

# Annual Report 2022



Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

## SAINT LOUIS

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**Mission:** CASA of St. Louis engages highly trained volunteers to provide best-interest court and community-based advocacy for children in the foster care system due to abuse and neglect.

CASA of St. Louis advocates within the juvenile courts for children and youth from birth through age twenty who are in foster care due to abuse and neglect. Our Court Appointed Special Advocates help children achieve the best possible outcome and permanent placement as they heal from trauma, progress in school, participate in childhood activities, and plan for the future.

We succeeded in continuing our advocacy despite many challenges presented by the pandemic, which disproportionately impacted people experiencing poverty and further complicated the lives of children in foster care. Parental drug use has increased in cases referred, and incidences of abuse and neglect have increased in severity. The learning gap caused by temporary pandemic-induced school closures and long-term online learning has greatly impacted children in foster care—many of whom already face the challenge of frequent school changes.

In FY22 (July 2021-June 2022) we provided advocacy to 421 children and youth in foster care in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, and supported 266 volunteer advocates. Of the 88 children who exited foster care, 88% achieved a safe, permanent home. The majority resulted in adoption (43%), reunification (25%), or guardianship (23%).

FY22 Income	
Contributions & Grants	\$787,496
Paycheck Protection Program Income	\$328,880
Earned Revenue	\$10,772
In-Kind Revenue	\$108,130
Restricted Program Grants	\$803,899
Events	\$26,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,065,634</b>

FY22 Expenses	
Program (67%)	\$1,135,636
Management (17%)	\$288,997
Fundraising (16%)	\$274,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,699,124</b>

Net Assets	
Assets at start of year	\$1,524,015
Assets at end of year	\$1,920,184
<b>Increase in assets</b>	<b>\$396,168*</b>

\*entire surplus is restricted for future use

