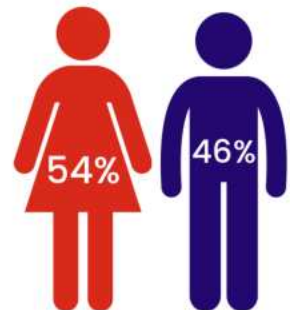


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CHILDREN
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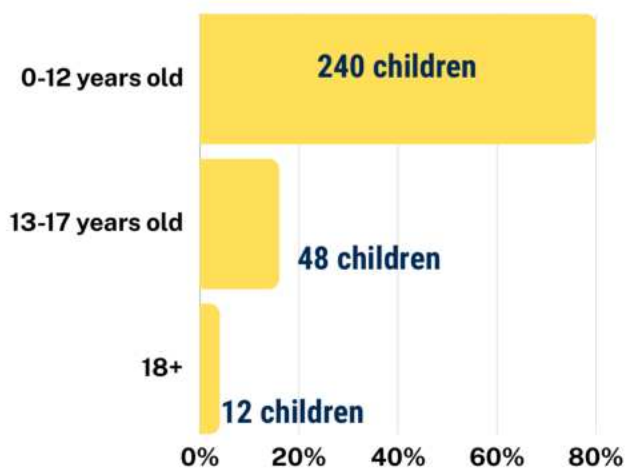
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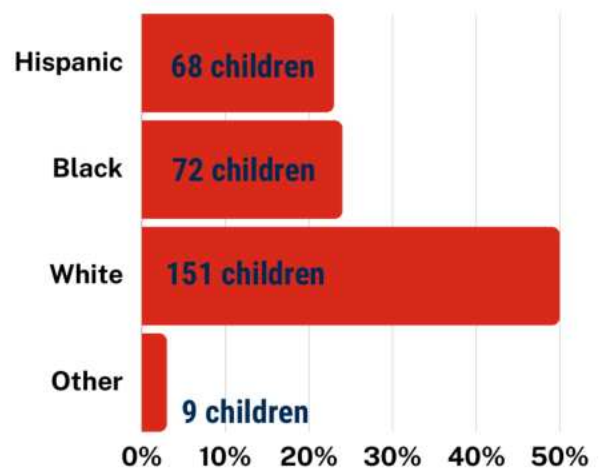
GENDER



AGE OF CHILDREN



RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN



OUR ADVOCATES

136
ASSIGNED
ADVOCATES

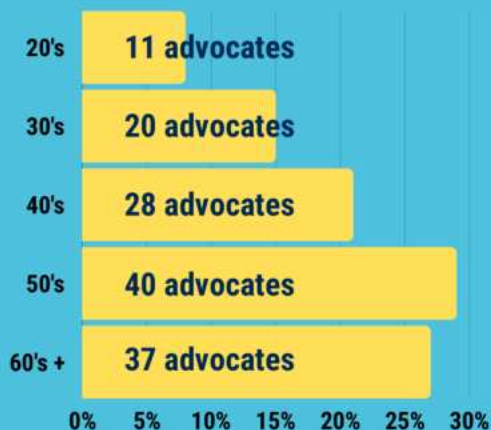
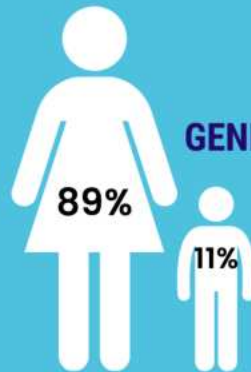
VOLUNTEER HOURS



VOLUNTEER MILES



GENDER



AGE



RACE/ETHNICITY

COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

CFE 2023

CFE is a team-based approach between CASA and CPS to engage, find, and work with family members and fictive kin in the creation and development of a lifetime network for young people experiencing foster care. One of the goals of CFE is to help children achieve strong connectivity and permanency faster, preferably with relatives or other trusted loved ones. CASA works hard to ensure that every child in foster care has the opportunity for lifelong connections.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

IMPACT

Have a background in education and ready to make an impact? Join the education committee today!
education@CASAgalveston.org

J (13) was being bullied in the classroom - taunting and physical altercations were part of his educational experience. When it got to be too much, J reacted by throwing a chair and was swiftly sent to alternative school. CASA's Education Committee responded immediately and notified TEA and supported J's CASA as they advocated through a district level due process request to overturn the campus' decision. Thanks to the actions and special education expertise of the Education Committee and the advocate's exceptional advocacy, J was spared 30 days of alternative school and was returned to campus, with the other student's schedules changed to avoid future issues.

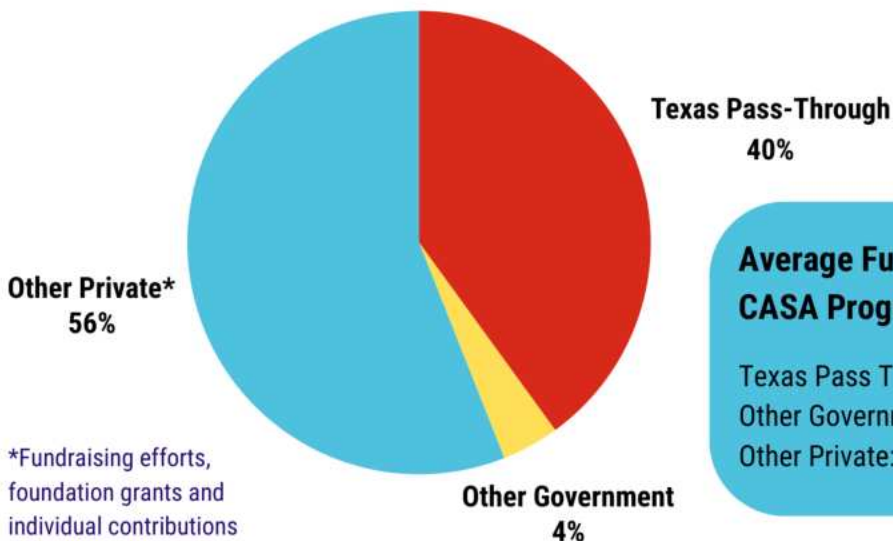


PROGRAM FUNDING



Organizational Revenue for FY 2023: **\$1,009,723**

Program Funding Distribution for CASA of Galveston County

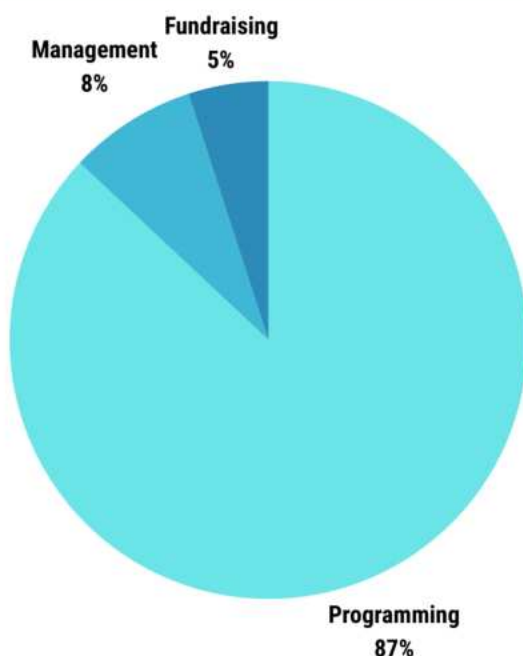


Average Funding Distribution for Comparable Sized CASA Programs

Texas Pass Through: 58%
Other Government: 10%
Other Private: 46%

*Percentages are based on the individual programs data within the group, averaged for the whole group

Organizational Expenses for FY 2023: **\$1,002,788**



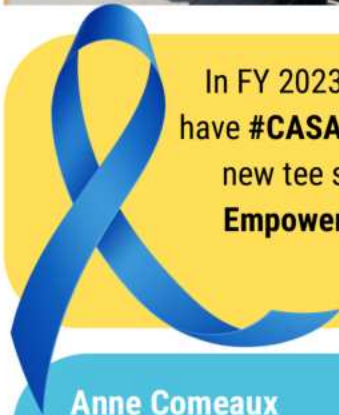
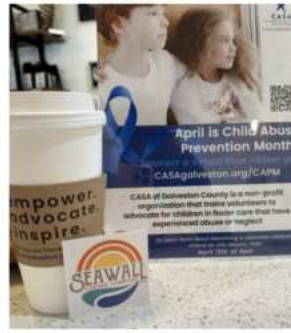
NO PLACE LIKE HOME FUNDRAISER RAISED OVER \$155,000 IN PROGRAM SUPPORT!

The July 2023 event featured Keynote Speaker and 2023 recipient of CASA's No Place Like Home award, Mr. Jim "Mattress Mac" McIngvale and honored the Scoggins and Mitcham families for their longtime support. Mr. McIngvale's words of honesty and encouragement complimented our Galveston County community's involvement and reinforced the message that CASA Volunteers give HOPE!

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 - connie@casagalveston.org



A YEAR IN CASA



In FY 2023, CASA partnered with area organizations to have **#CASACupsofCaring** coffee sleeves and kicked off a new tee shirt initiative emblazoned with the mantra: **Empower. Advocate. Inspire.** to spread child abuse awareness in our community.

Anne Comeaux
Marte Hersey
Kat Joel-Reich
Laurie Nicks

Liz Rhame
Lori Warren
Andrea Peto-Selby
Ana Selves

Molly White
Judy Garcia
Chris Spiller

CELEBRATING
7+ Years of Service



WALK A MILE participants learned about "Max and Cara" and their journey through foster care with advocate Allison by their side and heard about the **DIFFERENCE** a CASA makes!

THANK YOU!

We are thankful for the volunteers & supporters who shared their time and energy with CASA and the children that we serve



EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE-IT'S YOU!



2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Rookie of the Year - **David Kelley**

Education Advocate of the Year - **Angela Arguello**

Advocate of the Year - **Mark Knox**

Innovative Advocate of the Year - **Star Hill** (not pictured)

Medical Advocate of the Year - **Diana Chase** (not pictured)



Hope 
Society

Join Hope Society - our monthly giving circle
\$25 a month provides a week of advocacy for
a child and a consistent presence in their life.

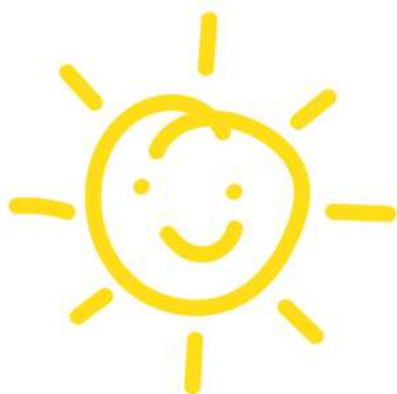


Thanks!

DONORS **GIFTS \$5000+**

CASA of Galveston County's life blood are our volunteers, donors, and corporate partners. We are grateful to our stakeholders that are giving of their time and talents and who share our vision and make a financial investment to help us amplify the voices of children experiencing foster care in our community.

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Ippollito Charitable Foundation
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McDaniel Charitable Foundation
Mary Moody Northern Endowment
Moody Permanent Endowment Fund
Texas Bar Foundation
Texas Attorney Generals Office
National CASA/GAL Association
Valero Children's Fund
United Way of Galveston
United Way Galveston County Mainland
AMOCO Federal Credit Union
Mac Haik Toyota League City
Marathon Petroleum Corporation
Moody Bank
Texas First Insurance
Paul and Fallon Mitcham
Wally & Debbie Scoggins
Dennis & April Darling
Phil & Jackie Starks



Only 40% of our funding comes from Texas CASA grants -
thank you for helping us bridge the gap and helping us make an impact.

WITH APPRECIATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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THANK YOU



FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



WAIT!

THIS REPORT'S JOB ISN'T DONE.

**Pass it along to a friend or loved one
with a heart as big as yours.
The simple act of sharing this report could be the
reason that a child's life changes for the better.**



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