

Changing an abused child's story since 1988.



Annual Report 2019

PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA

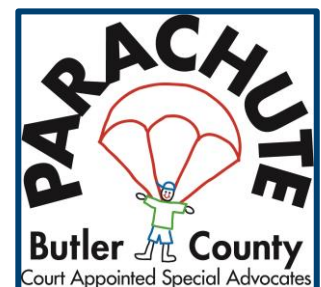
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Executive Director's Message



Dear Friends and Supporters:

How can you mend a child's broken heart? Put back together a shattered dream of a safe place called home?

That is the business we are in at PARACHUTE Butler County CASA (**C**ourt **A**ppointed **S**pecial **A**dvocate). We train community volunteers as CASAs appointed to children (age birth -18) who are under the protection of the Butler County Juvenile Court because they are innocent victims of physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence and abandonment.

A CASA volunteer takes the time to listen, to care, to speak for the child's best interest. A CASA volunteer gets the child needed services to heal from their trauma, works to improve their school performance and help them end up in a safe, permanent and loving home. No matter how long it takes. A CASA volunteer makes sure a child does not have to face their troubles alone.

The children's stories are heartbreaking, but the rewards are immense...

- * A baby born addicted and very fragile - leaving the hospital after 3 months with loving relatives.
- * A child severely neglected who struggled with her parent's death from suicide - now continuing with a counselor, playing music and happily living with her caring grandparent.
- * A teen physically abused who moved around to several placements, hurt and lost - now healed from his injuries, settling into school with good grades, on a sports team and finding security being adopted by a nurturing family.

In 2019 we trained 22 new CASA volunteers, had 81 CASA volunteers actively speaking up for 333 children. We increased every number from 2018. Helping more children heal and thrive. Moving more children toward happy endings. Read more about what we achieved in 2019 in this annual report.

Will YOU help a child that is hurting? Here's how –

☺ VOLUNTEER – Become a CASA volunteer. ☺ DONATE – Support PARACHUTE with a gift.

In 2019 we were extremely grateful to have a generous donor who helped our year end fundraising campaign with a matching \$25,000 campaign. That's love and compassion in action. THANKS to our anonymous hero! And thanks to everyone who partners with us as a CASA volunteer, Board member volunteer, supporter, or friend!

With gratitude,

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

Chris Schultz, Executive Director

"We believe all children have the right to grow up in a loving, healthy, and safe environment and unfortunately that is not always the case. Our donation was a way for us to be a part of PARACHUTE's mission to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children."

Anonymous Donor - 2019 Year-End Fundraising Campaign

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Be a Child's Voice 2019

Court Hearings
Attended

373 

81 Active
CASA Volunteers
Trained **22**
New Advocates



CHILDREN SERVED



333

6,268 hours
donated serving
children



99% of our CASA
children in 2019 were
reported safe from
harm with no
recurrence of abuse.



Children with CASAs get
more help to heal from
their trauma. 95% of
the CASA volunteers'
recommendations for
therapeutic, medical &
educational services were
accepted by the court.

98.6% of our
CASA volunteers
had regular
and consistent
contact with their
CASA
child/children.



Since 1988

2,363 Children Served

569 CASA Volunteers Trained

7,072 Court Hearings Attended

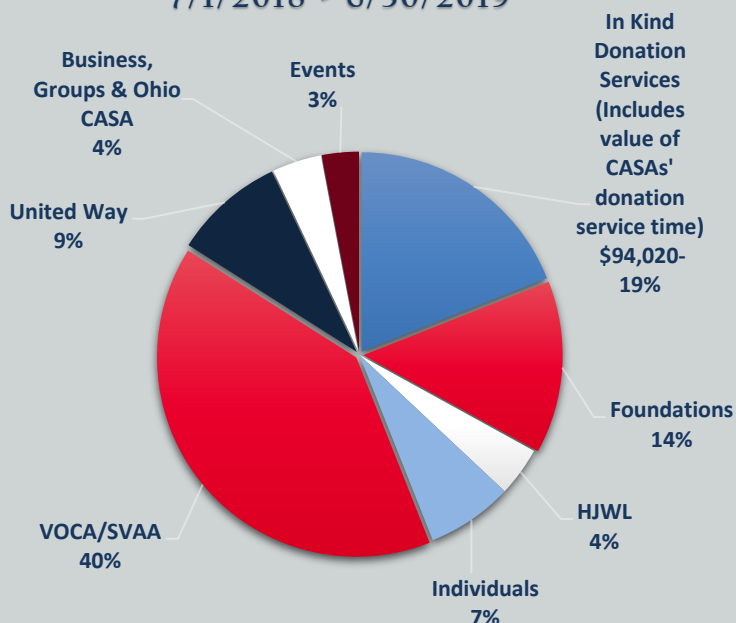
165,348 Volunteer Hours Donated



99% of the children's
cases closed to date
in 2019 ended up in
a safe, nurturing, and
permanent home
due to the advocacy
of our CASA
volunteers

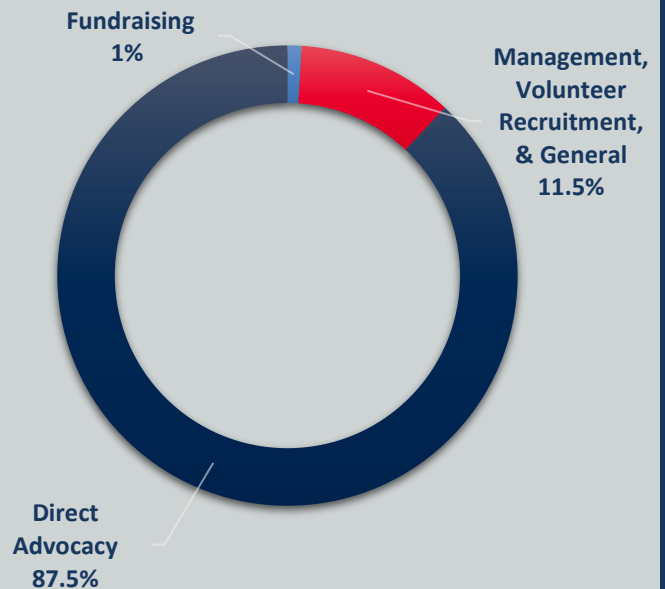


2019 Revenues Total \$572,493
(Revenues \$466,473
+ In-Kind \$106,020)
7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019



2019 Expenses \$394,319
7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019

End of the Year Assets \$503,563
Change in Net Assets \$84,155



Thank You to All of Our Donors

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Dr. Margaret Ziolkowski

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Amanda United Methodist Women
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Dr. Anthony Jane Behler
Karen & Richard Bell
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Dr Doris Bergen
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Ricardo & Paula Bethart
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Murial Blaisdell



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Brown-Dawson-Flick Funeral Home
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Baby Ellie

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Duffels for Darlings

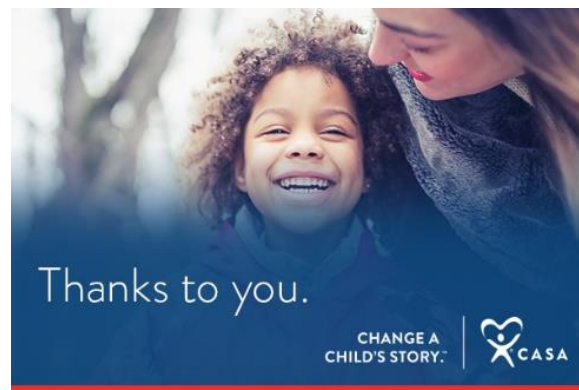
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All gifts, large and small, are genuinely appreciated. We pledge to be fiscally responsible to the stakeholders, transparent in our operations and do our best to serve those children so desperately in need. Your donation ensures that a helpless child 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.

Thankful for community support!



PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA is honored to have the **Hamilton Junior Women's League** be one of our valuable founding partners and in 2019, HJWL's signature fundraising event raised **\$25,000** for PARACHUTE. "A Roaring Good Time" was a roaring success and a special evening of entertainment, food, and giving. Thank you to the women of HJWL!

Fire & Iron Motorcycle Station #133 once again hosted an 80 mile "Ride to Stop Child Abuse" which took place on June 1, 2019. Motorcycle enthusiasts came from near and far to enjoy the beautiful scenery of several townships throughout Butler County – making stops for lunch and an afternoon refreshment break. 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 **\$4,500**. Thank you, **Fire & Iron #133** for your hard work and detailed planning for this annual event.



The Sisters of **Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, Miami University**, have loyally supported PARACHUTE since our founding in 1989. **KAΘ** each year hosts a variety of fundraisers, large and small, to support our mission to serve more abused children. In 2019, these awesome young women raised **\$10,361** for PARACHUTE by hosting a Color Me CASA Run and a cooperative fundraiser with the Oxford Chipotle. Thank you sisters of **KAΘ**.

Patty and Linda of Duffels for Darlings have been stopping by the PARACHUTE office for nearly 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 **735 gifts** to our CASA kids. Thank You!



2019 Shamrock Shuffle team raised **\$550** for PARACHUTE and we earned "Top 5" team honors for the first time – 55 team members in all, including our wonderful Miami University Nursing Students.

Referrals on Purpose – West Chester/Liberty awarded PARACHUTE a **\$1,000** check after learning more about our work with abused and neglected children. What a wonderful group of community minded professionals, thank you!



THANK YOU 2019 CASA Volunteers!

Over 20 years

Bonnie Tromans

15 – 20 years

Gabrielle Strand

Ginger Tannenbaum

10 – 15 years

Carol Swisshelm

Jill Berry

Chris Hacker

Joe Statt

Mark Daudistel

5 – 10 years

Karen Bell

Carrie Ledford

Lisa Farthing

Brenda Daniels

Christine Birhanzi

Diane McClain

5 – 10 years

Kelley Dixon

Cindy Trauthwein

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Susan Damm

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Jim Peters

George Stefut

Gabriela Proffitt

Timothy Rocheleau

Renee Williams

Amy King

Recruit & Screen
Volunteer Applicant

Volunteer training
and court
observations

Volunteer is sworn in
by Juvenile Court
Judge

CASA advocates for
an abused child for a
minimum of 1 year

2019 Winter CASA Volunteer Training

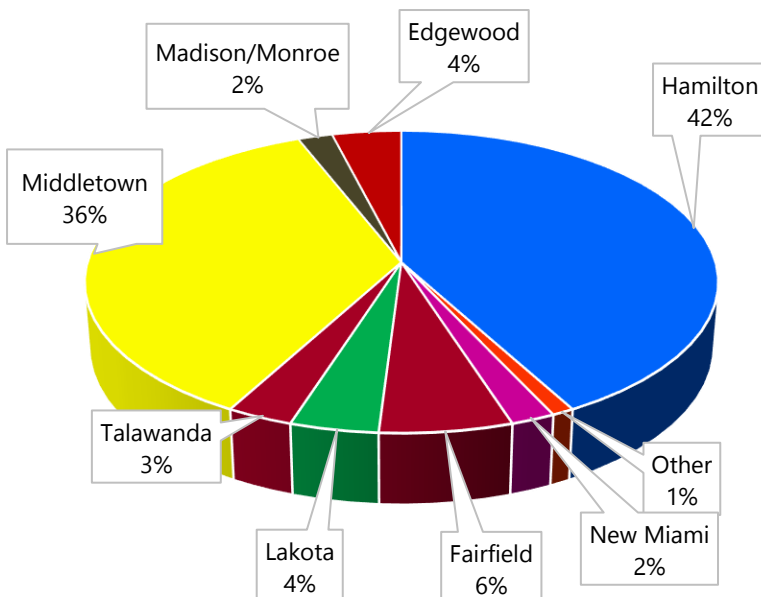


Thanks to **Judge Kathleen D. Romans** (pictured) and **Judge Ronald Craft** for their steadfast support of the PARACHUTE program and the CASA volunteers and their lifesaving work with local children.

2019 Spring CASA Volunteer Training



Children Served 2019 by School District



2019 Fall CASA
Volunteer Training



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 and to recruit community volunteers to become future CASAs. These events are hosted at the CASA office, local libraries, or community centers throughout Butler County. You will not be asked for a donation.

Become a CASA Volunteer – Speak up for a child in court. Court Appointed Special Advocates participate in training sessions provided by staff and work directly with local abused children. For more details contact PARACHUTE at (513)867-5010 or check out the website www.parachutecasa.org for applications and further information.

Make a Donation – Every donation is so important and assists PARACHUTE in continuing this lifesaving work for our community. It costs \$1,750 to train one new CASA and with more trained CASA volunteers, we can serve more children. Join our [Friends of Children Society](#) to help PARACHUTE sustain our commitment in providing a voice for the abused and neglected children in our community or sign up through the PARACHUTE website to become a monthly donor - www.parachutecasa.org.



“The kids and I enjoyed and looked forward to their CASA visits. She was both good to the children and provided valuable information to me. She will be missed! I deeply appreciated the time she spent away from her own family to spend time with my grandchildren. Thank you CASA.”

Gloria, grandparent of CASA children

“Deciding to become a CASA Volunteer was a “No Brainer,” on the heels of a one-hour Dr. Phil show where he had a segment on CASA. He showed how children were caught in abusive and neglectful home situations and needed a voice, someone to speak for them. The thought of helping to make a difference in the lives of children, helping them to navigate the “hard hand” they had been dealt, was just for me! I could advocate for them.

CASA Training was enlightening, intensive, and lots of fun! We play acted situations, brainstormed on how to handle different scenarios and really had the benefit of excellent experienced instructors. Not only did they instruct us, but they also brought other CASA personnel in to give us practical advice. It was at this time that I really found out how meaningful and impactful this organization is to the children we serve.

As a CASA, we support the child in the home, foster care, medically, in the school, and in the court system. At present, I have helped 12 children. Some reunited with “heathy” parents, others went to live in the custody of grandparents, one found a new adoptive family (I went to court & witnessed the process), and my present case is graduating from High School, with plans to join the Armed Forces. These are exciting results and I am sure there is more to come!!! If you are looking for, “How can I make a difference?” Follow Me! I took the leap!”

Brenda, CASA Volunteer since 2012



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