

**CHANGE A
CHILD'S STORY.™**



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2022-23

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.

2022-23 Fiscal Year Statistics

Number of Children Receiving Advocacy Services	318
Number of New Children Served	113
Number of Children Reaching Permanency (Case Closure)	103
Number of New Volunteers Trained	35
Number of Volunteers Assigned to a Case During the Year	121
Number of Family Groups Served	167
Average Length of Time Volunteers Remain in Program	27.6 Months

From the Executive Director -

The 2022-23 fiscal year saw more children and youth entering the child welfare system than the previous year. CASA volunteer advocates and staff advocated for 9.2% more children this year than last. While we have steadily increased the number of children we serve, the number needing our advocacy services continues to grow. Your support of our mission, to provide a voice for abused and neglected children in the court system so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes, has enabled us to serve more children by recruiting and training more volunteers.

Volunteer advocates are critical to serving more children. We had 121 volunteers assigned to a case (1 child or a sibling group) during the fiscal year. CASA volunteers gathered critical information about the child’s well-being and ensured that a child’s voice was heard in court. Our volunteers prodded the system to work as it should—in the child’s best interest. Thank you to all of our wonderful CASA volunteers. They are compassionate people who continue to amaze us with their determination, dedication and caring. Recruiting new volunteers is always a priority. We recruited, trained and swore-in 35 new volunteers in 2022-23. We also have a dedicated board of directors who work to make sure our organization is properly funded and meets all National CASA standards and requirements. We also are thankful to our many community partners and our four Juvenile Court Judges and their staff. We couldn’t do the work we do without their support and cooperation.

In closing , we are especially grateful to all of our donors—individuals, businesses, foundations, local and state government. You make our work possible. We greatly appreciate the on-going support we receive from Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at UNL. Their efforts on our behalf truly makes a difference in children’s lives. With all of us working together, we can ensure that abused, neglected, truant and ungovernable children have a voice in court and that their best interests are front and center! We are committed to continuing to grow our program and provide quality advocacy services to more children in the system and we couldn’t do it without all of you. We ask for your continued support. Working together we can help “Change a Child’s Story™” everyday.

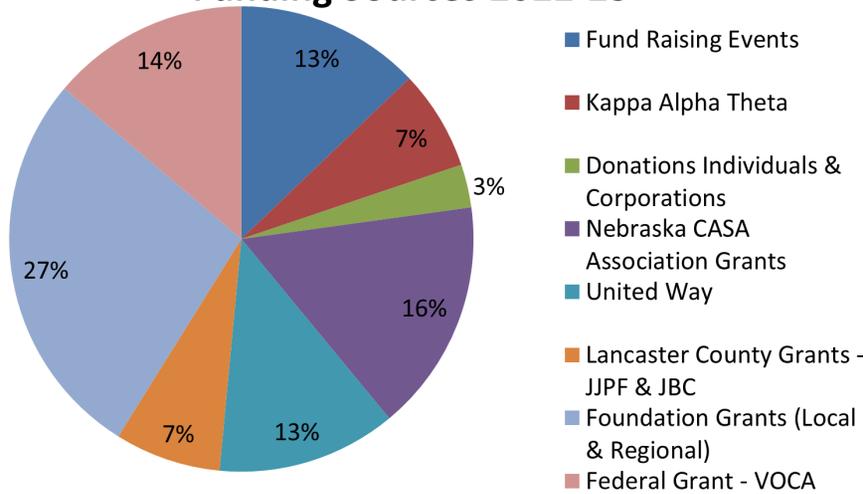
Thank you,



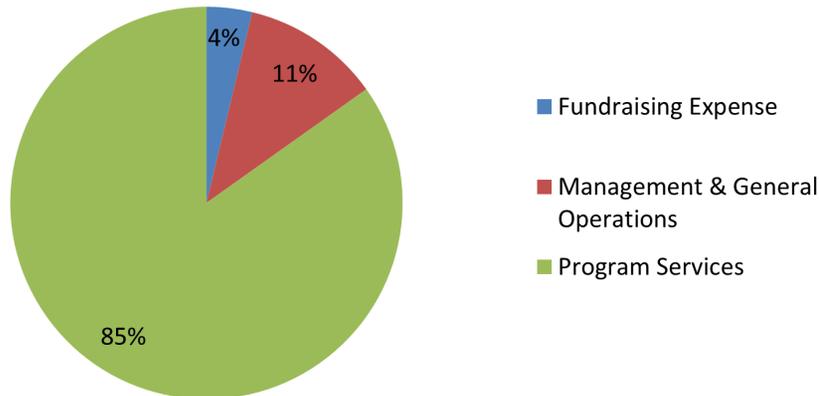
Executive Director, CASA for Lancaster County



Funding Sources 2022-23



Functional Expenses 2022-23



Fiscal Year 2022-23 Statistics

Children:

Children Served: 318

Female: 147

Male: 171

Race/Ethnicity:

Black/African American: 23%

Caucasian: 57%

Multi-racial: 11%

Native American: 9%

Not Hispanic or Latino: 78%

Hispanic/Latino: 22%

Ages:

Under 5: 33%

5 to 12 Years: 38%

13 to 17 Years: 21%

18 to 21 Years: 8%

Volunteer Advocates:

Assigned to Children: 121

Male Advocates: 17

Female Advocates: 104

Ages:

21 to 29: 39

30 to 39: 16

40 to 49: 14

50 to 59: 16

60+: 36

Race/Ethnicity:

Black/African American: 2%

Asian American: 2%

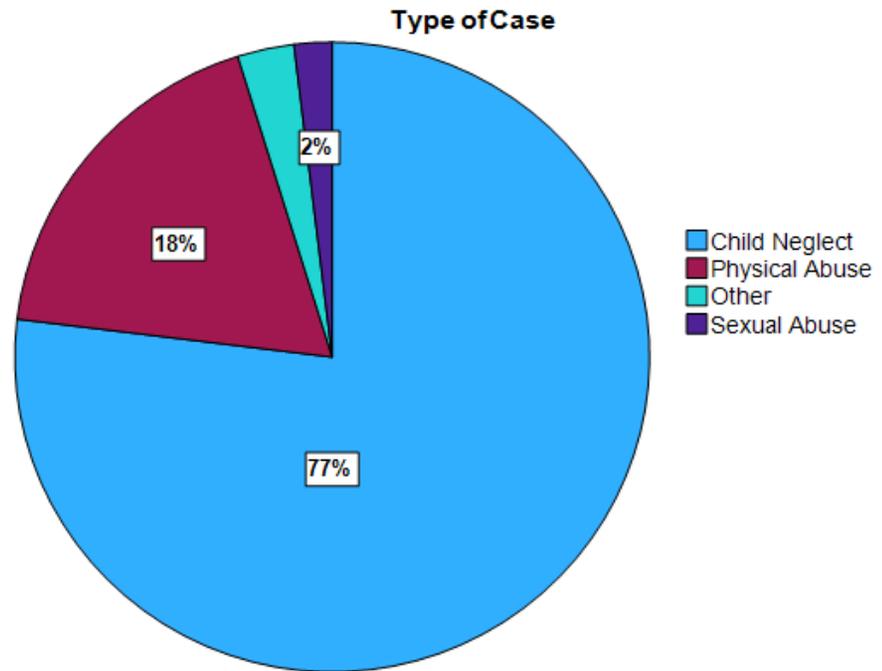
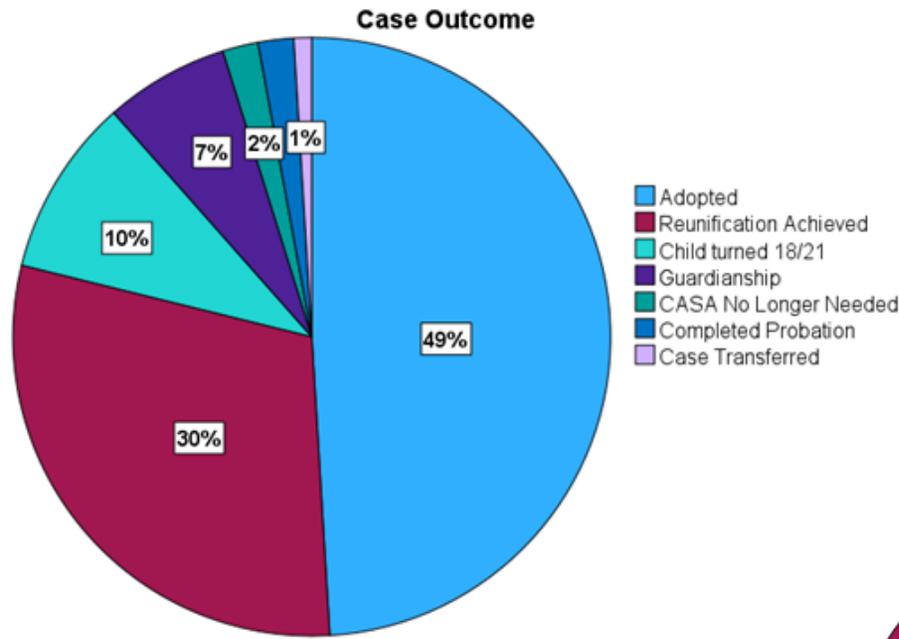
Caucasian: 92%

Multi-racial: 4%

Not Hispanic or Latino: 98%

Hispanic/Latino: 2%

CASA for Lancaster County continues to work with UNL through our Lancaster County Joint Budget Committee (JBC) Grant to analyze our data. Below are charts for 2022-23 showing Case Outcomes and Case Type for the children we served during the fiscal year whose case closed. The charts show an increase in Adoptions (49%) over last year (36%) as well as a sharp increase in Physical Abuse cases (18%) over the 2021-22 fiscal year (10%).



We are grateful for the assistance of Dr. Richard Wiener at UNL and his graduate students for analyzing our data.

2022-23 Highlights—Events, New Volunteers and Volunteer Recognition

John and Pam Van Cleaf, two of our Outstanding Volunteers with Associate Director Kristi Morrow



Starting Line of the 2022 Donut Dash for CASA at Mahoney Park.



Be the Voice Lincoln 2023—Finalists



May-June 2023 New Volunteer Class: Sarah, Alivia, Jillian, Judge White, Robin, Kerry and Brooke.

CASA for Lancaster County

Board of Directors: 2022-23

Colten Zamrzla, Board President
Kelly Winnik, Board Vice President
Bryce Morgan, Board Treasurer
Audrey Mines, Board Secretary
Sheila Bentzen
Amber Bogle
Tyler Loos
Dustin Romshek
Elizabeth Tonniges
Maggie Wieting
Dr. Emily Willett
Andrew Wilson

CASA for Lancaster County Staff

Amanda Conradt, Senior Volunteer Coordinator
Hannah Lindblad, Volunteer Coordinator
Kristi Morrow, Associate Director
Dawn Rockey, Executive Director

The 2022-23 fiscal year was full of challenges. With the help of our donors, we had a successful Give to Lincoln Day, Donut Dash 2022 and Harvest of Heroes Volunteer Recognition. We are also very grateful for the tremendous support we received from local and regional foundations. The funding ensured that we were able to continue recruiting and training new volunteers and supporting and retaining our assigned, experienced volunteers. Through hard work and financial support, we assisted 318 at-risk children by advocating for their best interests and needed services. To do this work, it takes a team and we are very thankful for our volunteers, donors, board members and staff. As a team, we are all committed to continuing to work to “Change a Child’s Story™” every day.

Thank you to all of our donors. Your donations enable us to advocate for more abused, neglected, truant and ungovernable children each year. Your make our work possible.

Thank You.

CHANGE A CHILD’S STORY.™



CASA FOR LANCASTER COUNTY



Thank YOU.

CHANGE A
CHILD’S STORY.™

