

# Annual Report



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

**CASA OF ADAMS &  
BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

**FY  
2018**

## Mission

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



## **FY18 Board Members**

Kevin Kildow, Chairperson  
Bob Grant, Vice Chairperson  
Donna Alengi, Secretary  
Tanner Tweten, Treasurer  
Eric Mott, At-Large  
Bill Christopher  
Mark Condon  
Kelli Ehrhardt  
Jim Pauley  
Judge John Popovich  
Marty Sos  
Jhazmin Thomas  
Belva Wildman

Dear CASA Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to reflect over the last year of changes, improvements, and successes for our CASA Program and to thank each and every one of you who support our efforts to increase our reach to children who are desperately in need of help and advocacy. It is the CASA mission to ensure that every child who enters into the Dependency and Neglect Court System is given the opportunity to find a safe and loving home.

This year, CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties supported 238 volunteers who were screened, trained, and appointed by a judge of the court to serve 527 abused or neglected children. A business case study conducted by Patricia Silverstein, President and Chief Economist of Development Research Partners, concluded that the advocacy and support of CASA Volunteers has the impact of reducing lifetime social costs and increasing lifetime earnings of the children served. This not only improves the lives of the children, it also has a positive impact on our community and the business environment.

We are honored to do this meaningful work alongside you every day and to reach for the common goal of serving every child who needs the compassion and commitment of a CASA Volunteer. Thank you for your tireless commitment – from volunteerism to funding our work – and all you do in support of building a brighter future for our community's abused and neglected children.



Kevin Kildow

*CASA Board Chair*



Lindsay Lierman

*Executive Director*

# A Judge's Sleepless Nights Sparked Creation of the First CASA Program

In 1977, Judge David Soukup, a Seattle juvenile court judge concerned about making drastic decisions with insufficient information, conceived the idea of citizen volunteers speaking up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom. That first program spurred a movement that grew into a national network of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs that are recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.



## CASAs Make a Commitment to:

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

“We as judges appreciate the special insight the CASA Volunteers give us in making our important decisions. I encourage adults to consider becoming a CASA Volunteer; it provides a unique opportunity to make a major impact on a child's life.”

– Chief Judge  
Patrick Murphy



“Being a CASA shows that you CAN make a difference; that even the smallest acts of kindness can affect someone’s life in the largest way.”

– Irene Randall



## 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.

## State Highlights FY2018



**3,645** Colorado children were served



There were **1,906** CASA Volunteers on cases



**96,220** hours donated by CASA Volunteers

## Local Highlights FY2018



**527** abused and neglected children had a CASA Volunteer standing up for their best interests.



**238** CASA Volunteers served vulnerable children in Adams & Broomfield Counties.

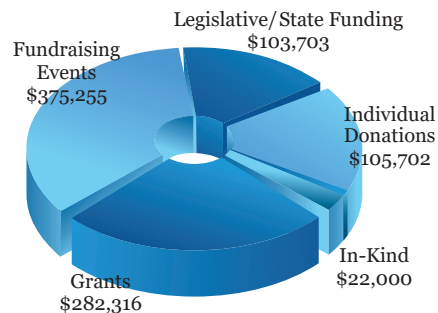


CASA Volunteers donated more than **22,200** volunteer hours.



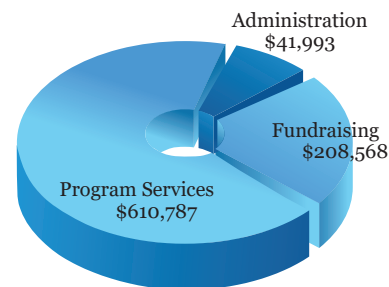
**600** more children are in need of a CASA Volunteer to help ensure their placement in a safe and permanent home.

### Sources of Revenue



**Total Revenue \$888,976**

### Use of Funds



**Total Expenses \$861,348**

# Success Story

## The Worley Family's Story

Mike and Leesa Worley, parents of five, always wondered what they could do to make a further impact in their community. They decided to become foster parents. This decision would prove to change not only their own lives, but the lives of two wonderful children.

“Our vision at that time was one of providing a temporary home for children while their parents followed court orders to have their children returned to them,” Leesa recalls. Soon after becoming certified foster parents, the Department of Human Services (DHS) called the Worleys asking if they could take a pair of siblings for “emergency placement.” They agreed, and within minutes Angel, 2½ and Kendall, 8 months arrived at their home. Kendall had been shaken severely by her father, leaving her permanently disabled.

“Our world was instantly turned upside down,” Leesa said. “Both of them suffered from night terrors, fits of rage and confusion, and behaviors that are too horrible to describe. [But] we embraced them with love, kindness and peace.”

Over the next two years, Mike and Leesa cared for the siblings, patiently watching their love and trust for them grow. Eventually, the Court decided that mom was complying with her treatment plan and Angel and Kendall were returned to her. Five months later, the Worleys got a call from DHS – Angel had been rushed to the ER for emergency brain trauma surgery. The mom’s new boyfriend had thrown him against a sink and wall, with Kendall unfortunately bearing witness. Angel survived the trauma and the boyfriend was sent to prison. The Court decided that the mom could not keep the children safe, and they were sent to live with their grandfather. It was at this time when a CASA Volunteer was assigned.

“We always wondered if a CASA Volunteer would have been involved in [the case] early on, could we have prevented some of the dangerous situations that came about,” said Mike.

Almost immediately, CASA Harriett Bauer began to see something was not right. “The children did not seem to be thriving,” says Leesa. “They were often unresponsive and did not make eye contact with her when she spoke to them.” Harriett noticed that Kendall was losing hair by the clumps and she convinced the grandfather to take her to the doctor; she was found to be losing hair due to extreme anxiety and stress. Harriett increased her visitation schedule and relayed all her findings to the judge. Within months, the grandfather decided he could no longer care for the children and made the call to DHS to send them back to foster care. Mike and Leesa knew what a hard decision this must have been for the grandfather, however, they knew it was for the best for the children. When they received the call asking if they would take Kendall and Angel back into their homes, they answered with a resounding “YES!”

Harriett was one of their first visitors once they were back in the care of Mike and Leesa, and she continued to advise the judge on the case. “Harriett kept telling us that she could see a light in the children’s eyes that was not there before,” said Leesa. Before long, Angel told Harriett he and his sister wanted to stay with the Worleys forever. With

their CASA Volunteer, Harriett, by their side Angel and Kendall were permanently adopted as a part of the Worley family on June 18, 2014.



*“I have new parents and I’m going to be loved. Thank you, Harriett.”*

*– Angel Worley*

# Thank You to Our Supporters

## Benefactors



**Victims of Crime Act  
(VOCA) Fund**



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services

**17th Judicial District  
Victims Assistance and  
Law Enforcement (VALE)  
Program**



**Bob & Carol  
Lembke**

**The Shipman  
Family**

**Adams County  
Foundation**

## Champions for Children



**A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.**



**The Anschutz Foundation • Thornton Police Department • Virginia Hill Foundation  
Daniel & Tracy Wiske • Gregory Wiske  
Brad & Therese Zuercher/Rocky Mountain Hydrostatics**

## Friends of CASA



**City View Industrial Park • Donna Alengi & Tom Clark**

## Heroes' Guild

17th Judicial District, Office of the  
District Attorney  
Arch11  
Ken & Antelia Ball  
Brighton Legacy Foundation  
Broomfield Community Foundation  
Broomfield Rotary Charitable Foundation  
Broomfield United Methodist Church  
Centennial Peaks Hospital  
Champion Auto Carriers, Inc.  
City of Northglenn  
City of Thornton  
ConocoPhillips  
Sally Corah

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation  
Bill DeLisio  
Discovery Midstream Partners  
Wayne & Carol Dodge  
El Pomar Foundation  
Firstbank Holding Company  
Kristine Foulk  
Bob Grant  
Halliburton Energy Services  
Hunter Douglas  
Karla Hillman  
Jalisco International, Inc.  
Kevin Kildow  
Mark and Joanne McCulley

Metco Landscape, Inc.  
Nathan B. & Florence R. Burt Foundation  
Stephen & Alisha Red Owl  
Rocky's Autos Inc.  
Michael & Missy Salter  
School District 27J  
Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, Inc.  
Ticket to Dream Foundation  
Tony Thurman/Resident Realty  
Townsend Retirement Planning  
Westminster Human Services Board  
Westminster Legacy Foundation  
Rachel Ann Williams  
David & Sheri Wiske

## Ted Shipman's Powerful Voices

Adswerve, Inc.  
Advanced Environmental Consulting  
Bank of Colorado  
Luke & Rhenda Beard  
Chris & Teri Blackstock  
Brighton Kiwanis Club  
Paige Calaway  
Sarah Campbell  
Sheldon & Tanya Chapman  
Bill & Ann Christopher  
Mike & Julie Cienian  
City of Brighton  
City of Westminster  
Michelle & Patrick Cline  
Community Reach Center  
Paul DeCrescentis  
Tano Delgado  
David & Ruth Ellison  
Feis & Company, P.C.  
Vic & Norma Frank  
Susan Frew  
Jennifer Gamble  
Faye Gillis  
Grant Real Estate Company  
Lowell & Peggy Hegg  
Herr Family Foundation  
Aaron and Johannah Hoffman  
Marilyn Howard  
Hyland Hills Parks & Recreation District  
John Kietzmann  
Brian Knapp  
Scot Knutson  
Scott Kuehn  
James & Barbara Lyall  
Mike Shaw Subaru  
Monterey Energy  
Eric & Beth Ann Mott  
Trygve & Vicki Myhren  
Joyce O'Donnell  
O'Meara Ford  
Donna Petrocco  
Emma Pinter  
Martin & Christy Pocs  
Stephanie & Patrick Ruiz  
Matthew Sanchez  
Sherman & Howard LLC  
Peter & Linda Snyder  
Marty Soudani  
Mark Thomas & Terri Ashton  
TIC - The Industrial Company  
Town of Bennett  
Tanner & Emily Tweten  
Jason VonLembke  
Patrick Wall - American Family  
Walmart Broomfield

## Peer Coordinators – CASA Volunteers who are professionally trained to supervise other CASA Volunteers:

Barbara Bostwick   Emily Davis   Faye Gillis   Guiovanna Nance   Irene Randall   Zoe Reese  
Kathy Snyder   Steve Strock   Suzanne Swanson   Candie Toller   Rachel Williams   Barbara Ziedman

## CASA Volunteer Advocates FY 2018

Judy Ackley	Judy Connell	Judith Goater	Adriana Lira	Christina Norberg	Richard Smith
Afshen Ahmad	Tamme Cooper	Denise Gondrez	Alan Literati	Malyssa Nunez	Kathryn Snyder
Donna Alengi	Debra Cross	Alayna Grace-Flavin	Jennifer Little	Camille Ochs	Peter Snyder
Alyssa Alex	Valerie Cruz	Raechel Greschler	Diana Loeck	Lara O'Connor	Yadira Solis
Tianna Alstrup	Ashley Cunningham	Sean Gross	Alessa Loor	Joyce O'Donnell	Jamie Sommer-Connors
Sarah Andreano	Jennifer Cushman	Elizabeth Gudenkauf	Stephanie Lorange	Keith Ohler	Robin Sonntag
Violeta Apodaca	Kevin Dahlstedt	Wesley Gullette	Casidy Ludwig	Ana Ornelas	Sherri Sos
Adriana Arambula Moreno	Emily Davis	DeAnna Hackenberg	Michele Luetters	Jennifer Otterson	Kimberly Spikes
Lillian Archuleta	Christina DelFrari	Richard Hall	Brittain Lutz	Shannon Otto	Dominique Stasulli
Richard Argys	Alexander Del-Valle	Cheri Hansen-Breuer	Barbara Lyall	Kenneth Parks	Steven Strock
Heidi Armbruster	Annabelle Denmark	Tonya Hanson	Sylvia Lydick	Cherylin Periston	Crystal Stueve
Megan Arnold	Sheryl Devereaux	Sharon Hardin	Jennifer Mackender	Yazmin Perez	Suzanne Swanson
Mary Arrington	Dawn Dewey	James Hein	Christina Magallanes	Nancy Pierotti	Mary Sweeney
Brittany Austin	Alyson Dinkin	Vicki Heino	Amanda Mahoney	Marie Pierson	Brandy Sylvester
Jacob Bakke	John Doe	Ashley Henderson	Bev Marler	Jim Piperato	Kim Taylor
Cassandra Banks	Janice Dove	Randy Henderson	Kristan Marsden	Christy Pocs	Melvena Taylor
Alyssa Barkley	Sarah Downey	Charles Hensel	Sonya Martin	Delores Pomerinke	Elizabeth Thompson
Suzanne Barner	Jennie Dreiling	Cora Hessel	Carla Martinez	Oscar Pope	Kelly Thornton
Cynthia Bastian	Bruce Drucker	Maureen Hoff	Liz Martinez	Lisa Post	Candice Toller
Natalie Beck	Matthew Duran	Terry Hoffman	Shae Martinez	Megan Quinn	Jose Torrens
Kimberley Beedle	Jessie Dussart	Leanne Holitz	Roger McCafferty	Irene Randall	Xanadu Trevino
Linda Bennett	Taylor Ehrhardt	Debbie Holton	Joanne McCulley	Sabina Raver	Elva Trevino-Cruz
Shannon Bentley	Deborah Eigenberg	Jennifer Honka	Carolyn McDivitt	Annette Raynes	Christine Tyler
Laura Bohlen	Chelsea Ellison	Taeler Houlberg	Kenneth McGhee	Zoe Reese	Emily Urbach
Nancey Bookstein	Brian Engle	Robert Hoyle	Frank McGuane Jr.	Kayla Rice	Elizabeth Van Camp
Barbara Bostwick	Anthony Erickson	Kathleen Jackson	Glenna McGuire	Catherine Rieb	Georgia Viado
Roberta Bourn	Barbara Evans	Erin Kaminski	Diane McManus	Marcia Robertson	Billie Vogt
Evajean Boyd	Gary Evans	Michelle Keller	Alyshia Medina	Marisol Rodriguez	Tessa Walker
Michelle Branigan	Katie Evans	Anne Kerlin	Maria Medina-Andrade	Martha Ross	Rebel Wallace
Gail Breidenstein	Dena Falbo	Kandy Kernes	Kimberly Middaugh	Sara Rove	Karin Warner
Nicole Breske	Joni Fields	Keith Kernes	Christina Mijares	Shanna Rutter	Nila Watterson
Becky Brizzolara	Joelle File	Rebecca Kessler	Perla Millan	Janice Ryan	Jillon Weaver
Truancy Broomfield	Karla Fitch	Katie Kethcart	Lorraine Miller	Missy Salter	Stacey Weber
David Brown	Jeff Foreman	Kevin Kildow	Justine Montoya	Rebekah Sampish	Michelle Webster
Cindy Bruce	Meagan Frank	Twila Knaack	Mary Montoya	Joyce Sanchez	Rebecca West
Reanna Bryant	Sandra Frank	David Knapp	Maria Del Carmen Moreira	Amy Sarrazin	Katie-Beth Whitcomb
Margaret Buck	Jean Franklin	Joan Kniss	Samantha Morgan	Katherine Sauer	Candice Williams
Melissa Cain	Brianna Gaines	Maile Kobayashi	Jennifer Moriarta	Robin Schlundt	Rachel Williams
Paige Calaway	Lisa Gallegos	Cami Kostecki	Mujda Murad	Katherine Schmatz	Terry Woods
Tamara Camalick	Sierra Gallegos	David Kusel	Natalie Murphy	Carolyn Scudder	Shannon Wooten
Patricia Cambridge	Robert Garrity	Gwen Lamborn	Guiovanna Nance	Caroline Seals	Jenny Worster
Charlene Campbell	Becca Giffin	Chris Landes	Jill Nelson	Angela Seaton	Jan Wuthrich
Toni Carstensen	Joselle Gilbert-Veitel	Sharon Laughlin	Yadira Nelson	Megan Seidel	Howard Yeoman
Laila Chavez	Faye Gillis	Nathan Leaf	Natalie Nelson	Loretta Shireman	Barbara Zeidman
Lauren Chitwood	Heather Giordano	William Leck	Jeanette Neubauer	Rebecca Sims	Therese Zuercher
Melinda Coburn	Deborah Givray	Lindsay Lierman	Kalen Nevarez	Tassa Sims	
Melissa Collison	Leticia Glueck	Ann Lindburg	Kellie Newhouse	Lindsey Smith	

Support Our Mission!

# ADVOCATE INVEST ACT!



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

---

**CASA OF ADAMS &  
BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

See how at

[CASA17th.org](http://CASA17th.org)

