
FISCAL YEAR REPORT

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Our Impact

at a glance



The mission of CASA of the 16th JDC, Inc. is to recruit, train, and engage community volunteers to advocate for abused or neglected children in the 16th Judicial District Court System



65

children served



28

CASA
volunteers

802

volunteer hours



52

court reports
submitted

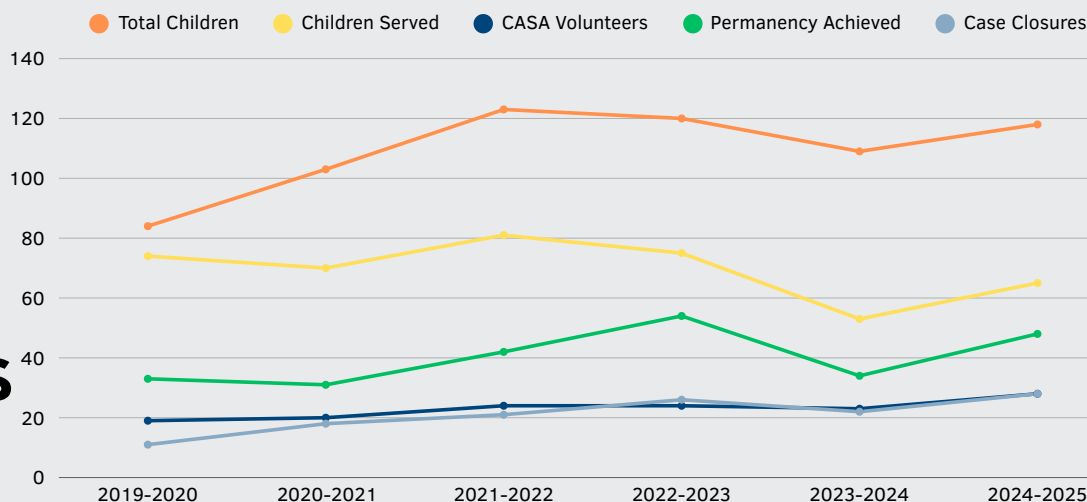
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children
achieved
permanency

28

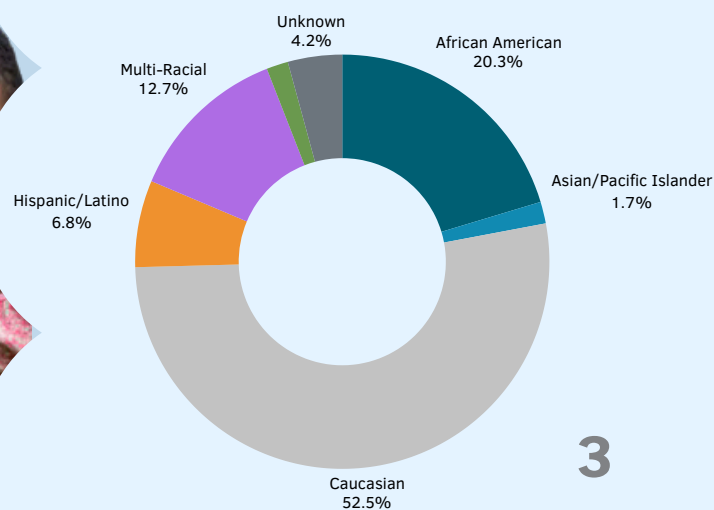
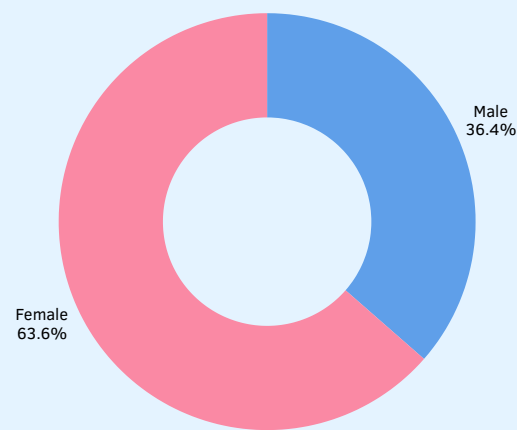
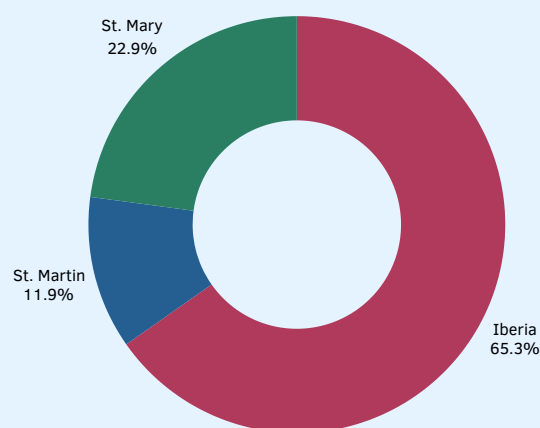
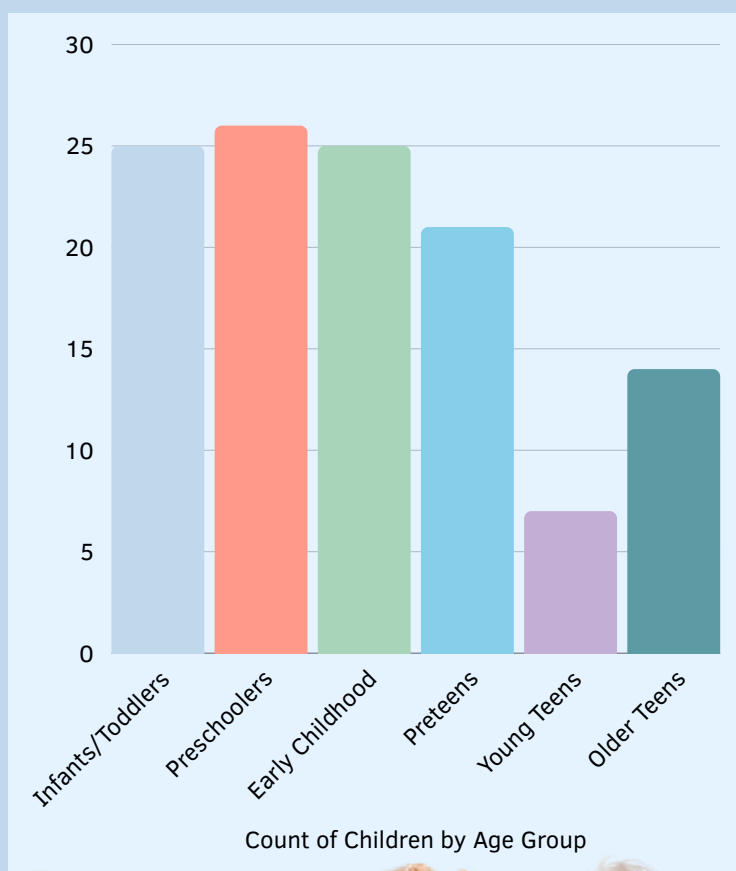
case closures

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Behind the Numbers: *The children we serve*

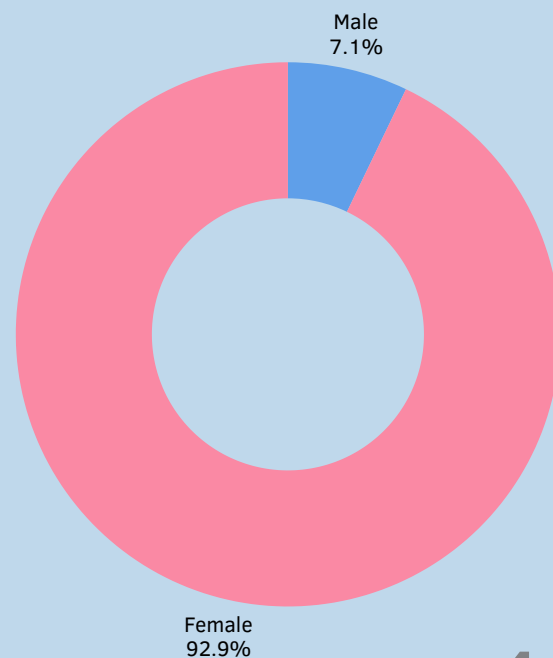
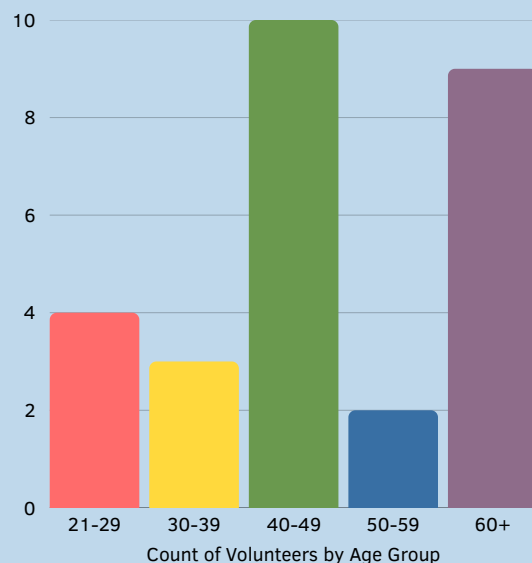
Every number in our report represents a child with a unique story—children who have faced abuse, neglect, and uncertainty. Behind the statistics are real lives touched by hope, resilience, and the dedicated advocacy of CASA volunteers. This page sheds light on who these children are and why our work to give them a voice matters now more than ever.



Behind the Numbers: *the advocates who serve*

Our advocates are the foundation of CASA's mission, providing vital support to children in need. This page highlights the diverse backgrounds and demographics of the dedicated individuals serving our community.

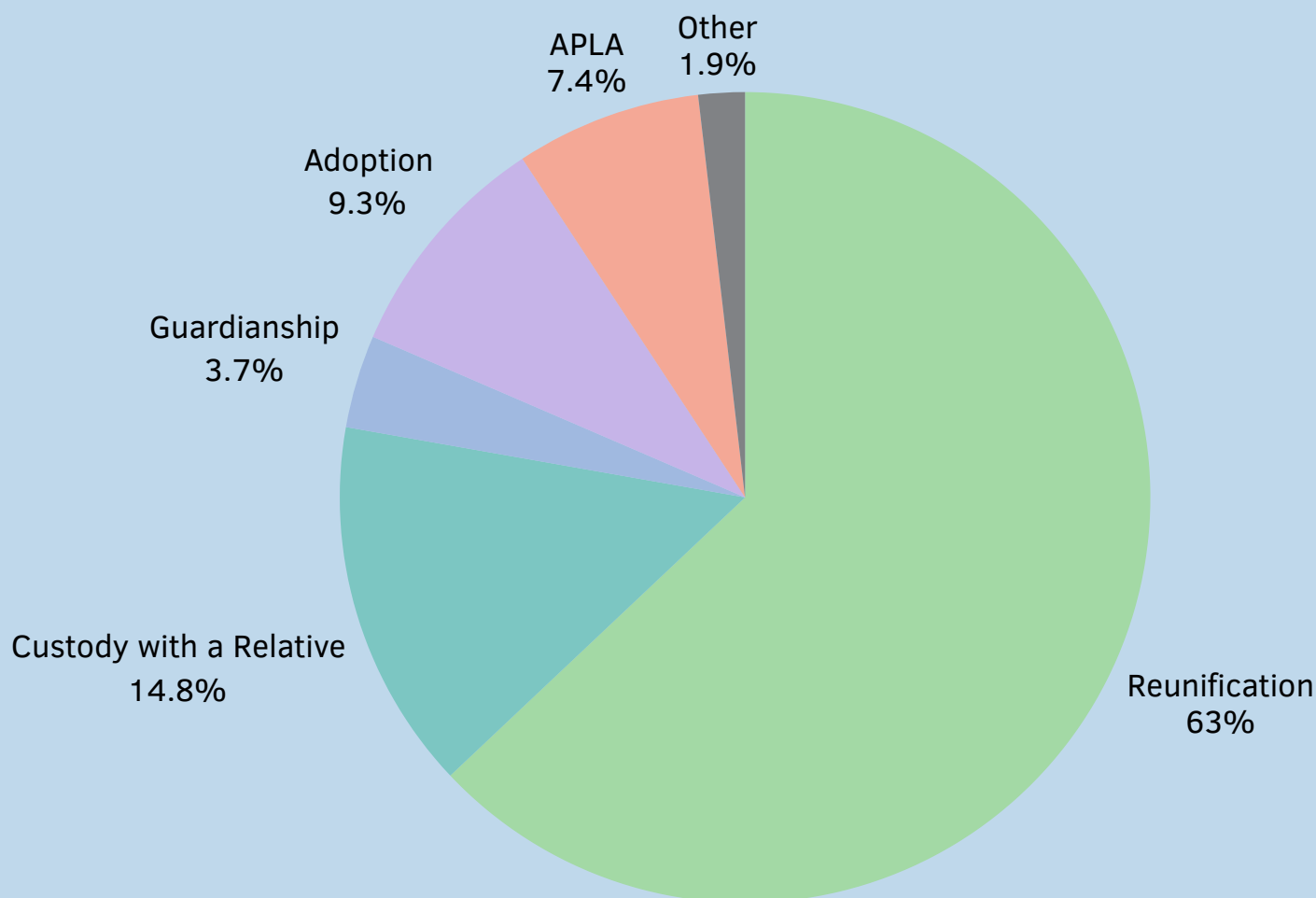
802 TOTAL
VOLUNTEER
HOURS
2024-2025





When Advocacy Works

Case closure is more than a statistic—it represents a turning point in a child's life. These are the reasons cases closed this year, reflecting the stability and outcomes achieved through advocacy. **Reunification with parents is the primary goal of the child welfare system—and of CASA advocacy. We work to ensure that families are safely and successfully reunited whenever possible.**



What Happens When Advocacy Comes Too Late?

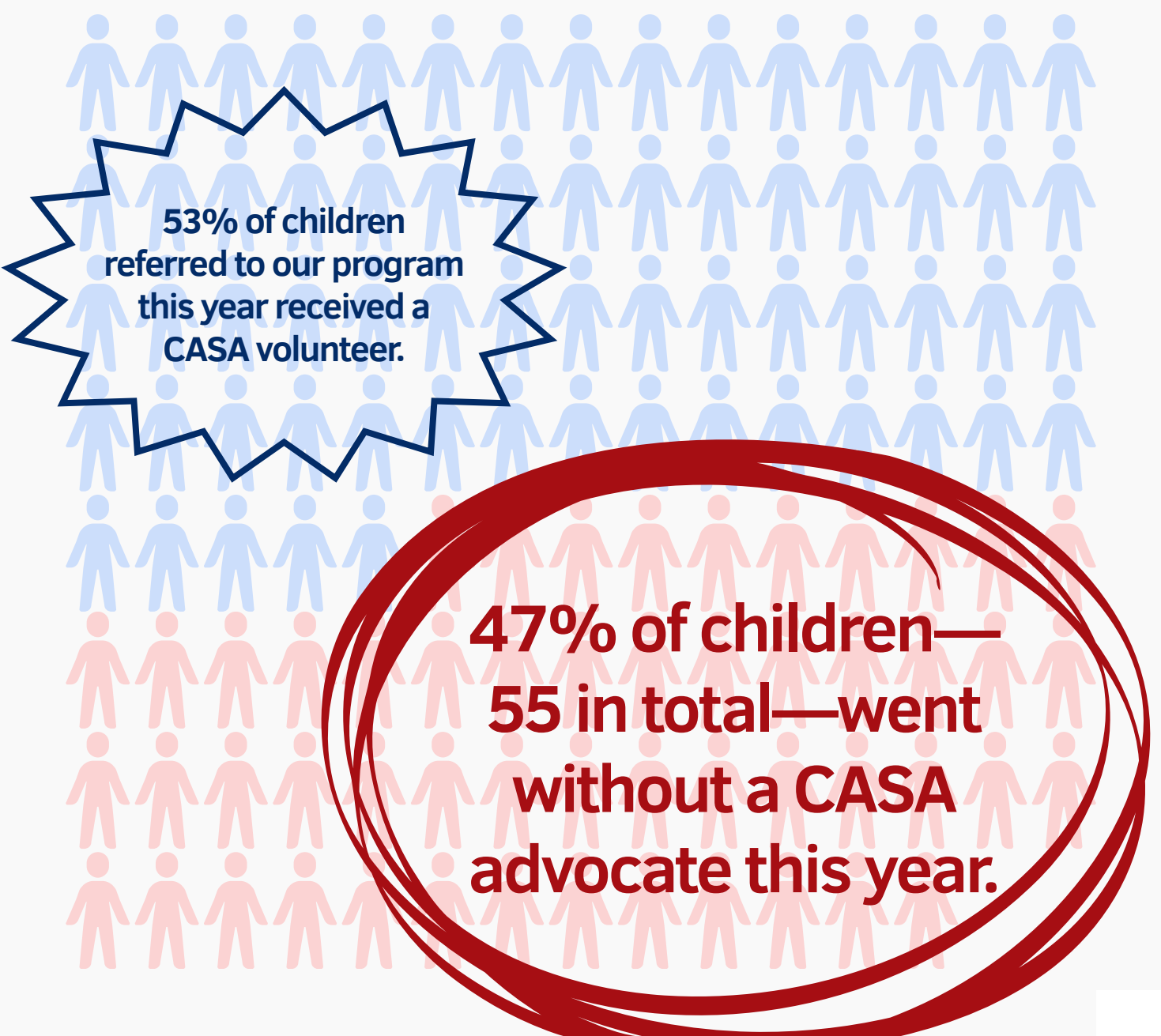
Some children exited foster care without achieving a permanent home—often due to aging out of the system at 18. These young people face the highest risks for homelessness, unemployment, and lack of support. This year, 7.4% of our children aged out of care without a CASA advocate to help guide them through the system. With more volunteers, their outcomes could have looked very different.

Bridging the Gap

Served vs. Unserved Children

At CASA of the 16th JDC, our mission is to ensure every child who has experienced abuse or neglect has a voice in court and the consistent support of a caring advocate. While we have made meaningful progress this fiscal year in serving vulnerable children across St.

Mary, St. Martin, and Iberia Parishes, a significant gap remains between the number of children in need and those we are able to serve. This section outlines the current landscape of served versus unserved children in our jurisdiction, highlighting both the impact of our efforts and the ongoing need for additional resources, volunteers, and community support.



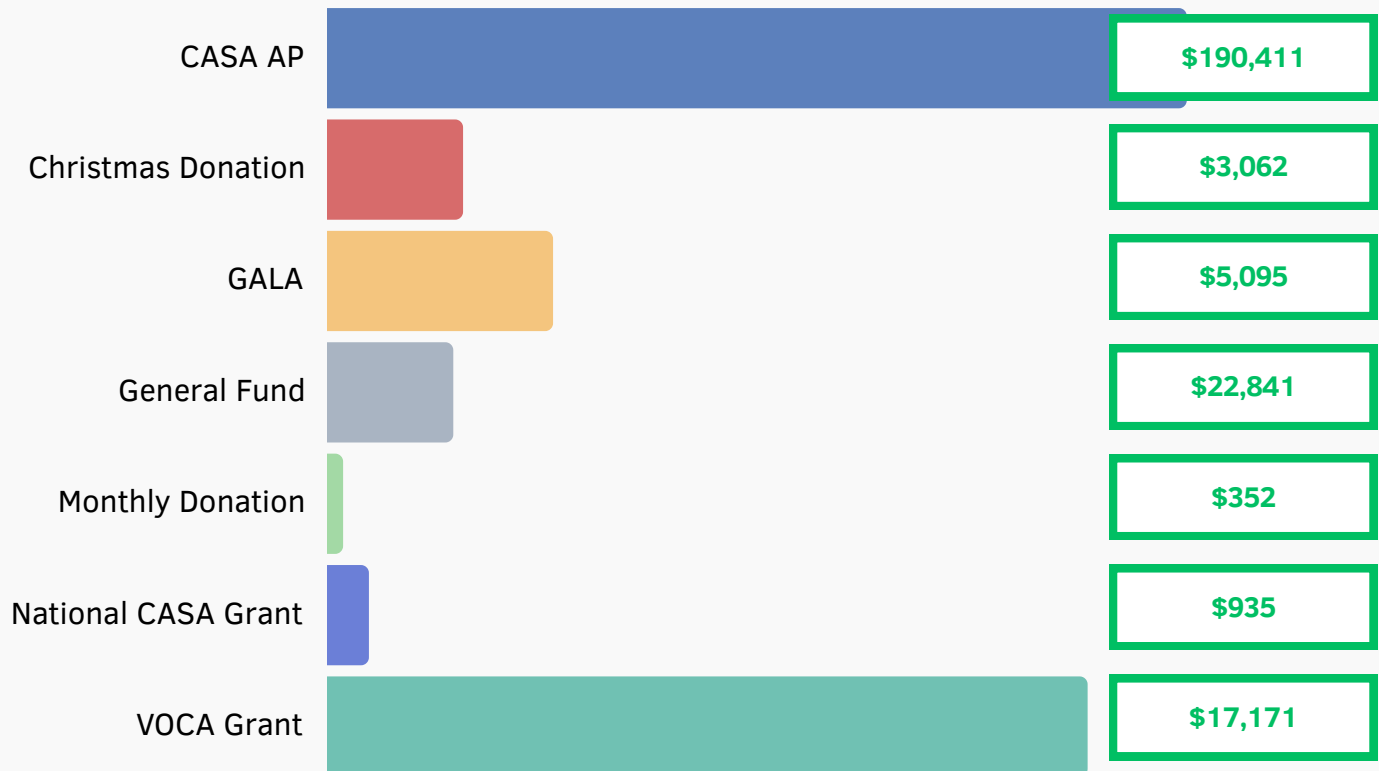
53% of children
referred to our program
this year received a
CASA volunteer.

47% of children—
55 in total—went
without a CASA
advocate this year.

Funding our Mission

Income

\$239,867



Expenses

\$260,313



A Letter from our Team

Dear Friends of CASA,

As we close out another year of advocacy, resilience, and hope, we want to take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished together—and the road we've walked to get here.

Thanks to your unwavering support, CASA of the 16th JDC has continued to stand strong for the children who need us most. This year, we are proud to report that we served 15% more children than the year before, which is a meaningful increase that reflects both the growing need in our community and the dedication of our team and volunteers. We also celebrated a rise in active CASA volunteers (22%), a testament to the power of community engagement and the belief that every child deserves a voice.

Unfortunately, the need for our work has never been greater. This year saw a 38% increase in children entering foster care across Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes. Many of these children endured severe trauma, arriving in care with experiences that no child should ever face. But with the compassionate guidance of our advocates, they were met with safety, stability, and hope for a better future.

We also faced some internal challenges. In the midst of preparing for CASA Christmas, a cornerstone event for our children, we were unexpectedly forced to relocate our operations, making an already busy season even more complex. On top of that, significant cuts to VOCA funding created additional strain, jeopardizing vital support services that help us train volunteers and sustain our mission.

And yet, through it all, you were there.

Your belief in our mission has made these victories possible. Your dedication has helped children find their voice. And your partnership has reminded us that no matter how heavy the load, we do not carry it alone.

As we look ahead, we know that more work awaits. But with you beside us, we will continue to rise, to serve, and to advocate until every child feels safe, seen, and heard.

Sincerely,

The CASA Team

