



2023



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF THE SOUTH PLAINS, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT





CASA's Mission

CASA of the South Plains inspires, educates, and empowers solution-minded community members who are committed to supporting the best interest of children in the foster care system. Volunteer advocates create connections and promote nurturing relationships for the child and family, encouraging hope and healing. Through court appointment and collaborative efforts, volunteer advocates share informed recommendations for the well-being of the child.

CASA's Vision

CASA of the South Plains' vision is to provide every child in foster care with a CASA volunteer to advocate for their long-term well-being and best interest.

CASA's Values

CASA of the South Plains exemplifies a volunteer-centered culture that promotes positive change in the lives of children in foster care and their families. We commit to honor all those we serve with passion for our mission, overcome barriers through professionalism and integrity, practice gratitude and respect, and encourage honesty and humility.

OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Jaclyn Morris,
Chief Executive Officer

Friends of CASA,

As I think about our mission and the goals we work so hard to achieve, I am simply amazed by the CASA community! Every single day, CASA of the South Plains strives for a safe and positive future for all children in foster care. Every activity we are a part of, every event we host, and every grant we write supports the goal of serving youth in foster care in Lubbock and the South Plains. Our primary goal will always be to ensure their voice is heard in court and their best interest is advocated for each day they are in the foster care system, ultimately striving to secure a safe, nurturing, permanent environment for every child.

CASA's impact last year included 219 Volunteers who advocated on behalf of 387 children in foster care in the South Plains. Of these youth, 129 were successfully placed in a safe, permanent home thanks to the support of their CASA Volunteer. While the impact of this permanency cannot truly be measured in

tangible ways, what we can relate are the stories of these community heroes. CASA Volunteers impact these children and our community in such magnificent ways! They work to build personal long lasting relationships with the children they serve. They work with the educational system to ensure the educational needs of these children and their needs aren't overlooked during this trying time. Because of this, 92% of these children successfully advanced to the next grade level! CASA Volunteers also push the medical system to review medications to make sure children are being prescribed exactly what they need. CASA Volunteers go above and beyond to be there when they are needed most and sometimes when they are least expected. They take their advocacy work to heart and fight for these vulnerable children so they are not left to navigate the system alone. CASA Volunteers are ultimately building a legacy of love for these deserving children in our community.

In essence, your support, whether hours contributed, financial gifts, or in-kind donations to CASA, meant that in 2023, 50% of the children in foster care in the South Plains had a CASA Volunteer.

While we improved in areas of our program goals and fundraising, we are still not able to serve 100% of the children in foster

care in our community. There were approximately 400 children in foster care without a CASA Volunteer in 2023. We as an organization will continue to expand awareness, create meaningful and lasting connections with our community partners, and press for growth to be able to close the gap. We are dedicated to creating a movement that will work to advance our advocacy and mission. We are working to change generations of children's lives.

We cannot do this work alone. It is through the incredible support of donors and volunteers like you that CASA benefits the youth in foster care and our communities in the South Plains.

Thank you for being part of our CASA community and for helping to build a legacy of love in the lives of the children who need us most! We are honored to play our part in this great organization that has the power to transform lives for generations to come.

Jaclyn Morris
Chief Executive Officer

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CASA of the South Plains
is of, and for, the communities we serve.

2023 Volunteer ADVOCATES

Jennifer Adams
 Lauren Adams
 Michele Alexander
 Curtis Anderson
 Ethan Arismendez
 Lacey Arismendez
 Lillian Arzaghi
 Katie Austin
 Mackenzie Ballard
 Sofia Banjara
 Jewelet Barnes
 Gilbert Barrientos
 Paul Bauernfeind
 Amanda Baugher
 Whitney Beal
 Johanna Belford
 Mandy Bentley
 Mia Blanco
 Deborah Board
 Melissa Bond
 JuLea Bouma
 Jessica Bowling
 Ashley Boyce
 Jennifer Brooks
 Lori Brooks
 Morgan Bruning
 Wendy Burris
 Lilly Camp
 Janie Cano
 Stephanie Casarez
 Kenny Catney
 Abigail Cecilia
 Rose Cenicerros
 Tristan Chancey
 Crissy Chandler
 Charles "Stu" Childre
 Terri Christensen
 Bailey Church
 Brandon Clayton
 Thomas Cochran
 Jonathan Crider
 Brady Crook
 Dee Ann Curry
 Patty D'Alise
 Kathy Dane
 Alisa Davenport
 Mike Davenport

Kari Davis
 Stacey Day
 Ethan Didway
 Mary Duenes
 Susan Durham
 Jason Eckert
 Manuela Espinoza
 Amy Estrada
 Terri Faught
 Mandi Flores
 Leila Forouhi
 Polly Fowler-DeWitt
 Mary Franklin
 Rosie Frausto
 Evan Gann
 Donna Garcia
 Dylan Gardner
 Nicole George
 Jessicka Gonzales
 Chalon Goodley
 Kalee Sue Gore
 Sara Gray
 Macy Green
 Abby Hagemeyer
 Mike Haines
 Clare Hall
 Gladys Hardaway
 Keri Henderson
 Jacie Henefey
 Brenda Lazalde Hernandez
 Glenda Hicks
 Tiffany Hicks
 Alexis Hill
 Kate Holder
 Megan Hollis
 Courtney Holtzclaw
 Connie Howell
 Emilie Huber
 Connie Hughes
 Elizabeth Hunley
 Alicia Irwin
 Shannon Johnson
 Maine Jones
 Charlie Jones-McCleery
 Becky Joseph
 Christy Kimball
 Jessie Kinney

Michelle Kiser
 Janet Kitten
 Catherine Lammert
 Julie Law
 Belva Lester
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 Frances Lofley
 Aimee Lozano
 Andrea Lucero
 Rachel Lutz
 Lindsey Maestri
 Barbara Mandry
 Tom Mandry
 Lauri Mannon
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 Albert Martinez
 Freddy Martinez
 Gene Maxwell
 Shara Dee McCaleb
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 Tara McDonough
 Jessica Medina
 Michelle Melvin
 Heidi Metzler
 Mike Metzler
 Melissa Montoya
 Mandi Moorhead
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 Gretchen Ogerly
 Katelynn Olive
 Alicia Orr
 William Orr
 Michelle Ostrander
 Cathy Palmer
 Dusty Palmer
 Lena Patrick
 Criss Payne
 Louise Pendleton
 Kate Pennington
 Mary Penny
 Chelsie Pergrem
 Jacqueline Peters
 Ethan Pham
 Brandy Phillips
 Carley Pierce

Mandy Popejoy
 Deborah Price
 Cole Pyle
 Rachael Ragan
 Katie Randolph
 Maycee Redfearn
 Kristie Reinhart
 Katherine Reyes
 Dee Rice
 Robin Richardson
 Emma Riddle
 Lindsey Risdon
 Kendal Roberts
 Meredith Rodriguez
 Karen Rosales
 Alison Rowin
 Syd Roy
 Ruth Ruzicka
 Marie Salas
 Michelle Sanchez
 Robin Sanders
 Jill Scheer-Doerfert
 Donnis Scott
 Hope Shatto
 Cheri Sherley
 Patrick Sherrill

Lourdes Siguenza
 Heather Simmons
 Lori Sinclair
 Steeley Smith
 Devin Sonnenburg
 Betty Spain
 Kenneth Spain
 Michelle Spitzer
 Audrey Spotts
 Jennifer Spurrier
 Caghan Standlee
 Lou Ann Stoddard
 Summer Strauss
 Sadie Sudduth
 Sydnie Sudduth
 Carole Sullivan
 Bill Suter
 Monique Swartz
 Jeff Sweat
 Tori Swenson
 Emily Tauch
 Douglas Taylor
 Emmalea Thacker
 Ryan Tharp
 Sharon Thiel
 Laurie Thobe

Marilee Thomas
 Samantha Torrez-Hidalgo
 Bill Tortorelli
 Cari Townsend
 Samantha Tweet
 Oneal Underwood
 Jessica Vance
 Gabriela Vargas
 Lauryn Vigil
 Sabrie Villegas
 Roxanne Walker
 Morgan Walton
 Andrea Watson
 Diane Westerberg
 Daniel Wheeler
 Marianna Willingham
 Lexie Wilson
 Jackie Worley
 Alayna Wright
 Beth Wright
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 Miranda Young
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 Silvia Zahn
 Jackie Zahn

387 children in Foster Care served by
219 CASA Volunteer Advocates.



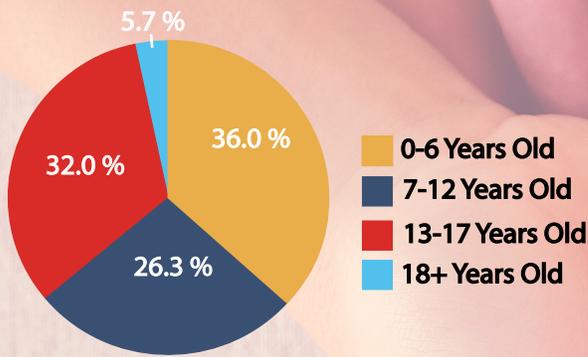
**Number of Donated
 Volunteer Hours**

TOTAL: 6,789

**Tax payer savings of
 county paid attorneys' fees**

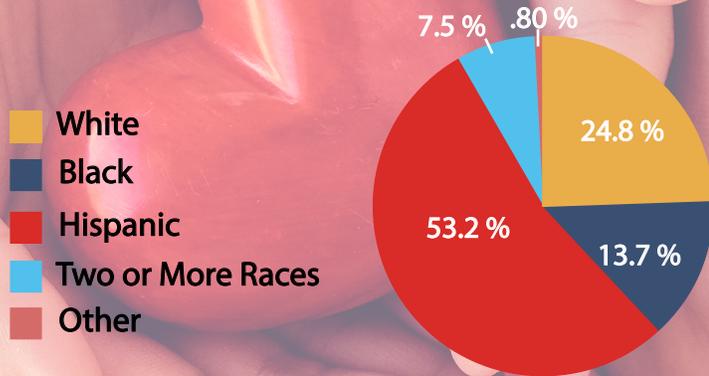
TOTAL: \$373,395

Age of Children Served by CASA

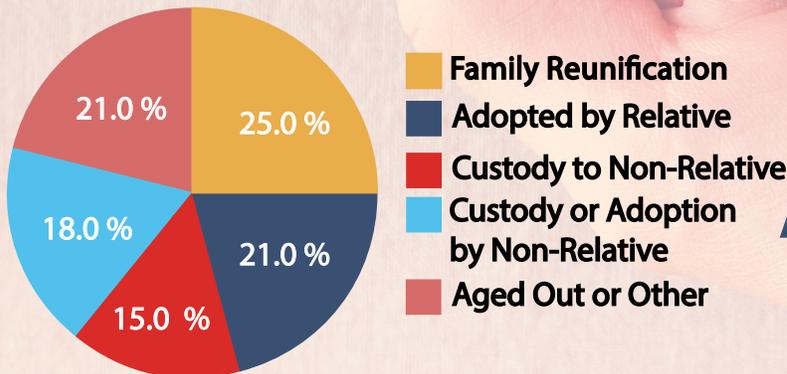


Male Children Served: 200
Female Children Served: 187

Race/Ethnicity of Children Served by CASA



Number of Children Who Achieved Permanency



129 Children
Achieved Permanency

Revenue & Community Support



Total Grant Support: \$1,072,743
 Total Donations Including United Way: \$445,986
 In-Kind Donations: \$215,822
 CASA Special Events: \$436,922
 Interest/Other: \$1,115

TOTAL: \$2,172,588

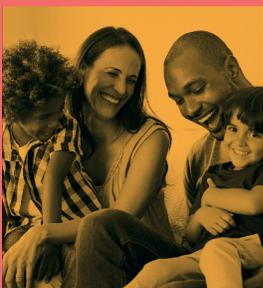
Expenses

Program Services: \$1,673,013
 Fundraising: \$134,196
 Administrative: \$168,871

TOTAL: \$1,976,080



CFE is a team-based approach between Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Child Protective Services (CPS), and Community-Based Care (CBC) providers to identify, locate, and engage with family members and fictive kin in the creation and development of a lifetime network for young people in the foster care system, and their parents or caregivers.



1,462

PARENT CONTACTS



132

CFE TOOLS COMPLETED



155

FAMILY MEETINGS HELD



114

FAMILY CHILD CONNECTIONS



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