Miranda and son, CASA College Docket Youth. Photo By: Katie Paige Productions
DEAR FRIENDS,

This past year has been one of change for CASA, and, with COVID still affecting our lives daily, the changes are showing no signs of slowing down.

But one thing hasn’t changed – we can still count on you, our generous and amazing volunteers and donors, to help give a voice to children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

This year, you gave 1,882 children a trained and supported Volunteer Advocate to rely on, maybe the first adult they have trusted in years.

You made it possible for 20 youth to graduate from high school as part of the first year of the College Bound Docket partnership.

You helped launch the Collaborative Family Engagement project, with Advocates using new tools to search a child’s history to find family and close friends willing to stay in touch and keeping them connected to their family history, cultural identity and community.

And, when COVID interrupted everyone’s life, you kept CASA moving forward, providing financial support, your time as an Advocate, and even items for care packages for our foster children and youth.

As the number of child abuse and neglect cases begins to rise with the start of school, knowing you are there to help with your time, talents and treasure is deeply comforting.

No matter what is happening in the greater world, our children still need you.

Thank you for being there for them.

Allison Martinez
Interim President & CEO and VP of Programs
OUR MISSION

The mission of Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) is to recruit, train, and supervise court-appointed volunteer Advocates who provide constancy for abused and neglected children and youth while advocating for services and placement in safe and permanent homes.
COVID RESPONSE

Despite the global pandemic that began in March 2020, our volunteers and staff remained as dedicated to the CASA mission as ever. Thanks to the ongoing support of our community, we were able to continue offering virtual services to our foster youth to ensure their needs were still being met during quarantine.

We implemented a curbside donation drop-off system to safely procure needed supplies for these kids that our Advocates were able to use for porch drop-offs to their kids. On the Recruitment side, we are also excited to share that we have still been able to swear in over 119 new volunteers through virtual training and other online efforts to serve more children.

From Zoom calls to care packages, to organizing a virtual Art & Soul, we are grateful to have the ability to continue our mission to serve children in Bexar County who need these services.
My Advocate Cindy was able to secure a brand new wheelchair for her CASA, Melissa, one that was upgraded to meet her needs, complete with a headrest that provided Melissa’s head much needed support. She picked it up and drove it out to Kerrville for a porch drop-off.

Laci, Advocate Supervisor

I have an advocate who read books to her two kids as well as sang sing-along songs. The foster parent is a one parent home. She works at Lackland and really appreciated the small break she had while my advocate entertained the girls via FaceTime.

Cindy’s Advocate Supervisor

I received this note from my CASA kid after dropping off goodie bags and letters: ‘Thank you for the clothes, I really like them. The one that says love and the other one with the flag are my favorite. I hope I can see you soon. Take care of yourself and remember to wear a mask.’”

Sandra, CASA Advocate
Beginning in September 2019, the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Texas A&M-San Antonio (A&M-SA), the Alamo Colleges District (ACD), Bexar County Children’s Court, and Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) was able to develop this collaborative pilot program to improve college graduation rates for foster care alumni and to increase the number of children in foster care who are academically and emotionally prepared to succeed in college.

This past fiscal year, we were able to serve 20 foster youth through this program to help them get accepted to local universities they might otherwise have thought impossible. We look forward to gathering more success stories as this program continues to grow.
Since September 2019, the Bexar County Fostering Educational Success Pilot Program was able to serve 37 college youth total, 20 of whom are now college bound. Congratulations again seniors, we wish you the best in your future endeavors!
We are so happy to share that we were able to exceed our fiscal year goal and served 1,882 children who had been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect.
Founded in 1984, Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) is the only organization in Bexar County legally recognized by the Texas Family Code and authorized to provide court-appointed advocacy for children who are in the care of Child Protective Services. CASA’s highly trained and supported Volunteer Advocates are authorized by a judge to advocate for the child’s well-being, including medical and educational services.
ACTIVE ADVOCATES

CASA Volunteer Advocates are special and truly inspiring. They devote an average of 180 hours on each child’s case, giving children a highly trained and supported adult to count on. Thank you for helping CASA kids!
June Sherrod was recognized as the 2019 CASA Advocate of the Year due to her stellar legal advocacy on a complicated case. She advocated for and supported her CASA children through a CPS and criminal trial and contributed greatly to their permanency and overall well being.

Joan Ulsher is recognized for the tremendous impact she was able to make in her first year as a Volunteer. Throughout the course of her first case, she donated 1,075 hours, logged 792 contacts, collected 244 documents, and drove over 10,000 miles. Joan dedicated herself completely to making a big impact on these kids to ensure their needs were met.

Laura and Simeon Sutton have put their whole heart and soul into CASA. They unselfishly volunteered in one of biggest recruitment campaigns of year, took the time to plan, host, and invite guests to their own information session at their home, amongst countless other collaborations to further the mission of CASA.
This past school season, our community supporters came together to donate school supplies, write notes to students, and stuff backpacks for over 200 foster youth! Thank you so much again for your dedication to prepare our kids for school to achieve optimal educational success.
Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to provide over 900 foster youth with toys and gifts during this past holiday season. You helped us wrap gifts, provide a “photos with Santa” event, and put a smile on all of these kids’ faces with your donations. Thank you for being a light of hope for children in need!
FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT NOTES:
• Net assets at end of fiscal year: $3,372,895
• Complete audited financial statements are available on our website: www.casa-satx.org

REVENUE & SUPPORT
Total: $5,374,754
- Donated Goods & Services ............. $914,366 - 17%
- Government Support .................... $1,873,262 - 35%
- Foundations & Grants .................... $626,935 - 12%
- Private Contributions .................... $536,526 - 10%
- United Way ................................. $174,950 - 3%
- Capital Campaign ....................... $1,093,286 - 20%
- Other Income .............................. $19,430 - 0%
  (Rental, Investment Earnings & Interest)
- UTSA ........................................ $136,000 - 3%

EXPENSES
Total: $4,337,760
- Program Services ........................ $3,500,911 - 81%
- Support Services ........................... $343,767 - 8%
- Community Outreach .................... $493,082 - 11%
2020 CHAMPIONS OF HOPE SOCIETY

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The Champion of Hope Society brings sustainability to our mission all throughout the year. The collective impact of these supporters have come together to ensure more children in foster care continue to have sustained advocacy support.

Thank You FOR YOUR IMPACT!

You came together to provide 127 children with a trained and supported Advocate. You are truly Champions!

If you would like to become a Champion of Hope to serve more children in San Antonio, please contact Blair Ortmann at:
(210) 225-7070
Bortmann@casa-satx.org
MONTHLY DONOR SUPPORT

Thank you to our monthly supporters for ensuring no child slips through the cracks of an overburdened system. Thank you for changing their stories through sustainable giving every month.

"I believe the work of CASA and advocacy for children is very important, especially in San Antonio. That's why I chose CASA."

Denise Doyle, CASA Monthly Donor
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The campaign to secure our new forever home is going strong, with $1.8 million secured towards our $5 million goal! You can still help us make our dream a reality. Please call Blair at 210-225-7070 to find out more.

THANK YOU TO OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS:

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I donate to Child Advocates San Antonio because I am also a court-appointed volunteer advocate and see first hand how this organization helps abused and neglected children. Through donations CASA is able to recruit, train, and supervise advocates who provide constancy for vulnerable children in the foster care system.

Since becoming an advocate more than five years ago I have watched Child Advocates San Antonio steadily outgrow its office space. Donations to the capital campaign are being put to excellent use in funding a new larger headquarters facility so that more children can be served. I am happy to support CASA as both a donor and an advocate.

Rachelle Roth, CASA Advocate & Supporter
2019 GALLERY OF HOPE

Last year was one of the largest, most successful Gallery of Hope Galas we have ever seen at CASA. Thank you to all of our sponsors and attendees for helping us raise over $230,000 that night, allowing us to serve over 150 foster children in Bexar County!

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Contact Blair at 210-225-7070 or bortmann@casa-satx.org to learn about more giving opportunities such as donation drives, corporate matching, or including CASA in your will.

UNITED WAY GIVING
United Way designated gifts for Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) (#570) help support the recruitment, training and support of volunteer Advocates for more than 125 children.