



# Annual Report

## Fiscal Year 2018-19

### 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.**

### 2018-19 Fiscal Year Statistics

Number of Children receiving advocacy services	236
Number of New Children Served	106
Number of Children Reaching Permanency (Case Closure)	72
Number of New Volunteers Trained	28
Average Length of Time Volunteers Remain with the Program	35 months
Number of Volunteers Assigned to a Case During the Year	104
Number of Family Groups Served	136

### Member of:





CASA for Lancaster County Staff:  
(left to right)  
Krista Koch, Volunteer Coordinator  
Amanda Conratt, Volunteer Coordinator  
Kristi Morrow, Program Coordinator  
Dawn Rockey, Executive Director



CASA for Lancaster County Board of Directors: (left to right)  
Charlene Gondring, Jill Traynowicz, Kelly Winnik, Betsy  
Tonniges, Vern Sorensen, Maggie Wieting, Audrey Mines,  
Dr. Emily Willett and Colten Zamrzla. Not Pictured: Moises  
Padilla, Steve Adams, Dustin Romshek, and Michala Sliefert

Dear CASA Supporter,

The child welfare system continues to be fraught with policy changes and staff turnover. CASA has been there to provide continuity for abused, neglected, truant and ungovernable children when placements change or new case workers are assigned. Your continuing support enabled us to advocate on behalf of 236 children during the 2018-19 fiscal year! On behalf of our staff, board of directors, volunteers and the children we serve—thank you for supporting CASA! Currently, we are serving approximately 40% of the children in the system—which means there are more children we could serve if we have the volunteers and resources to support them.

Volunteer advocates are critical to our program's future. We had 104 volunteers assigned to a case (child or sibling group) during the fiscal year. CASA volunteers ensured that a child's voice was heard in court and prodded the system to work as it should—in the child's best interest. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our CASA volunteers. You are special people who continue to amaze us with your determination, dedication and caring. 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. We couldn't do the work we do without our many community partners or without the support of the judges and staff of the Lancaster County Juvenile Court. Special thanks to Judge Toni Thorson who retired in October 2019 for all of her support and the many times she swore-in new volunteers over the years.

Finally, we are especially grateful to all of our donors—individuals, businesses, and foundations—you make our work possible. We deeply appreciate the on-going support we receive from Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at UNL—we are glad to have them on the CASA team! With all of us working together, we can make sure abused, neglected, truant and ungovernable children have a voice in court and that their best interests are front and center! We are poised to continue to grow our program and we can't do it without all of you. So, thank you!

*Dawn Rockey*

Executive Director, CASA for Lancaster County

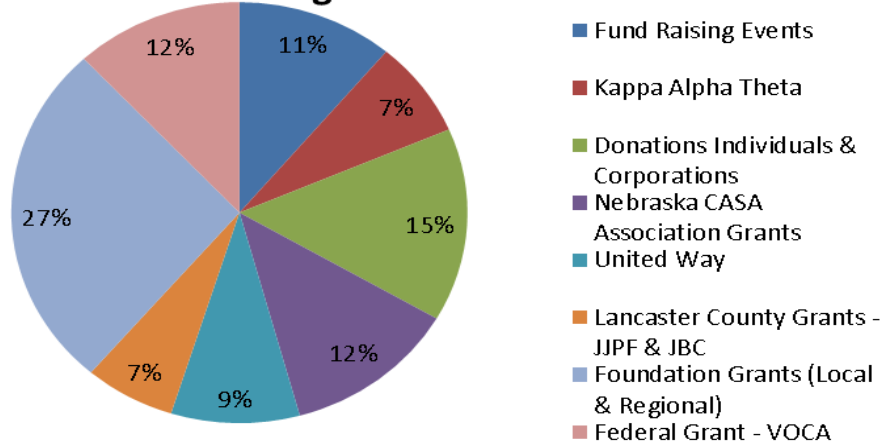
**CASA for Lancaster County**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018**

	2019	2018
Changes in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Revenue and Support		
Charitable donations	\$ 45,604	\$ 54,685
Fundraisers	34,200	35,953
Grants	115,578	136,724
Miscellaneous revenue	365	240
Investment income, net	2,985	1,886
Total Revenue and Support	<u>198,732</u>	<u>229,488</u>
Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions		
Nebraska Crime Commission	43,519	17,648
United Way	28,023	27,797
Lancaster County	23,511	12,989
CHE - City of Lincoln	5,000	-
Betsy Tonniges	10,000	-
Julie Aksamit	-	10,000
Contributions	-	800
Total Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions	<u>110,053</u>	<u>69,234</u>
Total Revenue without Donor Restrictions	<u>308,785</u>	<u>298,722</u>
Expenses		
Program services	239,621	245,828
Support services		
Management and general	36,247	39,339
Fundraising	9,060	6,634
Total Expenses	<u>284,928</u>	<u>291,801</u>
Increase in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	<u>23,857</u>	<u>6,921</u>
Changes in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		
Revenue and Support		
United Way	5,437	49,023
Lancaster County	24,398	19,500
Nebraska Crime Commission	-	46,322
CHE - City of Lincoln	-	5,000
Betsy Tonniges	-	10,000
Contributions	1,800	-
Net assets released from restrictions		
Nebraska Crime Commission	(43,519)	(17,648)
United Way	(28,023)	(27,797)
Lancaster County	(23,511)	(12,989)
CHE - City of Lincoln	(5,000)	-
Betsy Tonniges	(10,000)	-
Julie Aksamit	-	(10,000)
Woods Charitable Fund	-	(10,000)
Contributions	-	(800)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>(78,418)</u>	<u>50,611</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(54,561)</u>	<u>57,532</u>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>198,016</u>	<u>140,484</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 143,455</u>	<u>\$ 198,016</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



## Funding Sources 2018-19



## Additional Statistics Fiscal Year 2018-19—Children:

Children Served: 236

Female: 119

Male: 117

Race/Ethnicity:

African American—14%

Asian American—1%

Caucasian—48%

Multi-racial—11%

Native American—11%

Hispanic/Latino—15%

## Volunteer Advocates:

Assigned to child(ren) - 104

Male—17

Female—87

Ages 21—29: 24

30—39: 16

40—49: 17

50—59: 20

60+: 27

Race/Ethnicity:

African American— 1%

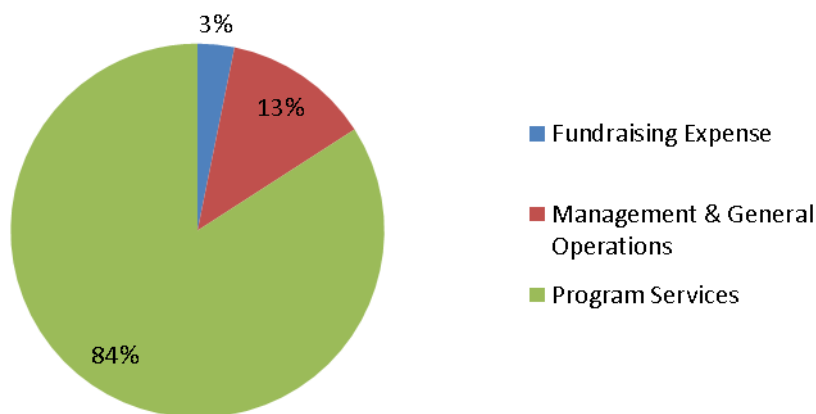
Caucasian— 90%

Multi-racial—1%

Hispanic/Latino—6%

Other—1%

## Functional Expenses 2018-19



2019 Nebraska CASA Gala—CASA for Lancaster Co. Table



September 2018—New Volunteer Training Class with Judge Ryder

**Thank you to all of our donors. Without your financial support, we couldn't advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, truant and ungovernable children in Lancaster County. You enable us to make a difference in children's lives—Thank You!**

**Donors \$15,000 & Over**

Dillon Foundation  
Kappa Alpha Theta - UNL  
Nebraska CASA Association  
Nebraska Crime Commission - Victims of Crime Act Grant  
Sherwood Foundation  
United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County

**\$5,000 to \$14,999**

Cooper Foundation  
Joint Budget Committee - Lancaster County  
Julie Aksamit  
Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund -  
Lancaster County  
Rogers Foundation

**\$1,000 to \$4,999**

American Communications Group  
Bryan Medical Center - Megan Driesbach Padilla  
Donna Williams  
Doug & Mary Carper  
Dr. Stacie & Bob Bleicher  
Elizabeth Tonniges  
Firespring Foundation  
James Stuart III Family Foundation  
Jennifer Carmer-Hall  
Kevin & Kelly Winnik  
Lonnie Flagtwet  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
The Nebraska Bank of Commerce  
Vi See

**\$500 to \$999**

Anne Woita  
Arnie & Sue Johansen  
David & Shirley Williams  
Jan Sibal  
Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club  
Marcus Epp  
Sheila Bentzen  
Vickie Ross

**\$100 to \$499**

Alex Currie  
Anne Eklund/LulaRoe  
Audrey Mines  
Ava & Dan Thomas  
Barbara Finke  
Bethany Women's Club  
Bob & Gina Egenberger  
Carmen & Richard Jirovec  
Charlene & Bob Gondring  
Chris & Judy Hove  
Chuck Sorensen  
Danene Tushar

**\$100 to \$499**

Dawn & Brian Rockey  
Don & Jan Egenberger  
Dori Bush  
Emma Cornell  
INSPRO  
James & D'Arcy Blosser  
James & Julie Pittenger  
Jensen Rogert Associates  
Jill & Steve Simonson-Cohn  
JoAnne Kissel  
John & Beatty Brasch  
Julie Johnson  
Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae  
Katie McLeese Stephenson  
Kristine Brenneis  
Laurie Weber  
Linda & Norman Helzer  
Linda Porter  
Lori Griggs  
Maggie Wieting  
Maid To Please - Brenda Schwery  
Marijane Hancock  
Mary Petersen  
Moises Padilla  
Nancy Packard  
Nelnet Foundation  
Pamela Baker  
Pat Carragher  
Pat Raybould  
Pinnacle Bank - 2018 Charity Run  
Propelr LLC  
Raymond United Methodist Church  
Red Capital Management LLC  
Regina Edwards  
Richard Evnen  
Sally & Bruce Rockey  
Sally Buchholz  
Sande Dirks  
Sandy & Bill Ludwig  
Sara & James McLoughlin  
Scheels  
Scott & Terri Nelson  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Steve Adams  
Sue Gildersleeve  
Susan & Joyce Foster  
Tommi Jones  
Trixie Schmidt  
Women's Welcome Club of Lincoln





Scenes from 2018-19:

Heroes for Children Fundraiser, Swearing-In New Volunteers, Be The Voice Lincoln 2019 Fundraiser, Holiday In-Service at Chez SoDo and gifts from the CASA Giving Tree at Nebraska Bank of Commerce!

