





2020 was a tough year for us all. Many of us were isolated from our family and friends because of COVID-19. Talking online or via phone isn't quite the same as a warm hug from someone we love. Yet, we lived in hope when we could be together again and focused on what really matters. Family, safety, relationships, and so many other things would no longer be taken for granted.

At CASA, our volunteers focused on the children. Drive by visits, FaceTime, and porch hellos replaced in-home meetings. Generous donors stepped up to provide children with food, furniture, electronics, and other necessities. Internally, we focused on effectively using technology to contniue training new volunteers, provide new learning opportunities to current volunteers, and to support staff even at a distance.

YOU focused on us, too. Your generosity ensured we were able to keep serving children in new and inventive ways. Thank YOU from the very bottom of my heart. As we move forward, I hope you will continue to support us as we see a new influx of children who went unheard and unseen last year. Because of YOU, we will continue our focus to be more effective, more innovative, and more compassionate.

Sincerely,

William J. Myes

William Myers, President & CEC

letter from the ceo

REVENUE

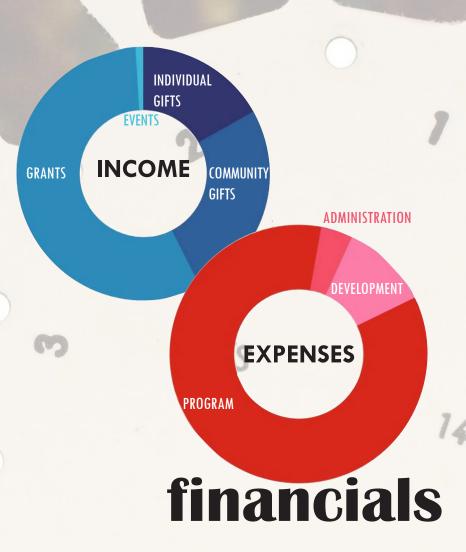
Grants & Contributions	\$1,059,279
Investment Income	\$2,182
Special Events (net)	\$7,885
Paycheck Protection Program	\$33,900
Other Income	\$175
TOTAL	\$1,103,421

EXPENSES

TOTAL\$907,319	
Fundraising \$111,582	
General & Administrative \$56,396	
Program Services\$739,341	

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,086,974
Net Assets	\$2,086,507
Current Liabilities	\$374
Assets	\$2,086,974



Remy ended up in the hospital a lot. He was only 6 years old and they diagnosed him with type I diabetes and celiac disease. His mom was on drugs and neglected him. It was then that Remy was paired with a CASA and moved in with his great aunt. Remy's CASA was there to make sure he didn't end up back in the hospital. After a few visits, the CASA learned that the great aunt didn't understand celiac disease or how to handle type I diabetes. He ended up back in the hospital. His CASA was there to hold his hand and make sure he wouldn't be scared. After this last trip to the hospital, Remy was put into a foster home.

Sarah, his foster mom, took Remy to several doctors to get the complete work up. She taught him how to use the insulin pump and made him gluten free meals. When his CASA visited, she noticed he was happier and was even doing better in school. Remy liked Sarah and her kids. They all got along.

Remy's mom failed to get clean and his great aunt wasn't well enough to take on all his needs. He didn't have any other family. Luckily, Sarah asked Remy if wanted to live with them permanently. Remy said yes. Sarah adopted Remy on this 8th birthday.

REMY, 8 YRS OLD



MIKE, 16 YRS OLD

Ike knew he wasn't like the other boys in his class, he knew he was different since he was little. But, he was good at pretending to fit in. When he started high school, he thought maybe he could be himself, his real self. He had a few friends who helped him come out at school. But, when his mom found out, she became unhinged. She hit him & had a black eye when he went to school. He was immediately removed from his mom. That's when he met his CASA. He wasn't if he would be like his mom. But, he listened. He accepted him for him. It was then that he knew that he could trust his CASA.

His CASA was optimistic, especially when Mike got placed with a caring foster family. It was early March 2020 & Mike was excited about hanging out with friends, old and new. But, then school was cancelled. Then, the world shut down. His CASA kept in touch by texting and Facetime. His Freshman year ended with him in his bedroom on a computer screen. His CASA saw how much he struggled. He was physically isolated & emotionally isolated. His CASA helped him find a therapist. Mike struggled, as did so many of his peers. But, his CASA kept checking in. When it was safe, he visited him with a mask on. They took a walks in the park. His CASA encouraged Mike to stay in touch with his friends.

After summer, Mike was upset about having to start school online. He didn't pay attention, turn in assignments or participate. With the suggestion from his CASA, Mike's foster parents reach out to his two best friends & their families. They agreed the kids should meet outside at least once a week. After the first visit, Mike's mood changed. He was more helpful at home & smiled more. A few more weeks, his progress report improved and his foster parents said he was more talkative at the dinner table.

By spring of 2021, the kids were vaccinated and the dark cloud hanging over Mike dissipated. His CASA recommended long-term foster placement & to continue with his therapy. Mike is excited to start his junior year this coming fall in-person.

VOLUNTEERVOICES

"Being a mom to a young kid is hard! I try to offer compassion and moral support to the entire family. The children do better when the parents do well."

-IENNIFER

"We, CASA's, are privileged to meet our families, to visit them regularly and to provide whatever help we can. Being a CASA is not only important but also rewarding."

- BOB

"I was a high school teacher & Guidance Counselor for 40 years. When retirement came around, I knew I would miss working with kids. So I became a CASA. I continue to take cases because something I say or do makes a difference."

-LINDA

"I became a CASA volunteer because I was looking to make a difference in an individual way by focusing on one family and one child. By making a difference in one child's life, I can make a difference in other's lives too. -CINDY

"If children are given the space, encouragement, and opportunity they can become more than their environment...I became a CASA to give them a voice in the courts & out in the world."

- CARTER

"My motivation to continue volunteering for CASA is the children. They have no voice and suffer consequences of their parent's actions."

-KRISTEE

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CASA reached 83% of its volunteers application goal

CASA reached 90% of its new volunteers goal

AGE 21-39

AGE 40-59

AGE 60+

80% FEMALE 20% MALE

56% WORK FULL-TIME 27% RETIRED **WORK PART-TIME**

UNEMPLOYED

-- VOLUNTEERS ---

→ CHILDREN ⊢----**SERVED** CASA reached 80% of its goal AGE 0-5 AGE 6-12 AGE 13-18 49% FEMALE 51% MALE 2>MORE RACES OTHER BLACK/ AFRICAN **AMERICAN** WHITE **REMOVAL REASONS FOR**

EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT

PHYSICAL NEGLECT

PHYSICAL ABUSE SEXUAL ABUSE

CASA Volunteers were paired & advocated for children with active abuse/neglect cases in Family Court

Children found permanent, stable housing through reunification, adoption, or quardianship.



% of volunteers who cerved in 2019 also served in 2020

BACK TO 🗞 SCHOOL //

133 kids received

HOLIDAY 🚓 **SPONSOR**

112 kids received holiday gifts

new school supplies

Children received basic neccessities, like groceries



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^{*}Indicates staff who were present in 2020 but are no longer employed.