

2019

## Impact Report



All children have the inherent right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.

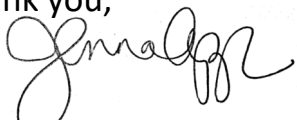
Dear friends,

I know you share my vision that all children in our community should be safe and loved. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. The sad reality is that hundreds of children in Central Oregon are abused and neglected. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, 465 children came into foster care in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties due to abuse and neglect.

Fortunately, there are caring adults who are helping these children. This year, 160 Court Appointed Special Advocates (or CASAs) volunteered their time to advocate tirelessly for children in foster care. CASAs have a huge impact for abused and neglected children. Research shows that when child has a CASA advocating for them, they get the resources they need during their time in foster care and move into a safe and loving home more quickly.

Because we know the positive impact that a CASA has for a child, we've made it our goal to serve 100% of children in foster care in Central Oregon. With the continued support of community organizations like TRACEs Central Oregon, and YOU, we are on track to serve all children in need by 2022. With your help, we can grow to make sure that every child in foster care has a CASA advocating for them.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna App', written in a cursive style.

Jenna App

Executive Director

*“Your Honor, this child would not have a permanent home today if it wasn’t for the tireless work of his CASA.” - Taylor’s attorney*

During a drug raid, the police found a scared and hungry little boy named Taylor in a dark, filthy home.

Taylor was placed in foster care and he was assigned a CASA named Bill. Bill’s job was to get to know Taylor and advocate for his best interest.

Taylor moved into a foster home, then another, and another. The foster parents all said he was a sweet boy but was “too much of a handful.” He got into fights and broke things when he was angry.

Bill visited Taylor regularly in every foster home. He met with Taylor’s teachers, therapists, and case workers. He took Taylor on bike rides to the ice cream store. Bill was one of the few people who listened to the little boy.

CASA’s Family Find program found that Taylor had a distant adult cousin named Sara. When Sara heard about Taylor’s story, she wanted to help. Bill helped Sara get approved as a foster home and answered her many questions about DHS.

On Bill’s first visit to Taylor’s new home with Sara and her husband, he could see things were different. Taylor was thriving in a loving and supportive home with adults who were committed to him.

Bill helped Sara navigate the legal process to finalize guardianship. When the process stalled, Bill kept advocating so that Taylor could stay forever in a loving, stable home.

On the day that the guardianship was finalized, Taylor’s court-appointed attorney stood up and said, “this child would not have a permanent home today if it wasn’t for the tireless work of his CASA.”

To celebrate, Bill took Taylor on one more bike ride to get ice cream.



# Your Impact by the Numbers

From July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019 in Central Oregon:

**398**

Children served by a  
CASA



**465**

Local children removed  
from their home due to  
abuse or neglect



**160**

Volunteer CASAs who  
advocated tirelessly for  
children in foster care



**108**

Children reunified with  
their biological parents



**39**

New volunteers who  
completed trauma-  
informed training and



**65**

Children who moved into safe,  
permanent homes through  
adoption or guardianship

# Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2019

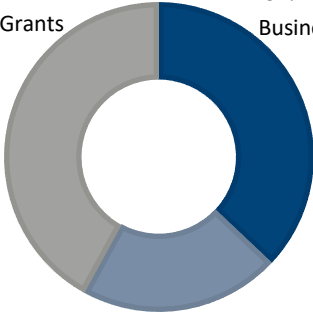
July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019

Total Revenue—\$677,082.00

Total Expenses—\$677,082.00

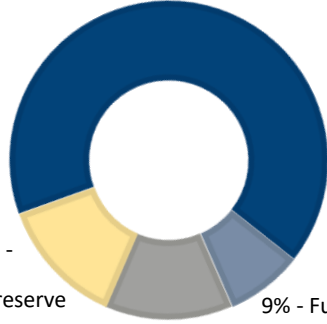
42% - Government  
Grants

37% - Individual &  
Business Donations



21% - Community Grants

76% - Program



15% -

Program reserve

15% - Administrative

9% - Fundraising

## Building Resilience

Research has shown that childhood trauma and Adverse Child Experiences (ACEs) like abuse and neglect can have serious long-term effects on a person's health and well-being. A stable and committed relationship with a supportive adult - like a CASA - is the single most important factor in helping a child develop resilience to thrive despite trauma. A CASA's impact goes far beyond a child's time in foster care and will last for an entire lifetime.





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**Our Mission:** CASA of Central Oregon is a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court.

CASA volunteers work in the courts and throughout the community in collaboration with key agencies, legal counsel and community resources to ensure that every child in foster care in Central Oregon can transition into a safe and permanent home.