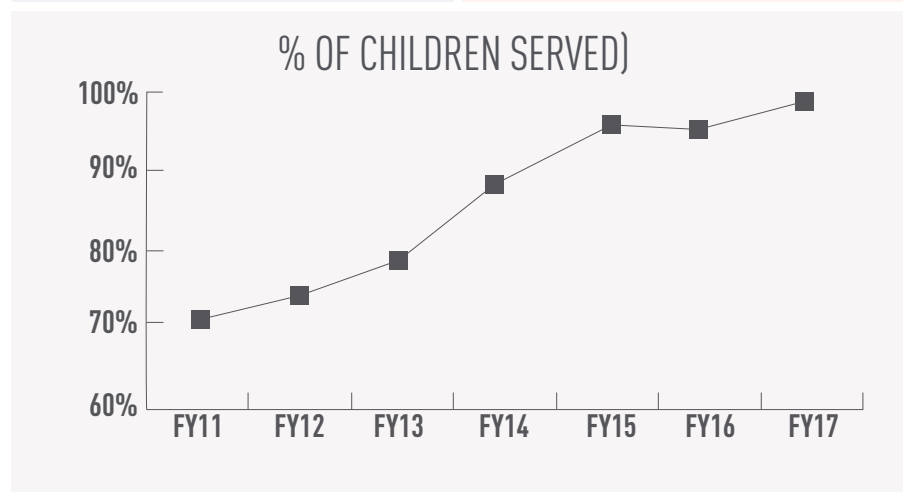
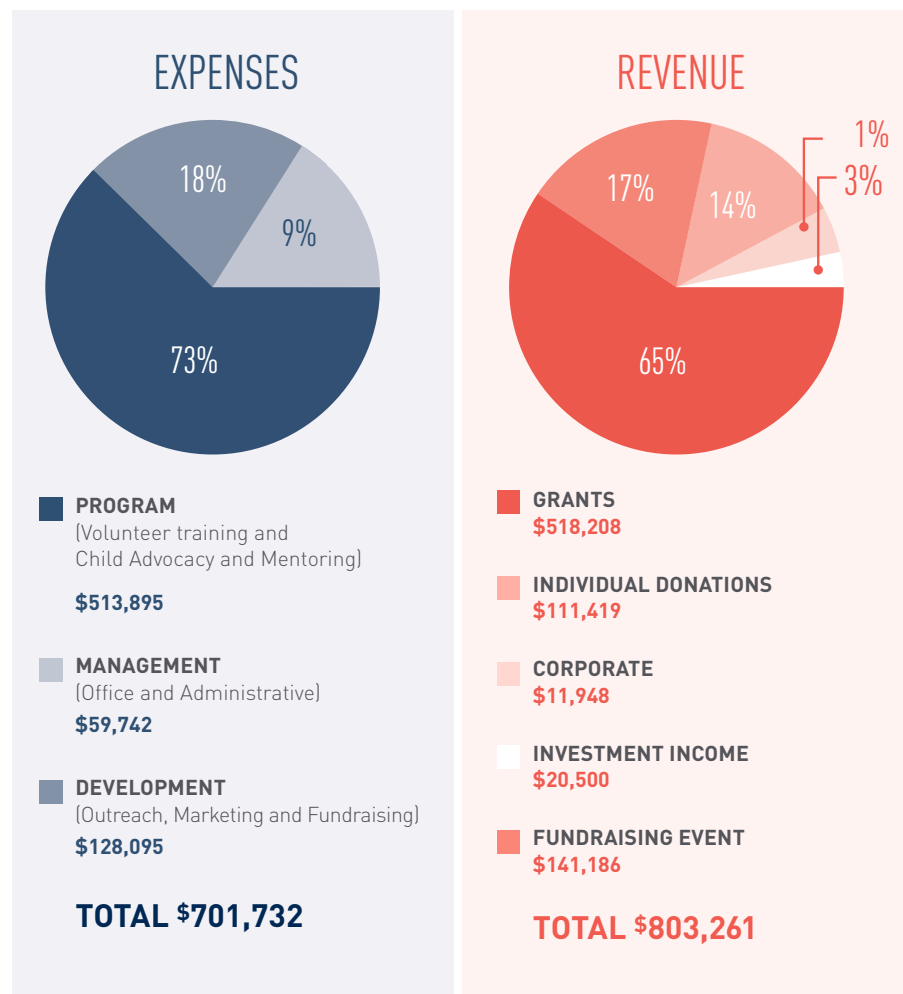



HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2017:

JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017




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A Member of the National CASA Association

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST YEAR...

177 CASA VOLUNTEERS
advocated for 338 children

108 NEW CHILDREN
were added to the CASA caseload

129 CHILDREN
found safe, loving homes through
CASA's advocacy

11,656 HOURS OF SERVICE
reported by our CASA volunteers

112,289 MILES DRIVEN
by CASA volunteers to visit their assigned
children and to attend meetings and court
hearings on the children's behalf

\$311,215 OF CHILD ADVOCACY
services were provided by our volunteers
based on the hourly dollar value of \$26.70,
as calculated by the Independent Sector

3.5 YEARS
average volunteer retention rate, the
highest rate among NJ CASA programs

98% OF THE CHILDREN
in foster care in Morris and Sussex
Counties were served by our organization
compared to the NJ state average of serving
32% of children in care.



OUR MISSION is to be a strong voice for the best interests of vulnerable children who have been removed from their homes or are under court supervision due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. We recruit, train and supervise community volunteers to be advocates, mentors and champions for each child on his or her journey to a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

CONTINUING TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

2017
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30 years
CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
CASA OF MORRIS AND
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CASA... CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends,

Cellphones, homeland security, DVDs, iPads, space shuttles, Harry Potter, social media, ATMs, the Soviet Union’s collapse, international terrorism, designer water, electric cars—the world in which we live today is quite different from just 30 years ago, when CASA of Morris was established to train community volunteers to become “a child’s voice in court.”

CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties’ 30 year history has been shaped by over 1,400 volunteers who advocated and mentored 5,789 children and youth, who were victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. These children’s lives have been forever changed. They have been given a chance to see beyond their circumstances and envision a future filled with opportunity and hope because of the dedication and advocacy of CASA volunteers.

We have achieved our vision of assigning a CASA volunteer to every child in foster care in our two counties. We are the only CASA program in NJ that has accomplished this and we could not have done it without all of YOU. Our Volunteers, Staff, Trustees, and Donors. You are the ones who have built the foundation of CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties and supported the work of bringing better tomorrows to vulnerable children.

Thirty years since our beginnings and child abuse and neglect are not diminishing. A child’s emotional, physical, and mental well-being is fragile and easily compromised. We will not stop our work until the time when all children are protected from harm, live in a permanent and stable family environment, and receive the services that will meet their developmental, educational, physical, and mental health needs.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that we continue to provide valuable advocacy to every child until he or she has a safe, nurturing, permanent home.

Together, we will continue to make a difference.

Skippy Weinstein

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“A CASA has the opportunity to help repair the damage a child endures when he or she is separated from parents and to give the gift of possibility in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds.”
- Nathaniel Wechsler, CASA Volunteer 2.5 years

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ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR ORGANIZATION

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“ I have seen amazing things from CASA volunteers that are so compelling that it would bring a tear to your eye. Their commitment and dedication is inspiring. ”

- Family Court Judge

HAYLIE & NAYA'S STORY



Eight- year- old twin girls Haylie and Naya were removed from their home due to their mother's arrest for the possession and selling of cocaine and heroin. Their mother's history included substance abuse and diagnosis of Depression and Bipolar Disorder.

The twin's stepfather, Carlos, was designated as the caregiver while their mother was incarcerated. Subsequently, Carlos was arrested for driving while under the influence with the twins in the car. The twins were placed in a foster home, and Susan, a CASA volunteer, was assigned to be their advocate.

Both Haylie and Naya were diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and medications were prescribed. Susan visited the school and met with the teachers to assess the girls' educational needs. When she was informed that the twins were exhibiting lethargic behaviors and were unable to focus, she immediately communicated with the psychiatrist; and the twins were taken off the medications.

After a year, the twins' birth mother was released from jail and was complying with the court orders; however, she was not ready to be reunified with her daughters. Susan recommended to the Judge that the mother have additional time to work toward reunification, and the Judge granted a three-month extension.

After 20 months in foster care, the Court approved reunification of the girls with their mother. Knowing that successful reunifications are dependent on having resources in place for the family, Susan wasn't finished with her advocacy. She was there to help this family navigate government agencies to get the resources they needed to thrive. Susan assisted the mother to fill out paperwork for financial assistance, food vouchers, and permanent housing. Susan researched and found additional financial assistance

from community organizations and businesses. She even contacted the local gas company to ask them to waive the \$500 security deposit required to turn on the gas in the family's new apartment.

“ I saw a huge positive change in the girls' behavior; they were angry when we first met. ”

- Susan Brezina - CASA Volunteer

Susan solicited donations of furniture, linens, and household items and connected the family with a local food pantry. Susan assisted the mother in exploring employment opportunities and identifying employers who were willing to accept people who had been arrested. She coached the mother on how to dress appropriately and present for job interviews.

The new apartment location meant the girls would need to attend a new school. Susan facilitated a smooth transition by securing the necessary documents from the previous school district for submission to the new one and by meeting with the Child Study Team to review the girls' educational plans. Susan even assisted the mother to enroll Haylie and Naya in summer camp.

After a successful reunification, the Court dismissed the case, and Susan's advocacy role ended. Several months later, the girls' mother delivered a picture of her smiling daughters as a gift for their CASA volunteer who had worked tirelessly to help them stay together and succeed as a family.

A CASA volunteer can truly impact a family's stability by providing them with a strong foundation to move forward and live independently.



CURRENT & PAST PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS

Child Advocacy: Children who are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment and living in foster homes or residential facilities are assigned to trained volunteers for advocacy in the Family Court system. CASA volunteers make recommendations to the court for critical community resources and services to improve a child's stability and outcomes. Volunteers also ensure that each child is in a safe, nurturing, and permanent home as soon as possible.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training: The process to become a CASA volunteer advocate includes recruitment, orientation sessions, interviews, background checks, 6 weeks of combined classroom and online training, Swearing In ceremonies presided over by the Family Court Judges, and case assignment. Additional In-Service training is provided for our volunteer pool throughout the year.

Fostering Futures: The goal of this Program is to improve outcomes for youth ages 14-21 who will be aging-out of the foster care system. It incorporates the following three strategic components.

1) Connecting: to connect youth who have no home to call their own with a positive adult role model to count on for ongoing support

2) Mentoring: to identify the youth's strengths, areas for improvement, and the resources and services needed to establish the youth on a path toward a healthy, productive life. The emphasis is on life skills such as work and study habits, maintaining healthy relationships and daily living activities.

3) Coaching: to help youth reach their full potential by promoting a positive self-identity with goal setting, action plans and identifying and using community resources.

PAST PROGRAMS

Family Drug Court: This program provided treatment and services for substance-abusing parents whose children were in foster care as the result of child abuse and neglect. The services provided were designed to successfully rehabilitate the parents, balance child safety and permanency, and work toward family reunification or another safe, nurturing placement for the child. 2004- 2015

Youth Centered Advocacy Program (YAP): CASA volunteers advocated to facilitate the movement of youth detained at the Juvenile Detention Center to an alternative, less restrictive environment.

Supervised Visitation: CASA volunteers were trained to supervise visits between children and their non-custodial parent in a safe, interactive environment. 1997-2010



How YOU can help us ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN

- Attend an Information Session to learn the process to become a CASA volunteer to advocate for a child.
- Make a tax-deductible donation of cash or appreciated securities.
- Ask your employer to match your gift to CASA.
- Honor a family member or friend by sending a tribute card; in memory of, in honor of, thank you, happy birthday etc.
- Include CASA in your Will or Estate Plan.
- Become a member of the CASA Board of Trustees

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Our community came together to provide birthday presents, holiday gifts, beach towels, backpacks, school supplies, teddy bears, toiletries and smiles for over 350 children in foster care.





CHILDREN SERVED THRU FY17 = 5789 | VOLUNTEERS TRAINED THRU FY17 = 1431

- 1987** - 11 volunteers served 15 children
- 1997** - 105 volunteers served 110 children
Served 48% of children in foster care in our 2 counties
- 2007** - 159 volunteers served 320 children
Served 69% of children in foster care in our 2 counties
- 2017** - 177 volunteers served 338 children
Served 98% of children in foster care in our 2 counties

30 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First and only CASA program in NJ to serve 98% of the children in foster care in our two counties compared to the state average of serving 32% of children
- Our volunteer retention rate is 3.5 years, the highest rate among NJ CASA programs
- Moved to professional office space with ample room for all staff and volunteer interactions
- Established Board Restricted Endowment Fund
- Sustain a solid financial status with reserve for operational funds
- Professional staff of 13
- Began Fostering Futures Program to prepare youth for independent living prior to aging-out of the foster care system

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

- **Sandra Jacobsen** 1985- 1994
- **Barbara Ward** 1994-Sept. 2008
- **Lisa Barsky Firkser** March 2009- Present

LONGEST FUNDERS:

F.M. Kirby Foundation— The F. M. Kirby Foundation aims to effectively manage and utilize that which has been entrusted to it over multiple generations of the Kirby family. The foundation fosters self-reliance to create strong, healthy communities.
Funding CASA since 1993, 17 grants total donation \$335,000

Page Hill Foundation— The Page Hill Foundation, Inc. is a small family foundation focused on improving the lives of America's less fortunate youth.
Funding CASA since 1998, consistently each year for a total of \$132,816



WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?



To recruit, train and supervise community volunteers to serve as advocates, champions and mentors for children in foster care



To support CASA staff Case Supervisor salaries; these are the volunteers' mentors, supervisors and advisors



To provide children in foster care with backpacks and school supplies; birthday gifts; holiday gifts; sports equipment; cell phone calling cards; appropriate outfits for job interviews; transportation vouchers, SAT prep courses etc.



For volunteer mentors to take teens from our Fostering Futures program on outings to theatre, sports events, museums, visits to colleges and other educational and vocational venues to prepare teens for independent living



For organizational overhead (rent, utilities, supplies, equipment, printing)

A special Thank You to the Team at W20 Sentient for donating their time, talents and friendship to CASA throughout the year. We especially appreciate their design of this Annual Report.

LONGEST TRUSTEE: RICHARD A. MOORE (DICK)

Dick has been on the Board of Trustees for the past 16 years, serving in the roles of Board President, Vice President, Treasurer and as our Interim Executive Director. Dick served as Chair of the annual Golf Outings and has taken on the role of mentor and historian for Trustees and staff for the past 16 years, 2001-present.

"As a CASA trustee, unless you have been an advocate, you do not see firsthand what CASA does to help the children we serve, that is to say children removed from their homes and placed in the system because of abuse or neglect.

What I see and have seen over the years is the dedication on behalf of those children, on the part of our volunteers and staff. These extraordinary people have made a difference in the lives of so many children, and it has been meaningful for me, as one trustee, to play a small part in supporting their efforts."—Dick Moore

LONGEST VOLUNTEER

John Ryan became a CASA volunteer advocate in 1997 and is still an active volunteer. He took a hiatus from volunteering from 2006-2010, when he was hired as a Case Supervisor and then promoted to Senior Case Supervisor. John has advocated for 10 children/youth through the CORE CASA program and 15 youth through the Youth Center Advocacy Program. He has given over 1,200 volunteer hours and driven 10,650 miles.

"In addition to a strong advocate, children in out-of-home placement and especially teenagers need someone they know genuinely cares, is reliable and consistent, and who is

a positive role model too. As a CASA volunteer and Fostering Futures mentor, I strive to be an enthusiastic champion in general while sharing what I have learned from experience to be crucial for making good decisions, improving potential, and preparing for a successful and happy adulthood. It can be challenging work but is vital and most rewarding. For these reasons I keep coming back for more opportunities to make a difference in the life of a needy young man, and intend to continue for as long as I am able to." —John Ryan

FIRST BOARD PRESIDENT: MARILYN SEMER

In 1985 Marilyn Semer served as Co-chair of the CASA project for the National Council of Jewish Women [NCJW]. Along with the assistance of many other women in the NCJW chapter, Marilyn spent two years learning the court system, meeting judges and court officials, applying for funding, and preparing to train the first group of volunteers from the community. Marilyn continues her involvement with CASA 32 years later as a member of our Advisory Council and Fundraising Committee.

"When the CASA program was but a proposed pilot project I thought to myself, "Why not give it a try? Wouldn't it be wonderful to make a difference in the life of a child in unfortunate circumstances. That motivated me to volunteer as co-chair of the pilot project. I stand by that decision. Thus 30 years later of CASA's active service to children I continue to give my time, energy, passion and financial support. It's a worthy legacy. I couldn't be prouder of the accomplishments of the staff and volunteers throughout the years." —Marilyn Semer

"You go into a courtroom and you will see lawyers who know the law and have dozens of kids' files, or you have social workers who know the regulations and have dozens of kids' files. But if a CASA volunteer is in the room, you will see they have just one file, and what they know is that one child. And that can make all the difference to a judge's decision regarding how the rest of that child's life is going to go."

- Anna Quindlen





The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) initiates the CASA project in Morris County.



Fran Raguso is hired as first Case Supervisor

Sandra Jacobsen retires and Barbara Ward, a CASA volunteer, is hired as Executive Director

CASA office moves into Morris County courthouse

CASA of Morris expands services into Sussex County—opened office in Sussex Judiciary Center



First Candlelight Vigil: held for 5 consecutive years to honor National Child Abuse, Prevention and Awareness Month in April (2000-2004)

Barbara Ward retires and Richard Moore, Board President takes over as Interim Executive Director



Three Executive Directors
Sandra Jacobsen
Barbara Ward
Lisa Barsky Firkser



CASA's 25th anniversary



30th Anniversary Celebration of CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties

1987

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2012

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2017

First grant received from the Geraldine R Dodge Foundation - \$15,000

Marilyn Semer is appointed as the first Board President and Sandra Jacobsen is hired as the Executive Director.

The first volunteer training class is held and 9 new CASAs are Sworn In and assigned to 12 children.



Judge Theodore Bozonelis and Marilyn Semer sign the official paperwork to make CASA a corporation.



First Golf Outing is held and continued as an annual event from 1994-2009 as our organization's major fundraiser



First Lawyers for Kids 5K held. Thank you to Bill Kraus, Esq. and the Morris County Bar Foundation for hosting this event for 10 consecutive years 2005-2014 and for donating a total of \$57,000 to our organization

Lisa Firkser, Ph.D. is hired as Executive Director



First Gala Celebrating our 25th Anniversary



"Weaving Lives Together" Celebration of Volunteers, Board and Staff, sponsored by the Page Hill Foundation.