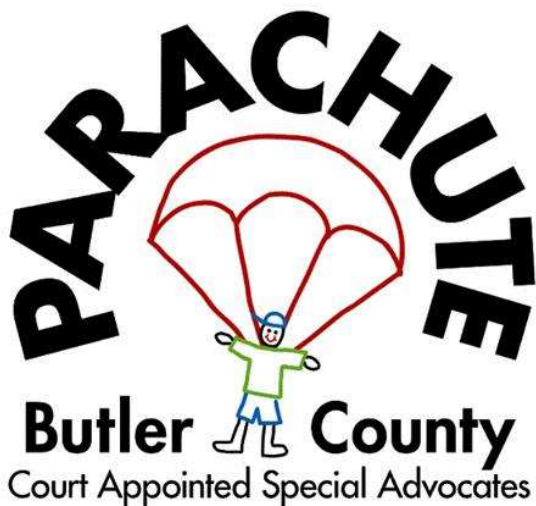


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Executive Director's Message



Dear Friends,

We are proud to share our Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Report, which showcases the life-changing mission of PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA. This year has been full of change and adaptation as our board, staff and volunteers continue to work to meet the needs of local abused and neglected children. We are incredibly thankful for the community's generosity, kindness and determination to support vulnerable youth and families.

For over 33 years, PARACHUTE has had one mission, to advocate for a child's right to a safe and permanent home. With your support, 80 dedicated CASA volunteers and staff have served 357 children that were in need of a consistent caring adult in their lives. We could not do this work without our dedicated community partners. Our staff and board remain committed to being worthy stewards of the resources entrusted to us, allowing us to provide a strong voice for children.

The children we work with have all experienced trauma and are caught in the complexities of the court and child welfare system. Their world is often confusing and frightening; Where will I live? Where will my parents live? Are my parents safe? When will I see my parents/siblings? What school will I attend? Will I have food? CASA volunteers provide these children with a consistent, caring adults who advocates for their best interest in the court system, with Children Services, at school and medical settings to ensure their needs are met and that they have a chance to succeed. Recently, a CASA volunteer was visiting with a teen she had been assigned to for over 2 years and in her 3rd placement and third school. She proudly told her new foster parents "My CASA is family now. I know I can count on her. She comes to see me where ever I am, she always listens to me and she shows up." Doesn't every child deserve an CASA in their corner?

We are incredibly grateful for our generous grants from Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Attorney General Dave Yost, Office of Criminal Justice (OCJS), Butler County United Way, Ohio CASA and National CASA. Many of our loyal donors increased their giving, allowing PARACHUTE to continue to recruit, screen and train new CASA volunteers. These investments to advance our mission have ensured our services will continue into the future and allow PARACHUTE to make an impact on children and families here in Butler County.

Our CASA children, their families and our CASA volunteers have shown tremendous resiliency through the past year. It is our honor to support our advocates who provide a voice to children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Thank you for being part of the solution to strengthening families and protecting children.

With sincere appreciation,

Tonya Buchanan
Executive Director

2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

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Be a Child's Voice 2021 - 2022

Court Hearings
Attended

455



80 Active
CASA Volunteers
Trained **13**
New Advocates



CHILDREN SERVED



357

4,519 hours
donated serving
children



99% of our CASA
children reported safe
from harm with no
recurrence of abuse.



Children with CASAs get
more help to heal from
their trauma. 90% of
the CASA volunteers'
recommendations for
therapeutic, medical &
educational services were
accepted by the court.



98% of our CASA
volunteers had
regular
and consistent
contact with their
CASA
child/children.



Since 1988

2,771 Children Served
608 CASA Volunteers Trained
7,917 Court Hearings Attended
173,415 Volunteer Hours Donated

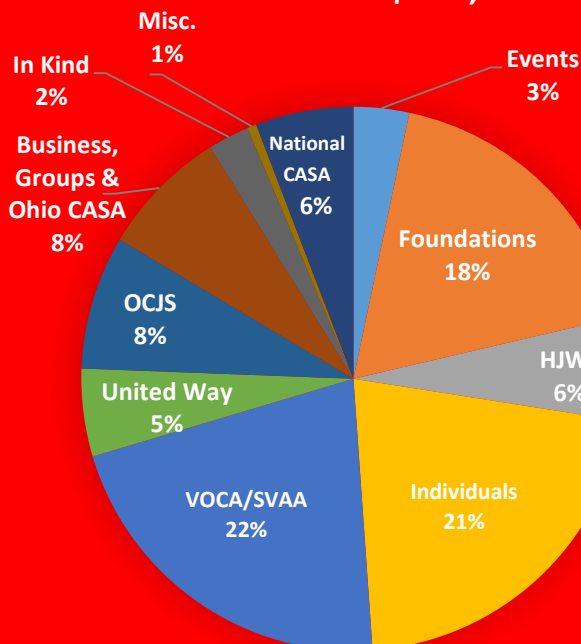


89% of the children's
cases closed ended
up in a safe,
nurturing, and
permanent home
due to the advocacy
of our CASA
volunteers



7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

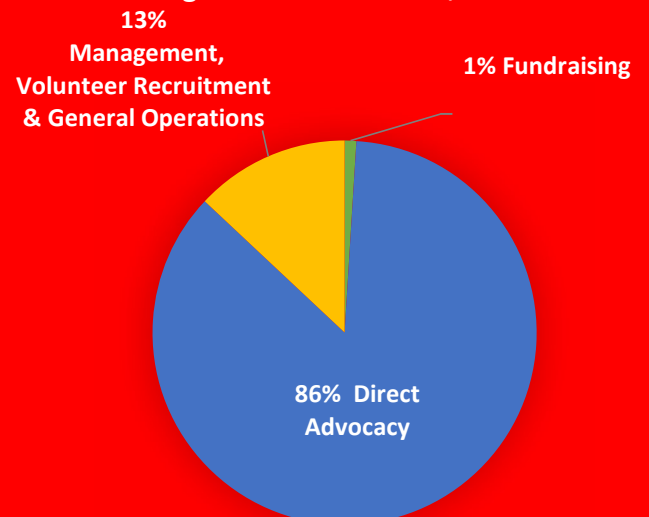
Revenue \$488,698



7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

Expenses \$394,261

End of Year Assets \$860,547
Change in Net Assets \$59,004



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\$10,000 and Above

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Butler County United Way
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Mark Roeser – New Pathways
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Office of Criminal Justice (JAG)
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John & Jen Wacker

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Fire & Iron Station 133
Hamilton Community
Foundation
Insuring The Children
Michael Kelley
Molyneaux Foundation
State Victims Assistance Act
The Spaulding Foundation

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Joe & Kathy Statt
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Harry Zornow

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The Family of Martha Sturgill
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Thank you to our In-Kind donors:

Butler County Commissioners
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Butler County Republican Women's Club
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All gifts, large and small, are genuinely appreciated. We pledge to be fiscally responsible to the stakeholders, transparent in our operations and do our best to serve those children so desperately in need. Your donation ensures that a helpless child will have a CASA volunteer, a strong voice and hopefully a better future. Thank you for joining us and being a voice for a child.

Thank You to All of Our Community Partners



PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA is honored to have the **Hamilton Junior Women's League** be one of our valuable founding partners and in 2022, HJWL's fundraising event raised **\$25,000** for PARACHUTE to continue to provide advocacy for abused and neglected children. "A Night at the Disco" was an amazing success. Thank you to the women of HJWL!

Thank you to **Mark Roeser**, President of New Pathways Child Development Center for the generous donation of **\$10,000** to benefit abused and neglected children. New Pathways has been a PARACHUTE partner since 2020 and has been providing childcare to families in Fairfield for nearly 50 years.



Fire & Iron Motorcycle Station #133 hosted their 6th Annual "Ride to Stop Child Abuse" which took place on June 4, 2022. Motorcycle enthusiasts came from near and far to enjoy the beautiful scenery of several townships throughout Butler County. The ride concluded at Rick's Tavern for the always popular after party which included live music, great food, split-the-pot, raffles, and silent auction items – raising a total of **\$5,500**. Since 2016, Fire & Iron has raised over **\$33,000** to help PARACHUTE recruit and train CASA Volunteers. Thank you, Fire & Iron #133 for your hard work and detailed planning for this annual event.

We would like to thank the **City of Hamilton Professional Firefighters** for their donation of **\$500** to PARACHUTE. They have been proud supporters for many years. Thank you for protecting the families in our community each and every day.



Patty and Linda of Duffels for Darlings have been stopping by the PARACHUTE office for over 10 years – every time a new group of CASA volunteers are assigned a new case, these lovely ladies deliver delightful gifts for each and every child – from newborns to teenagers. Since 2010, Duffels for Darlings has delivered **over 800 gifts** to our CASA kids. Thank You!

Thank you to all of the wonderful families who donated hats and gloves to **Colonial Schools** at Westover Retirement Community. The donations helped children stay warm during the cold and brisk winter months.



Thank you to **Butler County United Way** for donating hundreds of fun loving stuffed animals to our children in need. This brightened the face of so many youngsters during the holiday season.



Thank You 2021 - 2022 CASA Volunteers

Over 20 years

Ginger Tannenbaum

10 – 15 years

Karen Bell
Jill Berry
Brenda Daniels
Joe Statt

5 – 10 years

Lori Argalas
Janet Bailey
Karin Drake
Peter Engelhard Jr
Lisa Farthing
Dave Gilday
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Sheila Maxwell
Diane McClain
Julie Phelan
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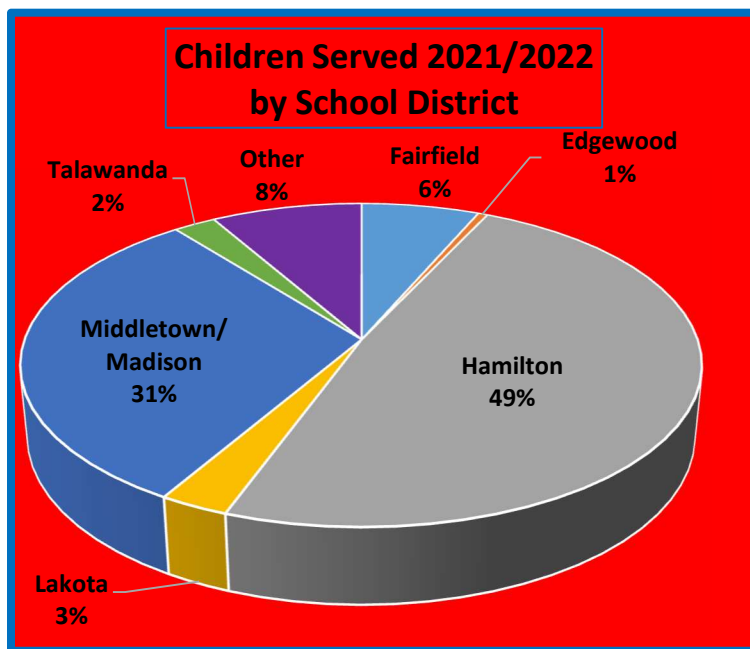
Up to 5 years

Emily Algalayini
Shannon Anderson
Jessica Black
Beverly Blevins
Loni Bothwell
Carol Bowles
Megan Bowman
Kristy Brann
Roger Braun
Kathy Brossart
Andrea Brunner
Kim Bryant
Lanie Calihan Frias
Laura Cogan
Brianna Combs
Karen Cook
Susan Damm
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Cindy Elam
Robyn Foreman
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Charles Ganelin
Lori Garver
Connie Girard
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Brendy Henderson
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Beth Hiltz
Ashley Husain
Patty Kelley
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Pamela Kopp
Kathy Louder
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Larry Ochs
Kaci Owens

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Carol Schaber
Abigail Sommers
Jim Spicer
Debbie Steel
Renee Williams
Mary Jane Willke
Bethany Paul-Wilson
Katie Woodruff

In Memory: The late Chris Hacker was a dedicated CASA Volunteer from her swearing in on April 25, 2007 until she completed her last CASA case in August of 2021. Chris was a strong advocate in the community for children's mental health services and her CASA children benefited from her expertise.



Thank you to Judge Kathleen D. Romans and Judge Ronald Craft for their continuous support of the PARACHUTE program and appreciation for our CASA volunteers.



We Need Your Help

Attend CASA 101 – Each year PARACHUTE hosts “CASA 101” which are 1-hour informational sessions committed to sharing PARACHUTE’s mission, along with the opportunity to recruit community volunteers that want to become future CASAs. These events take place at the PARACHUTE office, local libraries, online via Zoom, or at community centers throughout Butler County. Visit our website at www.parachutecasa.org to sign up!



Request a Speaker – Does your club, group or church need a speaker? We would be glad to schedule a talk regarding child abuse and how to make a difference through volunteering, either in person or via zoom.

Become a CASA Volunteer – You can speak up for a child in court. Court Appointed Special Advocates participate in training sessions provided by staff, and work directly with local abused and neglected children. For more information contact PARACHUTE at (513)867-5010 or visit our website at www.parachutecasa.org

Make a Donation – Every donation is so important and assists PARACHUTE in continuing lifesaving work for our community. The cost of training one new CASA is \$1,900, and with more trained CASA volunteers, we can serve more children.



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