

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, helping them heal from trauma, progress in school, participate in childhood activities, and plan for the future. We envision a community in which our most vulnerable children are equipped to develop the resilience necessary to survive and thrive in—and beyond—foster care.

We provided **advocacy** to 515 children and youth in foster care. Of the children that exited foster care, 90% achieved a safe, permanent home. Many of these children exited foster care to parental reunification (59), the home of a guardian (43), or through adoption (35).

Many children we served had the benefit of **CASA volunteer advocacy**. We had 228 volunteers contribute an estimated 13,500 hours serving 425 children in foster care.

For years, the number of volunteers we had at any given time hovered around 200. However, by the end of FY21 we had 214 CASA volunteers, a net gain of 16 compared to the start of the FY. Recruiting, screening, and training 68 new volunteers contributed to this growth. We also successfully retained 81% of our volunteers for 29+ months (the average length of a case). As of June 30, 2021, 93% of the children we serve have the benefit of a CASA volunteer.

### 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.

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Income		Expenses		Net Assets	
Contributions & Grants	\$1,706,315	Program (74%)	\$1,240,300	Assets at start of year	\$1,069,032
Program Fees	\$11,132	Management (14%)	\$239,340	Assets at end of year	\$1,537,925
Other	\$417,199	Fundraising (12%)	\$201,107	Increase in assets*	\$468,893
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,134,646</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,680,747</b>		

\*entire surplus is restricted for future use

