



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Our Mission

CASA for Lancaster County provides a voice for abused and neglected children in the court system so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

Member National CASA Association

United Way
of Lincoln and Lancaster County





Dear CASA Supporter,

Thank you for supporting CASA! Through all of the changes in the child welfare system the past few years, CASA has been there to provide continuity for the children while their placements changed or they were assigned to another new case worker. CASA Volunteer Advocates provided advocacy services to 241 children during the 2016-17 fiscal year—a 16% increase over the previous year. The demand for our services has not decreased as Nebraska’s efforts to reform the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system continue.

CASA Volunteers are critical to our program’s success. We had 104 volunteers assigned to a case during the 2016-17 fiscal year. CASA Volunteers insured that a child’s voice was heard in court and prodded the system so that cases progressed and children achieved permanency. Thank you to all of our wonderful CASA volunteers. You are special people who continue to amaze us with your determination, your caring and your hard work on behalf of abused and neglected children. I also want to thank our excellent board of directors who work to make sure our organization is properly funded and meets all National CASA standards. Lastly, thank you to all of our donors—individuals, businesses and foundations. You make our work possible. We are especially grateful to have the continued support of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at UNL. These wonderful young women raised over \$16,000 to support our work. Together, all of us will continue to work diligently to make sure abused and neglected children have a voice in court and that their best interests are front and center!

Dawn Rockey

Executive Director, CASA for Lancaster County

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Program Statistics

Number of children <u>receiving advocacy services</u>	241
Number of <u>new</u> children served	87
Number of children <u>achieving permanency</u> (case closed)	70
Number of <u>new volunteers</u> trained	30
Average length of time volunteers <u>remain with program</u>	23 months
Number of <u>volunteers assigned to a case during the year</u>	104

CASA for Lancaster County Donors (\$100 and over) FY 2016-17

We are very grateful to these generous donors who support advocacy services for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes:

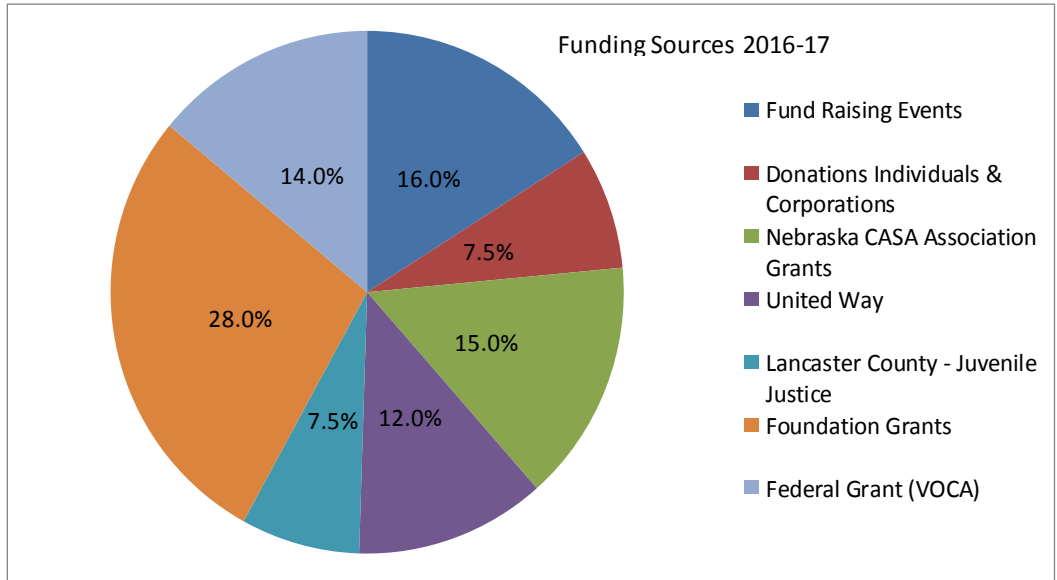
CASA for Lancaster County
Statements of Activities
For the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenue and Support		
Charitable donations	\$ 20,290	\$ 69,720
Fundraisers	30,493	24,251
Grants	141,641	95,760
Miscellaneous revenue	337	190
Investment income	249	102
Total Revenue and Support	193,010	190,023
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		
Nebraska CASA	1,300	3,433
Nebraska Crime Commission	17,577	-
United Way	27,119	27,553
Lancaster County	4,000	17,427
Julie Aksamit	10,000	-
Contributions	1,000	1,500
Total Net Assets Released from Restrictions	60,996	49,913
Total Unrestricted Revenue	254,006	239,936
Expenses		
Program services	222,445	180,275
Management and general	33,009	30,208
Fundraising	3,918	5,166
Total Expenses	259,372	215,649
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	(5,366)	24,287
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
Revenue and Support		
United Way	27,797	31,399
Lancaster County	17,000	4,000
Nebraska Crime Commission	17,648	17,577
Nebraska CASA	-	1,300
Julie Aksamit	-	20,000
Woods Charitable Fund	10,000	-
Net assets released from restrictions		
Nebraska CASA	(1,300)	(3,433)
Nebraska Crime Commission	(17,577)	-
United Way	(27,119)	(27,553)
Lancaster County	(4,000)	(17,427)
Julie Aksamit	(10,000)	-
Contributions	(1,000)	(1,500)
Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	11,449	24,363
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 6,083	\$ 48,650
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	134,401	85,751
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 140,484	\$ 134,401

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Full Audit Available Upon Request

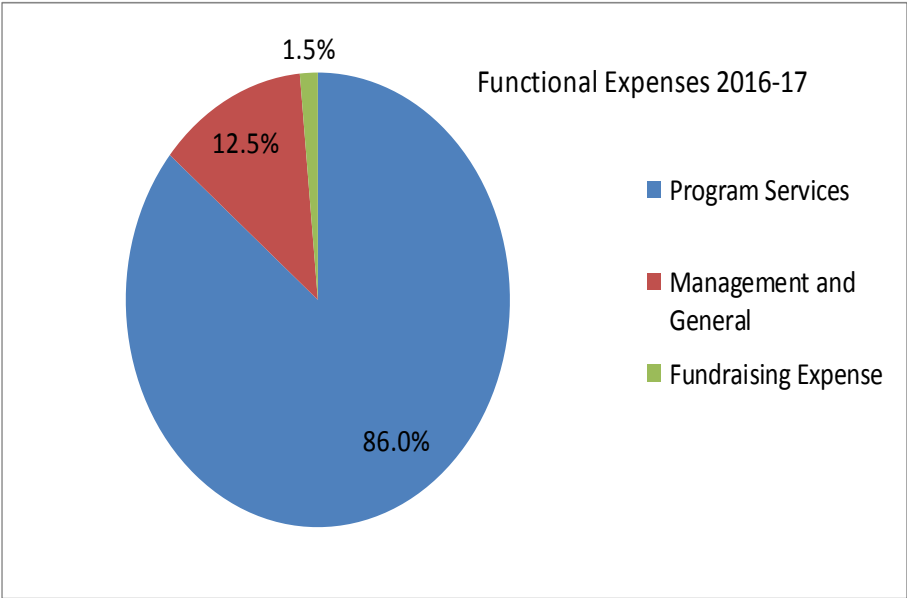
Northeast Sertoma Club	St. Mark's United Methodist Church	Lincoln Sunrise Kiwanis Club
B & R Stores Inc.	Vern Sorensen	Julie Aksamit
Lynn Roper	Ted Simonson	Janet Labenz
Barbara Finke	David Auman	Jill Traynowicz
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Rogers Foundation	Woods Charitable Fund	Dillon Foundation
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United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster County	Lancaster County – Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund	Lincoln/Lancaster County – Joint Budget Committee
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Roger VanLaningham	David Pirtle	Amy Cassner
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Tracey Edgerton & Steve Christophersen	Fred & Julie Hoppe	Jane Renner Hood
Pamela Baker	Steve Adams	Robert & Charlene Gondring
Victims of Crime Act Grant (Federal)	Sheila Bentzen	



CASA for Lancaster County— Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Community Outreach—Committee Participation

- ◆ Through the Eyes of the Child Committee
- ◆ Lancaster County Juvenile Justice Review Committee
- ◆ Human Services Federation
- ◆ Directors of United Way Agencies
- ◆ LB 1184 Treatment Team
- ◆ Human Services Federation/Lincoln Public Schools Task Group
- ◆ Family Drug Court Stakeholders Group
- ◆ Crossover Youth Initiative



Staff 2016-17

Dawn Rockey, Executive Director

Krista Burks, Volunteer Coordinator

Kristi Morrow, Volunteer Coordinator

Krystal Rash, Volunteer Coordinator

Kristen Anderson, Development Director



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