

**STRENGTH T O D A Y
STABILITY TOMORROW**



STRONG FUTURES



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

PARACHUTE: BUTLER COUNTY CASA

FY 7/01/24 - 6/30/2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on my 35 years of advocacy with PARACHUTE, I am filled with gratitude and pride in all we have accomplished together. From my first days as a staff member to now serving as Executive Director, I have witnessed firsthand the profound difference that dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and compassionate community members can make in the lives of children and families.

This past year, PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA made a profound difference in the lives of 288 children in foster or kinship care, thanks to the unwavering commitment of 83 extraordinary CASA volunteers and the generous support of our community.

Our incredible CASA volunteers: thank you for taking on difficult cases with unwavering commitment. Your advocacy has given hope to thousands of children who needed a voice, helped families navigate overwhelming challenges, and ensured that every child we serve has a chance at a safe, permanent, and loving home. Your willingness to stand up for vulnerable children is the heart of our mission.

The need is great, and our vision is bold: a future where every child in foster or kinship care has the powerful voice of a CASA advocate in their corner. Together with your passion, generosity, and belief in our mission, we're poised to turn that vision into reality and make an even greater impact in the year ahead.



Looking back reminds us of the lasting impact we can have, but it also highlights the important work still ahead. Too many children in our community continue to face uncertainty and trauma. We must keep striving to reach every child who needs a CASA and support every family working to build a safe, stable future.

At PARACHUTE, we are committed to long-term results, because true change doesn't happen overnight. Our team, volunteers, and supporters stand ready to continue this work for as long as it takes. But we cannot do it alone.

I invite you to continue standing with us, through your time, talents, and financial support, so that together we can expand our reach and serve even more children who need an advocate by their side. Your ongoing partnership will help ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to heal, grow, and thrive.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonya".

TONYA BUCHANAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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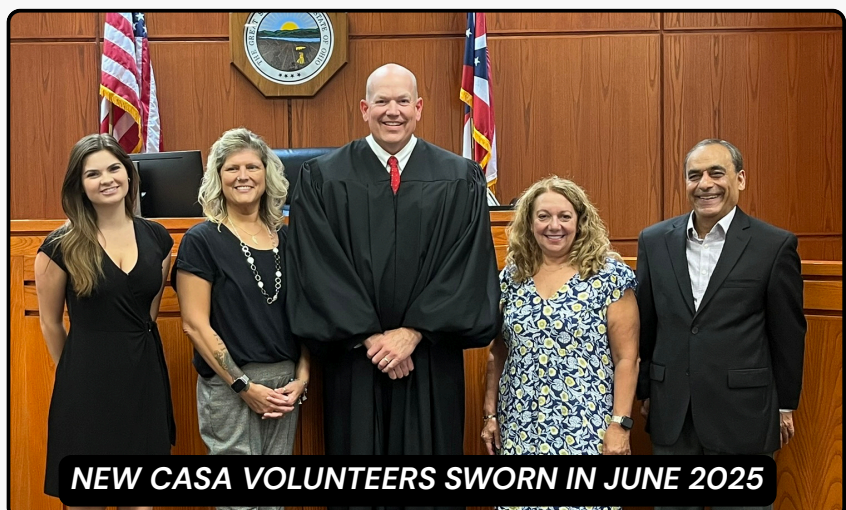
OHIO CASA RECOGNIZED BY THE CINCINNATI REDS



In June, the Wives of the Cincinnati Reds players and the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, honored the Ohio CASA network by welcoming over 200 CASA volunteers and families to a game. Representatives were featured on the stadium's jumbotron and PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA Board President, Shelby Logsdon, and her three children delivered the game ball to the pitchers mound.

TRAINING

YEAR	COMPLETED
2024	17
2023	19
2022	10



NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS SWORN IN JUNE 2025

PILLARS OF CASA VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY FY 24/25

PILLAR 1: CHILD WELLBEING



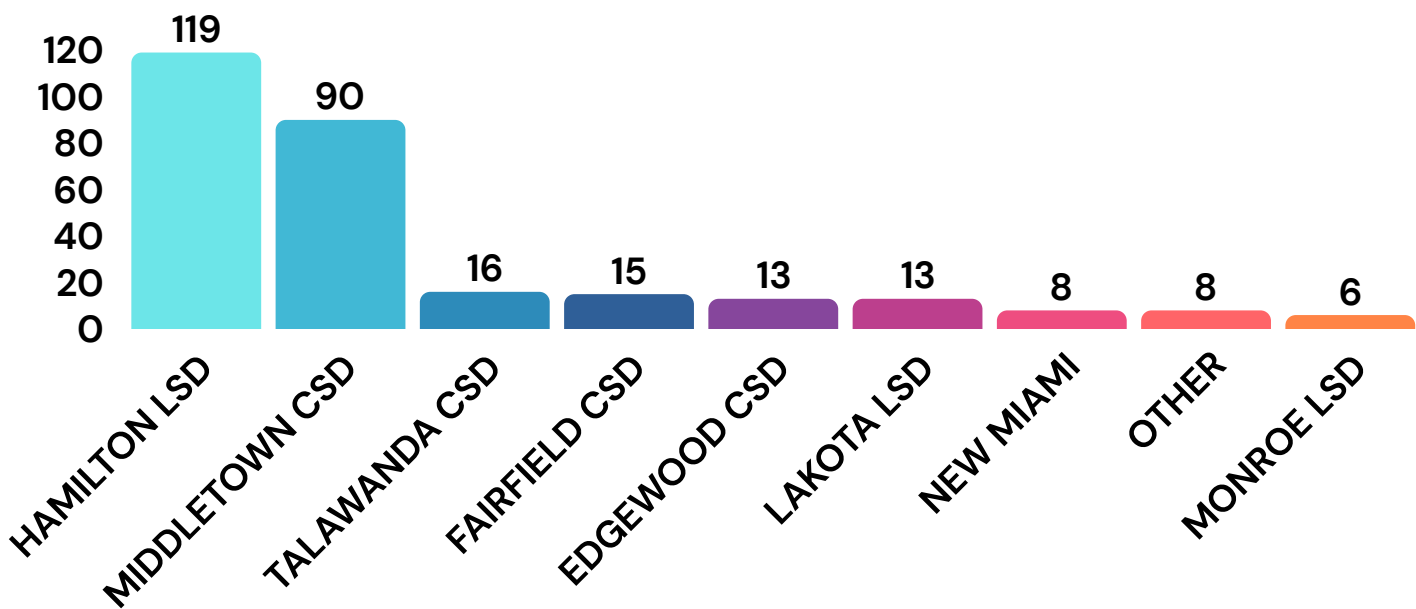
At PARACHUTE, advocacy is rooted in understanding the evolving needs of children and families, and showing up in meaningful, personalized ways.

Our advocacy goes beyond the courtroom. It includes in-person visits with children in foster or kinship placements, attending IEP and 504 plan meetings, monitoring health and wellness through MyChart, and staying actively involved in every area of a child's life. In Fiscal Year 24/25, PARACHUTE delivered 6,354 contacts of service focused on children's personal wellness, each one a reminder that consistent, caring support can change the trajectory of a child's story.

BY THE NUMBERS

HOURS	4,185
CONTACTS/ADVOCACY	6,354
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	288

BY SCHOOL DISTRICT



PILLAR 2: LEGAL ADVOCACY



PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA performs legal advocacy services for children and keeps the court informed about each child's needs.

This includes testifying in court hearings, attending mediation, writing fact-based court reports for the judiciary presiding over the CPS case and more. In FY 24/25, PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA **provided legal advocacy services at 414 hearings.**

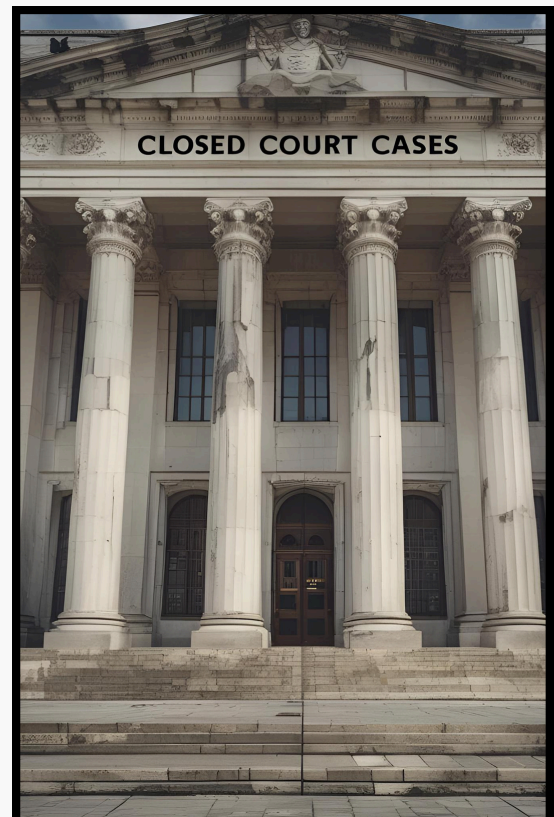
BY THE NUMBERS

HEARINGS ATTENDED	414
COURT RECOMMENDATIONS	735
COURT RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED	97%
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	288

PILLAR 3: CASE CLOSURES

BY THE NUMBERS

REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS	44%
ADOPTED	16%
18 - 21 AGED OUT	7%
LEGAL CUSTODY WITH RELATIVE	33%
CHILD HAS SAFE,PERMANENT HOME	93%
CHILD FREE FROM RE-ABUSE	99%
TOTAL CASES CLOSED	88
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	288



THE POWER OF ONE CARING ADULT



When Ernest was assigned as a CASA to 15-year-old Nate on May 8, 2017, he met a teen with all the potential in the world—but without the motivation to reach it. Nate was failing every subject in school, not because he couldn't do the work, but because he didn't see the point. He was angry, often suspended, and deeply unhappy in his foster placement. The only constant in his life was chaos.

Then came a turning point—one that Ernest, Nate's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), helped guide. With Ernest's advocacy and consistent voice in the courtroom, Nate was moved to a new foster home. It wasn't just a placement; it was a family. A family with rules, structure, and care. His foster parents recognized the importance of connection, helping Nate reconnect with appropriate family members out of state and, most importantly, giving him something he hadn't known in years: stability.

Ernest didn't just show up to meetings or file reports; he showed up for Nate. He took the time to build trust, checking in regularly and always keeping his promises. Their favorite outings? Grabbing wings, Nate's favorite food, and just talking.

Over time, Ernest began to see changes. Nate started to care. He found pride in playing football. He held down a job. And despite all odds, he walked across the stage and graduated from high school.

By the time Ernest closed his case in 2020, Nate was 18 and had made a choice that spoke volumes: although not formally adopted, he chose to remain a permanent member of his foster family. He had found what so many kids in care long for, a true forever home.

Today, their bond continues. Nate, now a chef at a local steakhouse, often cooks for Ernest, repaying those early years of wings with meals he proudly prepares himself. Ernest, ever the mentor, still checks in with words of encouragement and pride.

"You've grown into a man who makes good decisions," he told Nate recently. "I've watched you mature, and I couldn't be more proud."

Nate's story is proof of what one caring, consistent adult can do. Ernest didn't just advocate, he believed. And because he believed, Nate began to believe too.

THAT'S THE POWER OF A CASA.

CASA VOLUNTEERS

YEARS AS CASA

<5 YEARS

Joe Statt	16
Erin Laramore	15
Lisa Farthing	12
Diane McClain	12
Pam Daudistel	11
Cindy Trauthwein	11
Lori Argalas	10
Mark Daudistel	10
Karin Drake	10
Dave Gilday	10
Beverly Gorman	10
Julie Phelan	10
Brenda Wanninger	10
Janet Bailey	9
Peter Engelhard Jr.	9
Ernest Riley	9
Shannon Anderson	8
Beth Hiltz	8
Beverly Blevins	7
Kim Bryant	7
Diane Neilson	7
Vickie Rocheleau	7
Karen Cook	6
Susan Damm	6
Karen Fuchs	6
Charles Ganelin	6
Susan Johnson	6
Lynn Newton	6
Larry Ochs	6
Tim Rocheleau	6
Joan Fields	5
Robyn Foreman	5
Rachel Helwig	5
Amy King	5
Pamela Kopp	5
Nancy Riggs	5
Jim Spicer	5
Renee Williams	5

Emily Algalayini
 Jill Baechle
 Alexia Ball
 Kathryn Balzano
 Veronda Bradley
 Sheryl Burk
 David Burk
 Dawn Burke
 Susan DeHoff
 Sarah DeLong
 Genny Dulude
 Molly English
 Melissa Fahr-Abner
 Evan Fischer
 Sharon Flynn
 Angie Gabbard
 Angie Glaab
 Cynthia Glinski
 Liz Harman
 Tami Harnist

Greg Hasselbeck
 Morgan Hedges
 Heather Hodges
 Mindy Hubbard
 Tracy Keigher
 Bob Lewis
 Kim Listermann
 Lois Mills
 Sara Min
 Lissette Montoya-Enderle
 Brooke Moran
 Jody Platt
 Kim Ravenhall
 John Ravenhall
 Karen Ray
 Paul Reedy
 Madison Rumschik
 Aaron Simpson
 Lynn Wood
 Katie Woodruff



CASA VOLUNTEERS



Thank you for the extraordinary work you do every single day.

You are the steady voice in the chaos, the comforting presence in the uncertainty, and the unwavering advocate for the most vulnerable children in Butler County. You show up with compassion, courage, and commitment, ensuring that children who have experienced abuse or neglect are seen, heard, and never forgotten in the system.

Your advocacy brings hope where it's needed most. You help children find safe, loving homes. You empower teens to believe in a brighter future. You walk with families through incredibly hard seasons and never lose sight of what's possible.

You are the heart of PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA, and the difference you make is immeasurable.

Thank you for standing up, speaking out, and staying the course. Because of you, children across our community are finding safety, healing, and hope.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH CASA



VOLUNTEER

Help amplify a child's voice during their time in foster or kinship care. Get started today at [Volunteer Now](#).



DONATE

As our organization continues to expand its capacity to serve every child in Butler County who needs a CASA, we will need to increase our sources of income to support the staff and resources that make this possible. You can help us reach that goal by donating today. Make your gift today at [PARACHUTE paypal](#).



Spread the Word. Follow, Like, and Share us on social media, and most importantly, tell your friends and family about the critical work that CASA does to serve children and families in crisis in our community. Visit our Facebook Page [here](#).

2024/2025 FISCAL REPORT

\$158,098

28% Federal Grants

\$102,783

19% Foundations

\$95,169

17% Individuals

\$31,650

5% United Way

\$21,000

4% Hamilton Junior
Women's League

\$20,000

4% In Kind

Butler County Commissioners
Butler County Juvenile Court

TOTAL REVENUE
\$574,726

\$473,253

85% Program

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$554,940

\$67,075

12% Managment &
General

\$14,612

3% Fundraising

OUR SUPPORTERS

VISIONARIES + \$15,000

Anonymous Donor – Holiday
Butler County United Way
Charles Dater Foundation
Hamilton Junior Women's League
Office of Criminal Justice (JAG Grant)
Ohio CASA/GAL Assoc.
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
VOA Country Music Festival

CHAMPIONS \$5,000 – \$14,999

City of Hamilton – CDBG
Insuring The Children
Kappa Alpha Theta
Meijer
Molyneaux Foundation
National CASA
New Path Child Development Center – Mark Roeser
PNC Bank
Spaulding Foundation
Wipperman Family Fund
Women100Cincy
Women's Giving Circle/McCullough Hyde FDN

PROTECTORS \$1,000 – \$4,999

Agnes Nordloh Charitable Trust
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Lindenwald Kiwanis Club of Hamilton/Fairfield
Michael Kelley
Middletown Community Foundation
Orange Freight Corp.
Oxford Community Foundation
Patrick & Debbie Pawling
Reynolds & Reynolds Associate Foundation
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Robert & Mary Angela Lewis
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ThreeBond U.S.A Inc.
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OUR SUPPORTERS

VOICES \$0 - \$999

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 Diane Tisdale
 Douglas & Susan Smith
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 Edward & Joyce Molinsky
 Elaine Garver
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 Eva Kessler
 Fairfield Women
 First Presbyterian Church of Middletown
 Frances Jacoby
 Fred & Robin Miller
 Fred Jeffers
 Frederick & Deanna Martin
 Friends Darrtown United Methodist Women
 Friends Liberty Home German Association
 Friends Lindenwald United Methodist Men
 Gabrielle Strand
 Gayle Niehaus
 Genny Dulude

George & Diane Manitsas
 George & Elizabeth Esber
 Glenn & Pearl Willis
 Greater Cincinnati Foundation
 Hamilton Pro. Fire Fighters Assoc., Local #20
 Holly Wissing
 Howard & Nancy Weinberg
 Imogene Orts
 Jack & Sally Southard
 James & Cynthia Stever
 James & Mary Anne Leeds
 James & Susan Fitton
 James & Susan Lipnickey
 James & Susan Peters
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ADVOCATE

CASA volunteers are screened and highly trained and then appointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system. CASA volunteers are each assigned to help one child or a set of siblings at a time, so they can focus on giving that child or sibling group the individualized advocacy and attention they need. Click [here](#) to get started!

SHARE

Spread the Word. Follow, Like and Share us on social media, and most importantly tell your friends and family about the critical work that CASA does to serve children and families in crisis in our community. Know someone who would make a great CASA? Visit our Facebook Page [here](#).

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REQUEST A SPEAKER

Do you have a group we can come to raise awareness of the need for CASA volunteers? Click [here](#) to request a speaker.

Revenue & Expenses for fiscal year 2024, dated July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. For additional information, contact us here:



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