



2018 - 2019

Fiscal Year ANNUAL Report



OUR Mission

Our mission is to provide specially selected and trained community volunteers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, to advocate for abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes.



OUR Vision

A community where every abused and neglected child in Adams and Broomfield Counties is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home.



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

**CASA OF ADAMS &
BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

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DEAR Friends,

We extend our heartfelt thank you to the extraordinary donors, supporters, volunteers, and staff who helped make this another remarkable year. Your generous commitment to our mission helps provide the critical resources needed to increase our impact and truly make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. **Fiscal year 2019 marked a stellar year for CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties:**

- We served 502 abused and neglected children;
- 223 CASA volunteers served vulnerable children;
- CASA Volunteers donated more than 13,549 hours;
- We hosted three successful signature events;
- Increased Peer Coordinator Model to accommodate future growth.

Our ongoing commitment is to provide vital services to our youth who need them the most. The cases CASA served this past year were in Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, Broomfield, Commerce City, Denver, Federal Heights, Henderson, Northglenn, Strasburg, Thornton, and Westminster. Sadly, some of these families are homeless. Additionally, 99% of the children we serve live at or near the federal poverty level and qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. These children are most in need of strong and enduring adult relationships that provide security, stability, reasoning, and love during the most traumatic time of their young lives. We continue to be in awe of and so grateful to our dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and travel many miles to be that consistent adult. With this care, our CASA volunteers improve the lives of these children and have a positive impact on our community.

Changing children's lives for the better is only possible due to our volunteers, community members, and donors. We could not provide these vital services without you! Thank you for your tremendous support and your investment in the future of our youth!



Bob Grant
Board Chair

Lindsay Lierman
Executive Director

YEAR in review

STATE highlights



Colorado children were served



CASA volunteers on cases



Hours donated by
CASA Volunteers

LOCAL highlights



502 abused and neglected children had a CASA Volunteer standing up for their best interests



1,161 more children need a CASA Volunteer to help ensure their placement in a safe and permanent home



223 volunteers served vulnerable children in Adams & Broomfield Counties

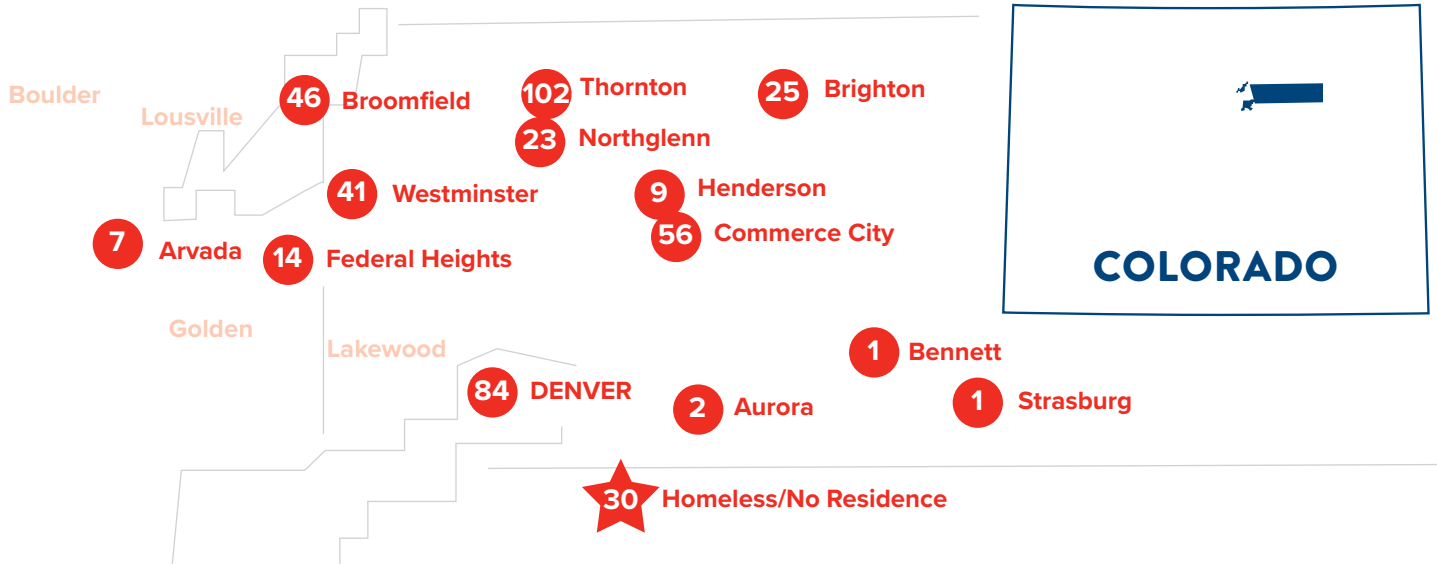


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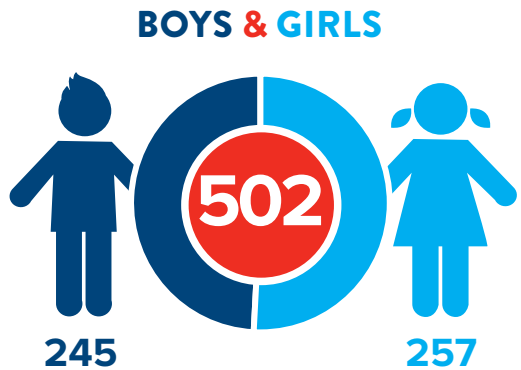
13,549 hours donated by a CASA volunteer standing up for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

CASA demographics

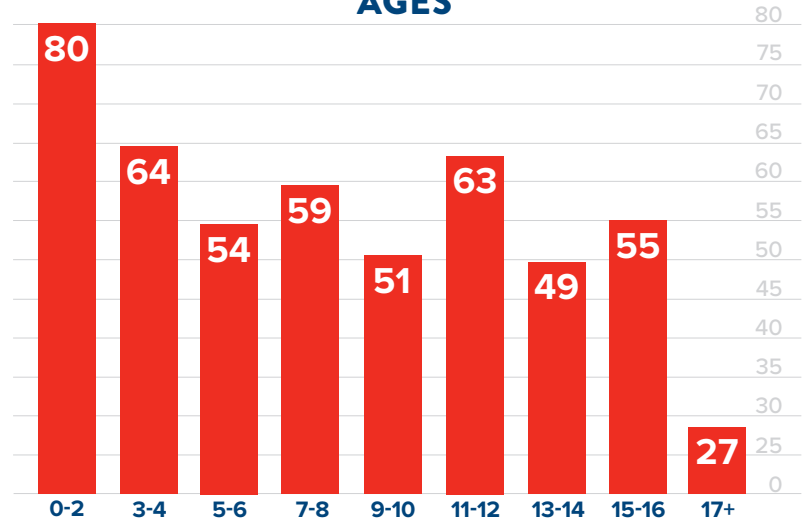
CITIES SERVED WITHIN BROOMFIELD & ADAMS COUNTIES



CHILDREN SERVED



AGES



WHY child advocacy matters

- Youth in foster care have a **58%** high school graduation rate*
- Only **3%** of foster youth will go on to complete higher education*
- The predicted lifetime social cost of a child who ages out of foster care is **\$300,000****
- The average cost to supply a child in the welfare system with a CASA is **\$1,200**

Court Appointed Special Advocates make a commitment to:

- Meet with their child regularly and monitor their home environment and relationships
- Represent the best interests of the child
- Report on the child's educational, developmental, health, therapeutic, and basic needs
- Help find a safe and permanent home for the child

* The Legal Center for Foster Care and Education, 2018

** Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2013

“Children need adults who are interested in them.

The care and concern for the children by CASA Volunteers makes a huge difference in their lives. Our Judges value the important role that the CASA Volunteers have for the children.” — Chief Judge Patrick Murphy



CARLY'S volunteer experience

Carly Wooldridge became the Outreach & Recruitment Coordinator for CASA in July 2016. She became her own first recruit as she immediately went through training and became a CASA Volunteer. This allowed her to share first-hand experience with potential volunteers. What she shared in the end was hope and consistency with two beautiful children.

When Carly met Sarah and Daniel*, they had already been in the foster care system once before. Their new case opened in June 2016 when Daniel, who was 4 at the time, was found wandering around his neighborhood alone. Sarah and Daniel lived with their mother and Daniel's father. When investigators went to the home, they found drugs and needles near where the children slept.

Sarah and Daniel were immediately removed and placed in two separate foster homes. With no verbal skills at the age of four, Daniel was deemed a feral child and put on an individualized education plan (IEP), which allowed him to receive interventions and support. For a year and a half, Sarah and Daniel remained in separate homes, but Carly visited them both and with the help of the caseworker, made sure they had some visiting time together.

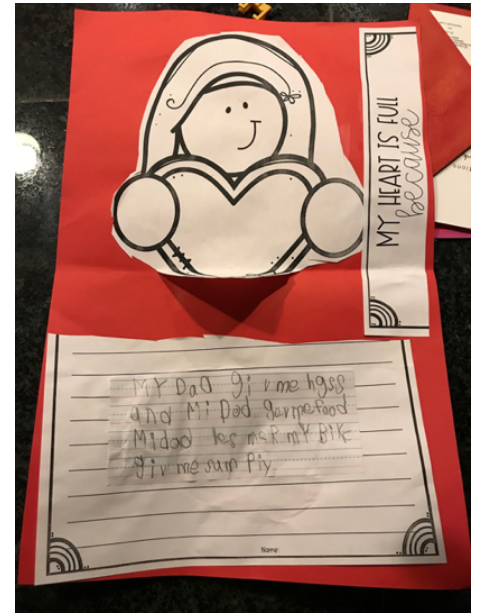
Because of their drug use and involvement in a domestic violence case, the parents did not meet requirements to get their children back. Sarah's biological father was not in the country and was presumed dead. In August 2017, parental rights were terminated for all parents and Sarah and Daniel were placed for adoption. Carly was there for the initial

meeting of the children and their adoptive parents in October 2017. Over the course of the month, the children began having meals, then overnight and weekend stays, until finally they moved in permanently with their new adoptive family. This newfound love and stability changed the trajectory for Sarah and Daniel.

They both began play therapy and family therapy, and Sarah began animal therapy after Carly worked with her peer coordinator to find services covered by Medicaid. Being reunited in a caring family with all these supports in place, Sarah and Daniel quickly advanced in their reading and were able to meet grade level for the first time. **In February 2018, Daniel made a Valentine in his kindergarten class that shows just how far he had come both emotionally and developmentally.** In Daniel's

kindergarten words he answered the prompt "My Heart is Full Because" by writing, "My dad gives me hugs and my Dad gives me food. My Dad lets me ride my bike and gives me some pie." For a little boy who had never had a loving, positive male relationship, these words illustrate the attachment and trust he developed with his adoptive father. Daniel's dad was so excited about the message and the progress that it showed, he immediately shared it with the one person who had been in Daniel's life for the duration of this journey—his CASA, Carly.

Throughout their case, Carly was the only consistent adult in Sarah's and Daniel's lives. Caseworkers and attorneys came and went. Carly was always there. She visited each child, sometimes in separate locations and sometimes more



MY HEART IS FULL Because:
"My dad gives me hugs
and my Dad gives me food
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than an hour's drive away, twice each month. She provided the adoptive family with the most comprehensive information about the children's history, their journey, their struggles, and their successes. She supported their new family throughout their long journey to a wonderful conclusion.

Finally, in January of 2019 all the papers were filed, and the adoption was finalized on March 3, 2019. After three years, Sarah now age 11, and Daniel now age 7, are safe and thriving in their forever home with their loving parents.

** Names changed to protect children's privacy.*

YEARLY events



Indulge for CASA

Indulge for CASA event took place on Thursday, July 21, 2018 at Balistreri Vineyards and raised nearly \$130,000. The evening was hosted by former Denver Bronco, Reggie Rivers. Guests enjoyed an evening of fine wines, decadent desserts, music, and a large silent and live auction. The evening ended with the raffle drawing for an Italian Getaway donated by Brad & Therese Zuercher that included seven days and six nights at Villa Tereze holiday house in Italy and \$2,000 toward airfare or other travel expenses.



Light of Hope

Adams & Broomfield Counties hosted its annual Light of Hope event on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Stonebrook Manor and raised nearly \$100,000. Funds raised aided CASA's mission of providing specially selected and trained community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes. The event consisted of a breakfast and luncheon program, with 9News Anchor Kristen Aguirre as emcee. Guests enjoyed a complimentary meal as they gained a deeper knowledge about the CASA mission and listened to a powerful story of a current CASA Volunteer, Jill Ross. "I am continuously in awe of our CASA Volunteers and the impact they have on a child's life. The story Jill Ross shared about her accomplishments and struggles with her CASA Youth reinforced the importance of this program." shared Lindsay Lierman, CASA Executive Director.



CASA Classic Golf Tournament

The CASA Classic Golf Tournament was held Tuesday, May 15, 2019 at The Ranch Country Club. The course at the Ranch was designed by legendary golf-course architect Richard Phelps and features a blend of rolling terrain and endless vistas with a dynamic playability offering something for everyone. The tournament was a four-person scramble with each player receiving greens fees, cart, range balls, food, and swag bag. **170 golfers participated, helping CASA raise more than \$87,000 dollars!**



CELEBRATION award winners

ROOKIE CASA OF THE YEAR

Erika Sell

Erika joined CASA in August of 2018 and immediately made an impact. Throughout her first case, she visited the child regularly, bringing activities to relax the child and help her open up. In order for the judge to have the best information, Erika consistently made contact with the child's uncle who lives out of state and expressed interest in taking her permanently. Erika saw the case to its end when the child did go to live with her uncle. Erika's devotion to this child and diligence on her first case demonstrates her dedication to being a strong advocate.

CASEWORKER OF THE YEAR

CeCe Spotts

Celeste (CeCe) has all the attributes of a great caseworker and brings them to every case she serves. She is even-handed but fearless when representing children. CeCe is unique in the way she seeks out and includes the input and participation of CASA Volunteers. She promptly returns phone calls, responds to emails, and seeks out the opinions of CASA Volunteers. She brings a sense of humor to this difficult job. These attributes make her someone to count on and great to work with.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM OF THE YEAR

Karen Langsley

Karen is passionate about her work and has been advocating for children for several years. She is comfortable having tough conversations when needed but celebrates victories. Karen works closely with the CASA staff to recruit CASA Volunteers for her cases. She values the insight of CASA Volunteers and believes in the CASA role!

PEER COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Zoe Reese

As a Peer Coordinator, Zoe supervises and supports other CASA Volunteers. In this role she goes above and beyond. She is a great coach, problem solver, and listener. She remains calm in stressful situations and is a great leader. Zoe is someone her advocates look to as a great example of a CASA Volunteer.

JUDICIAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Judge Kathy Delgado

Judge Delgado believes it is a privilege to work with the CASA organization and CASA Volunteers. She has great respect for CASA Volunteers and treats them as equal members of the case team. She provides a forum for them to advocate for the best interests of children. Judge Delgado reads every report, transcript, and note and relies on diligent preparation and careful fact-finding to guide her decisions toward a just outcome.

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

Brad & Therese Zuercher

Brad & Therese began their journey with CASA over three years ago when Therese took on her first CASA case. Through her advocacy work she realized there are not enough resources to meet the needs of all of the families whose children are suffering. This led Therese to become a donor and chair of the annual Indulge for CASA event. Brad & Therese are true philanthropists having donated their time, funds, and talent to the CASA organization.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Marty Sos

Marty hit the ground running when he joined the CASA Board. He immediately introduced the program to his wife, Sherri, who became a CASA Volunteer.

Marty is always ready to share the CASA mission through any presentation or networking event. His passion for the program is contagious and he has helped recruit several CASA Volunteers because of it.

MARLENE WISKE CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Barbara Zeidman (tie)

Barbara has been with CASA for over 8 years, serving on just as many cases. She is so dedicated to the CASA Program that she has served on three cases at a time, all while also serving as a Peer Coordinator. She writes thorough court reports with recommendations that are often accepted by the judge. She works cases so that she offers solutions to the concerns she sees. That is why she has been sought out by judges to serve on some of the toughest cases. Through her involvement and dedication, Barbara is a wonderful ambassador for the CASA Program.

MARLENE WISKE CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Charlene Campbell (tie)

Having been a CASA for eight years, Charlene is able to recognize the value in being a voice for children that find themselves in situations that are no fault of their own. She recently finished a case with a girl who emancipated after five years with Charlene by her side all the time. Charlene had planned to take a break, but a case opened for an adolescent who needed a strong educational advocate. Charlene knew that she could help and agreed to take on this new case. Besides serving on cases, Charlene has continually been an ambassador for the CASA Program, sharing her story at events and presentations.

THANK you peer coordinators & volunteers

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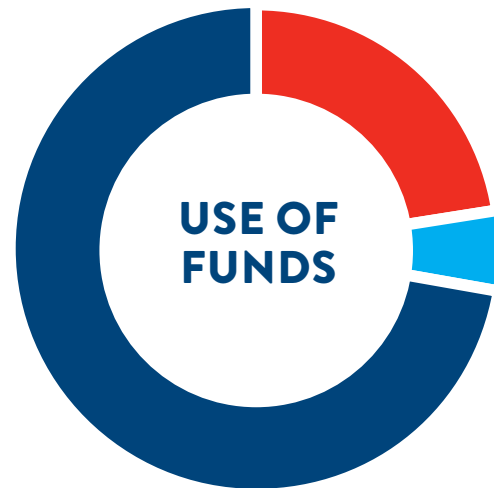
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Grants	\$ 394,833
In Kind Donations	\$ 22,000
Interest	\$ 1,222
Legislative/State Funding	\$ 122,723
Other Income	\$ 748



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