
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

989

volunteer hours



48

court reports
submitted

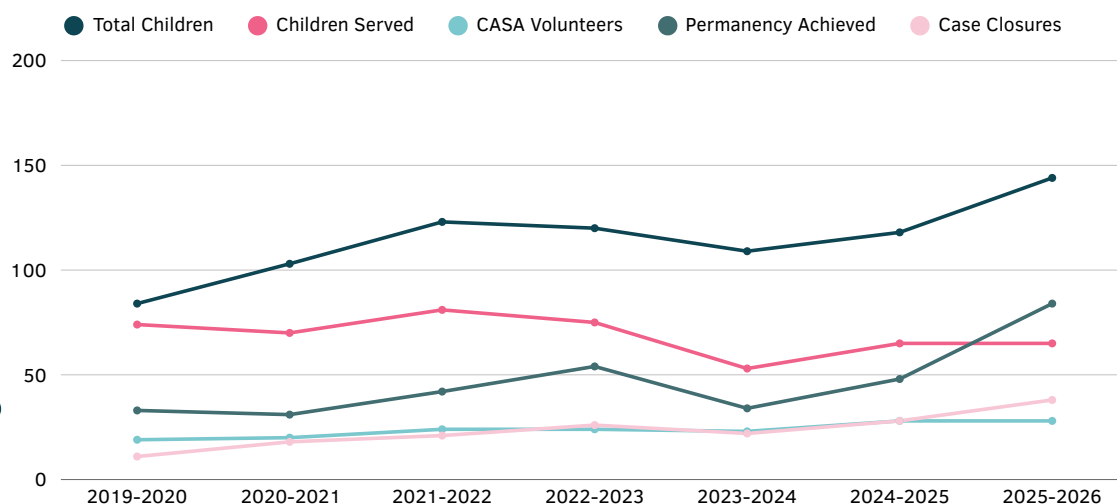
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children
achieved
permanency

38

case closures

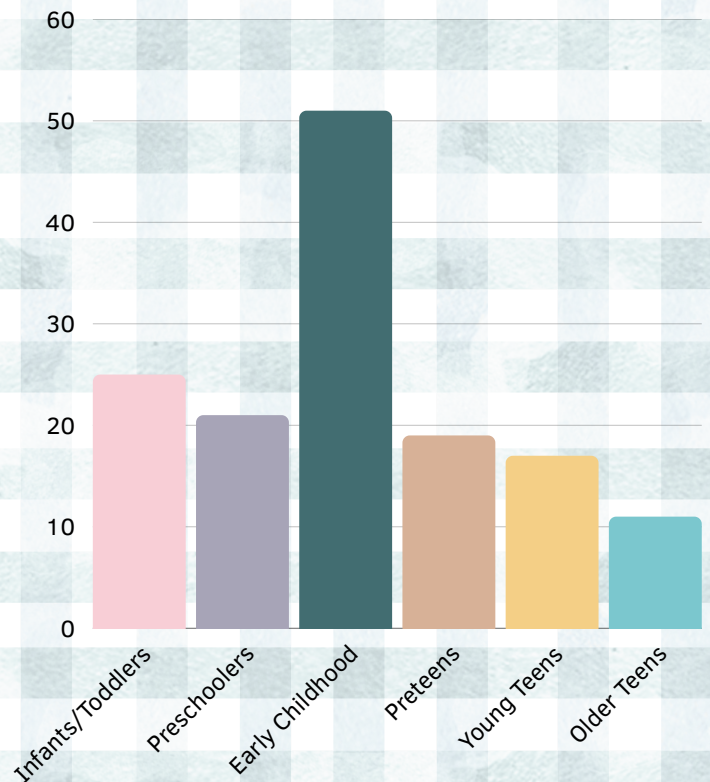
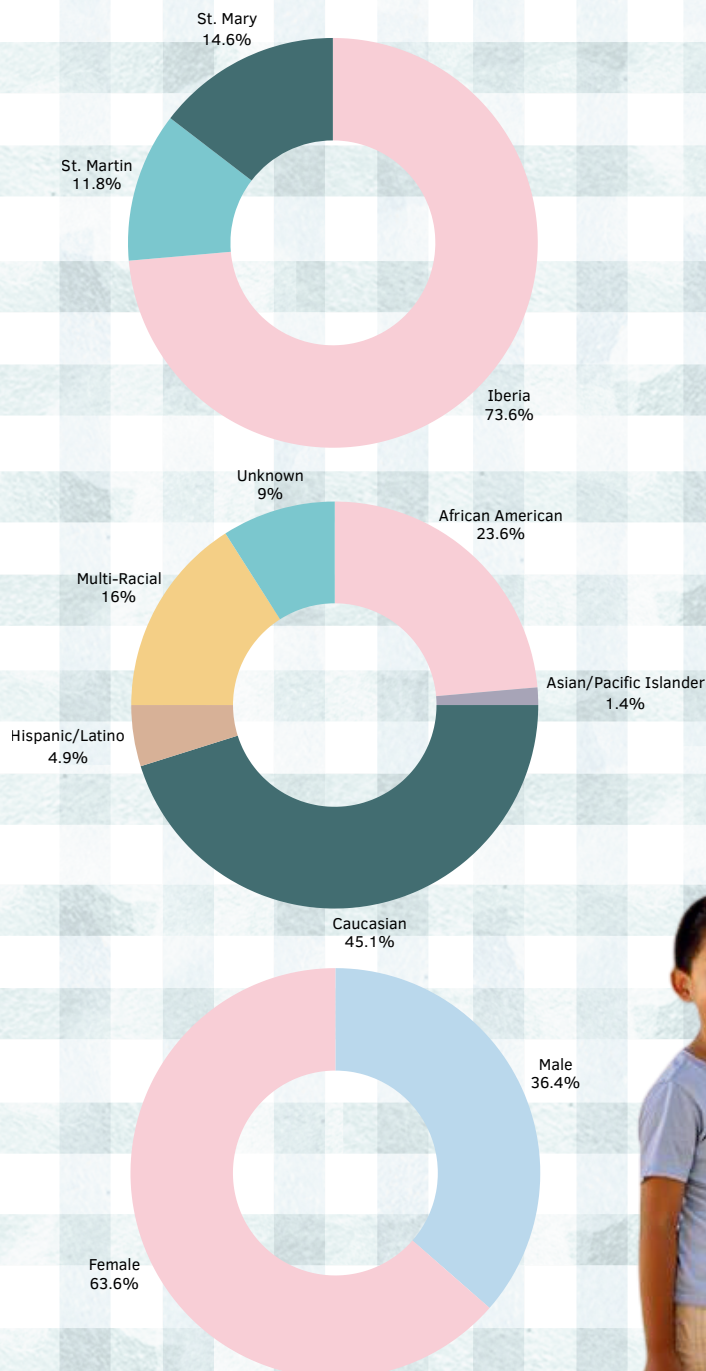
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Behind the Numbers:

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.



Count of Children by Age Group

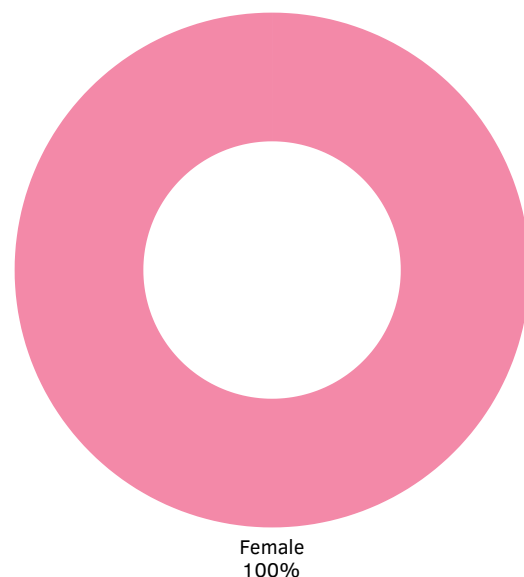
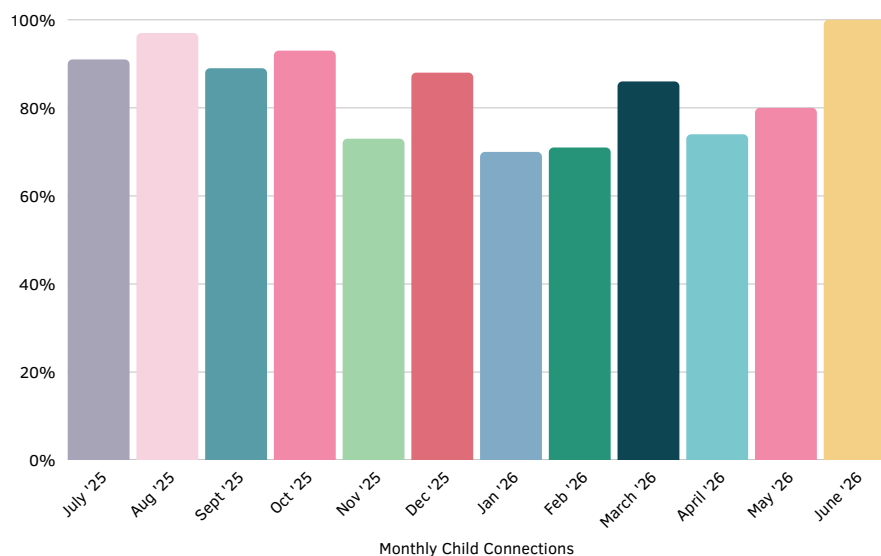
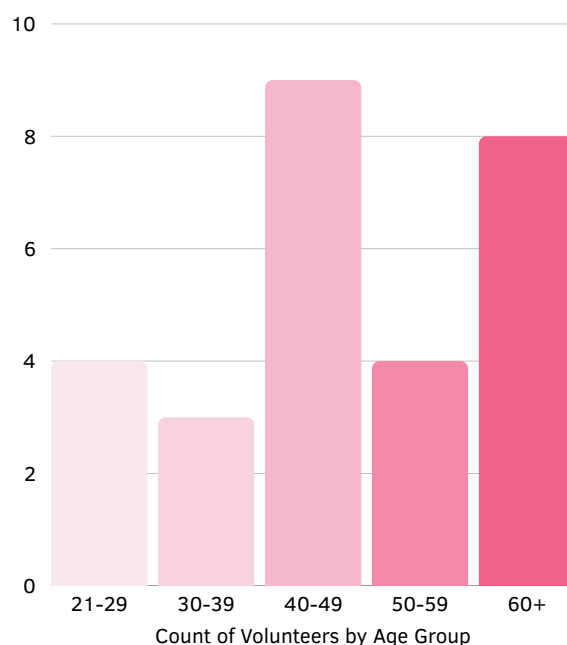


Behind the Numbers:

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.

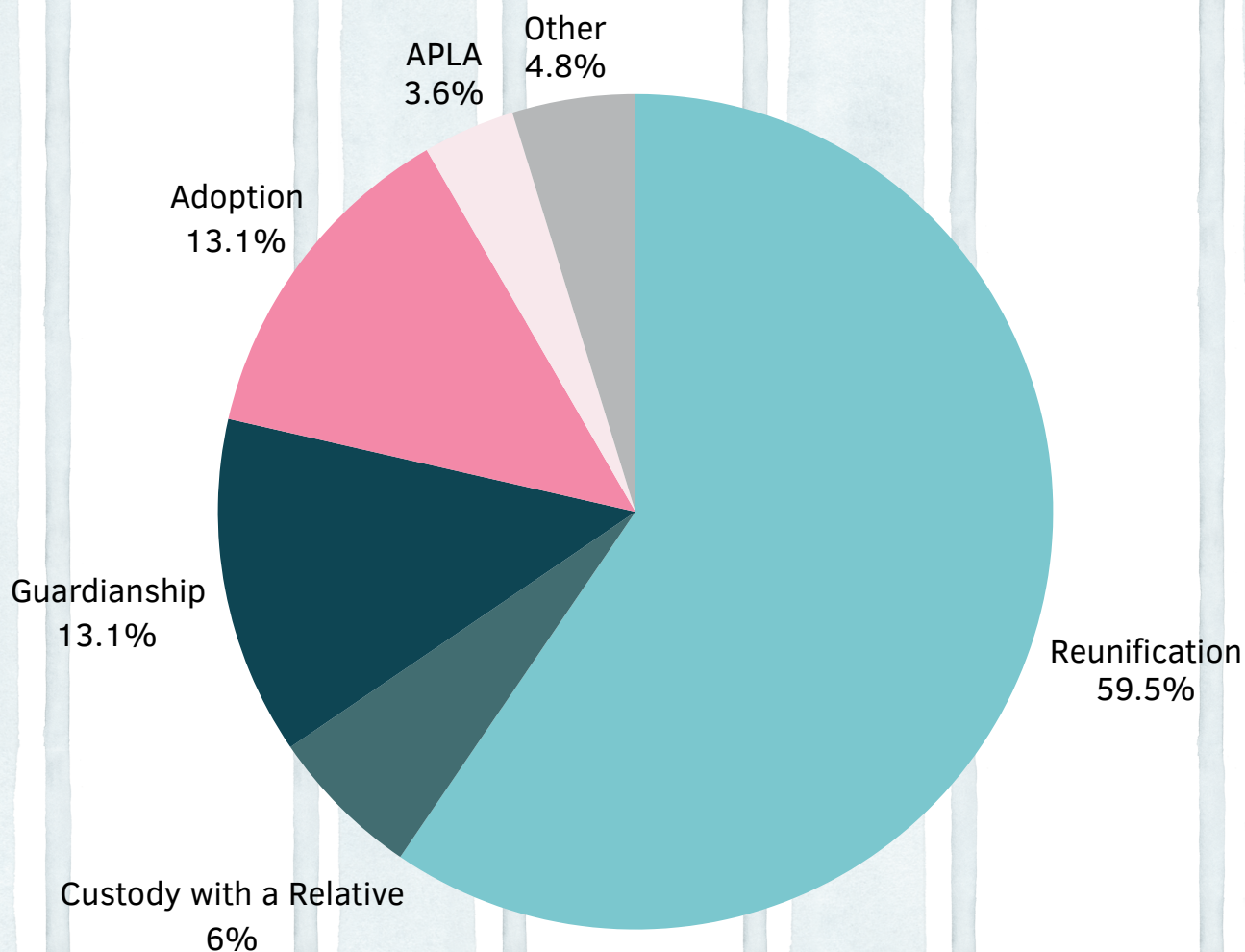
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VOLUNTEER
HOURS IN
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When Advocacy Works

*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?

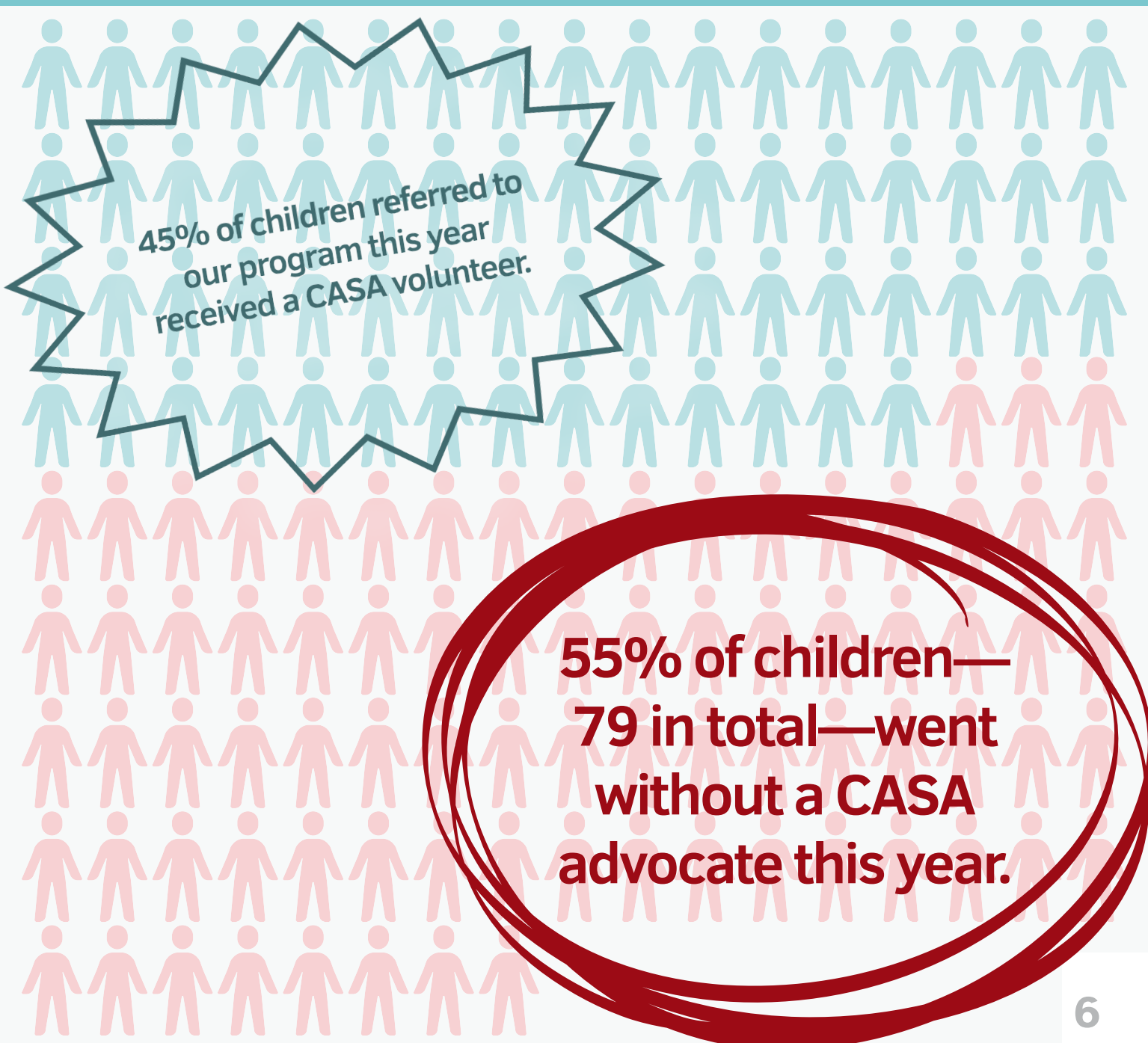
Some children exited foster care without achieving a permanent home—often due to aging out of the system at 18. These young people face the highest risks for homelessness, unemployment, and lack of support. This year, 7.4% of our children aged out of care without a CASA advocate to help guide them through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



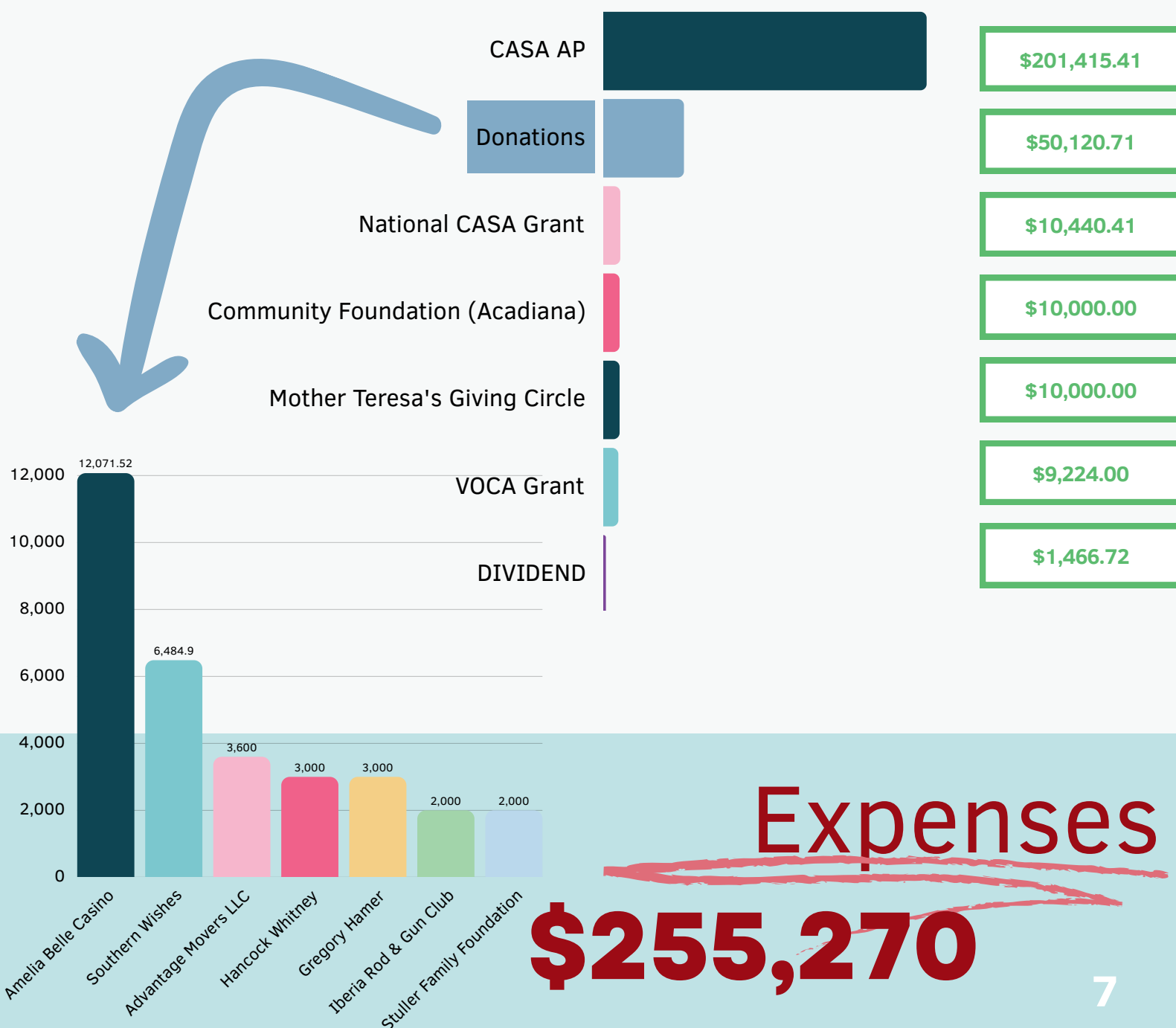
45% of children referred to our program this year received a CASA volunteer.

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

Funding our Mission

Income

\$292,667.25



Expenses

\$255,270



A Letter from our Team

Dear Friends of CASA,

As we reflect on another year of advocacy, compassion, and hope, we're reminded that every number in this report represents so much more than a statistic. Behind each one is a child whose life was touched by the support of a CASA volunteer and a community that believes every child deserves to feel safe, heard, and valued.

This year, CASA of the 16th Judicial District served 144 children across Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary Parishes, a 22% increase from the previous year. Our 28 dedicated CASA volunteers served 65 of those children, contributing an incredible 989 hours of advocacy, encouragement, and support. While we're proud of their commitment, the growing need meant that 79 children were left waiting for a volunteer. It's a reminder that our work is far from finished and that every new volunteer can make a life-changing difference.

We also had many opportunities to connect with the children and families we serve and with our community. We kicked off the year with our Back to School Bash, helping children start the school year with the supplies and confidence they needed. Our annual Golf Tournament brought together generous supporters who continue to invest in our mission, and Breakfast on the Polar Express gave children and families a chance to enjoy the magic of the holiday season. We also hosted a Volunteer Refresher, giving our advocates the tools and support they need to continue making a meaningful impact.

There was plenty to celebrate this year as well. Fifty children were reunited with their families, 11 found permanent homes through adoption, 11 achieved guardianship, and 5 were placed with relatives. Each of these milestones represents a child finding greater stability, security, and hope for the future.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers, generous donors, Board of Directors, community partners, judges, attorneys, child welfare professionals, foster families, and everyone who believes in our mission. Your support helps ensure that children facing some of life's hardest circumstances have someone standing beside them every step of the way.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to recruiting more volunteers, strengthening our partnerships, and continuing to advocate for every child who needs a voice. Thank you for being part of this journey with us. Together, we're creating brighter futures, one child at a time.

Sincerely,

The CASA Team