Powerless Children Need Powerful Friends
March 2019

Dear Friends,

July 2018 marked the beginning of CASA's 25th year of serving abused, neglected, dependent and vulnerable children in DuPage. Each year more than 700,000 children across the United States experience abuse or neglect.

In 1993, a small group of local citizens came together to create our program: CASA of DuPage. A formal agreement with the 18th Judicial Circuit Court was signed and we continue to be the only organization providing court ordered advocacy for abused, neglected and dependent children in DuPage. Since then, 939 volunteer advocates have stepped into the lives of 2,127 children and championed hope for them.

We've come far over the last 25 years. From training 14 advocates and serving 15 children in 1993 to serving 411 children in FY18 through the efforts of 167 volunteers.

Currently, there are 85,000 CASA volunteers across the country serving 250,000 children. Sadly, another 400,000 children are waiting for a CASA.

Studies show kids with a CASA spend up to 25% less time in the court system and are half as likely to re-enter foster care. Children with a CASA receive more help while in the system...and are more likely to have a consistent, responsible adult presence. Children with a CASA spend less time in foster care, do better in school, are more likely to pass their courses, are less likely to have poor conduct in school and are less likely to be expelled.

I am humbled and honored to say that while 400,000 children in our country are waiting for someone to be their voice in court, every single child in DuPage who needs a CASA, has one.

Because of you and your generous support, our services are free to the children and families in court and do not impact the taxpayers in any way.

Powerless children need powerful friends. From all of the powerless children you will affect but never meet, thank you.

With sincere appreciation,

Lisa M. Drake
Executive Director

Thank you to the RONALD L. MCDANIEL FOUNDATION for being a Powerful Friend to Powerless Children.
Advocate Classes

35 new volunteers were welcomed in FY2018. These wonderful individuals were trained and sworn in as “Friends of the Court” to be the “voice” for children, who through no fault of their own, were a part of DuPage County’s juvenile court system.

SEPTEMBER 2017 CLASS


MARCH 2018 CLASS

Front Row: Venita Grazzini, Donna James, Carrie Gibson, Sandra Usher, Patricia Hernandez, Olivia Chen and Lindsay Beach  Back Row: Eric Franck, John Donovan, Samantha Peterson, Debra Word, Stephanie Hansen, Charnea Brown, Sarah Stamatakos and Gary Byram

Financials

2018 FINANCIAL POSITION

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE: 2018

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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

$69,820

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR

$1,185,316

Unrestricted

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NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR

$1,255,136
Program Statistics

FISCAL YEAR 2018

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED SINCE 2012

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CASE DISPOSITION

- Supervision Completed: 16%
- Returned to Family: 9%
- Petition Withdrawn: 3%
- Guardianship: 44%
- Adopted: 27%
- Case Transferred: 6%
- Aged Out of Foster Care: 14%

PETITION TYPE

- Neglect: 44%
- Dependency: 14%
- Abuse: 29%
- Probate: 9%
- Delinquency: 8%

ETHNICITY

- Caucasian: 51%
- African American: 9%
- Hispanic: 29%
- Multi-racial: 18%
- Other: 2%

AGE

- Birth to 5: 26%
- 6 to 11: 10%
- 12 to 17: 9%
- 18+: 14%

GENDER

- Male: 28%
- Female: 72%

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY TOWN OF PETITION ORIGIN

- Addison: 18
- Aurora: 12
- Bartlett: 1
- Bensenville: 25
- Burr Ridge: 5
- Carol Stream: 12
- Clarendon Hills: 2
- Darien: 9
- Downers Grove: 22
- Elmhurst: 8
- Glen Ellyn: 19
- Glendale Hts: 31
- Hanover Park: 6
- Lisle: 13
- Lombard: 27
- Melrose Park: 2
- Naperville: 49
- Plainfield: 1
- Roselle: 8
- Villa Park: 19
- Warrenville: 17
- West Chicago: 21
- Westmont: 14
- Wheaton: 18
- Willowbrook: 24
- Winfield: 1
- Wood Dale: 9
- Woodridge: 18
- Total: 411

CASA VOLUNTEERS BY TOWN

- Addison
- Aurora
- Bartlett
- Bloomingdale
- Burr Ridge
- Carol Stream
- Clarendon Hills
- Crestwood
- Darien
- Downers Grove
- Elgin
- Elk Grove Village
- Elmhurst
- Geneva
- Glen Ellyn
- Hanover Park
- Hinsdale
- Hoffman Estates
- Inverness
- Itasca
- Joliet
- La Grange
- Lemont
- Lisle
- Lombard
- Naperville
- Oak Brook
- Park Forest
- Pingree Grove
- Roselle
- Schaumburg
- South Elgin
- Villa Park
- Warrenville
- West Chicago
- Western Springs
- Wheaton
- Willowbrook
- Winfield
CASA in the Community

In July, CASA staff volunteered at the Naperville Exchange Club’s annual Ribfest.

Uncle Bub’s BBQ in Westmont presented CASA with a contribution after being named #1 ribs at Ribfest.

Wheaton’s Ivy Restaurant hosted its inaugural Ugly Sweater contest benefitting CASA.

100 volunteers from CASA helped set up, check in guests, and serve beer at the Wheaton Park District’s Brew Fest on August 5, 2017.

The Building Owners & Managers Association of Suburban Chicago provided generous support to CASA throughout the year.

CASA encouraged people to sign the Every Child Matters proclamation in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Board President Brandy Harrington and Director of Development Beth Stremel gratefully accepted a generous grant from the DuPage Foundation.
CASA of DuPage gratefully acknowledges the contributions of those who supported its program between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

**OVER $20,000**
- DuPage Foundation
- Exchange Club of Naperville
- Barbara Gulick
- Margaret Paffie
- Ronald L. McDaniel Foundation
- The Wesley E. Luehring Foundation
- Topfer Family Foundation

**$20,000 - $10,001**
- Alfred Bersted Foundation
- Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
- Betty Bradshaw
- DuPage County Human Services
- Illinois Attorney General
- Oberweiler Foundation
- The Wheaton Park District
- Tyndale House Foundation
- The Wheaton Foundation

**$10,000 - $5,001**
- Eileen & Timothy Daw
- Glen Elynn Infant Welfare Society
- Mike & Sarah Hueing
- William & Susan Kamm
- Mike & Sarah Huesing
- Glen Ellyn Infant Welfare Society
- Eileen & Timothy Daw

**$5,000 - $2,501**
- Anonymous
- Black Diamond Planners
- Borther Heating & Air Conditioning
- Building Owners and Managers Association of Suburban Chicago
- Laurie & Mike Byrne
- Mike and Tammy Cetina
- Clarion Construction
- Rob and Sara Clary
- ConAgra Foods Foundation
- Matching Gifts Program

**$2,500 - $1,001**
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- Carol Asselmeier
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- AmazonSmile Foundation
- Audrey Anderson
- Dennis & Betsy Anderson
- Lee Anderson
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- Robert & Christine Ballenger
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- Bloomingdale Lions
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