

Lift up a child's voice. A child's life.™



Statistics about abused and neglected children in Tennessee:

According to the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, in 2015 there was a total of 683,487 victims of child abuse and neglect in the US.

According to Kids Count 2016, there were 73,099 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in Tennessee.

Fact- According to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services Annual Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 there were 8,008 children remaining in state custody. Of these children, 6,596 were in state custody due to abuse and neglect.

Fact- A 2016 report released by Prevent Child Abuse America funded by Pew Charitable Trusts estimated the annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States to be \$80 billion dollars. This figure includes both direct and indirect costs of child abuse.

Fact- Federal law requires that juvenile and family courts appoint a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in all cases of child abuse and neglect, who, in Tennessee must be an attorney. CASA advocates who are volunteers may also be appointed by the court. See Tennessee Code Annotated 37-1-149.

Fact- The National CASA/GAL network consists of more than 1,000 programs in 49 states, whose more than 76,000 volunteers serve over 251,000 children every year.

Dear Friends,

2017 was another year of change and renewal for CASA Nashville.

We welcomed several new and exciting faces at CASA through our new volunteer advocate training as well as the addition of several key staff members. Brenda Thompson, an Advocate Supervisor for over 20 years retired, and while we miss her expertise and compassion, we are excited for her new season. Reflecting on our changes through this past year has made me ever so grateful for the supportive community we have in you.

In the last several years, we've seen as many as 800 children in foster care pass through the Davidson County Juvenile Court. With the growth of Nashville on the rise, we unfortunately don't anticipate that number lowering any time soon. These children are our community's most vulnerable youth. They have been abused, neglected and abandoned. CASA provides much needed professionally trained and dedicated volunteer advocates to ensure that these children have a voice.

Last year, thanks to the support of hundreds of generous donors, and the incredible dedication and selflessness of 177 Volunteers, was able to provide 282 children with a CASA Volunteer Advocate. These Advocates stay with their child every step of the way, from the beginning of the court process until they are placed in a safe, stable, permanent home.

A child represented by a CASA Advocate:

- *Is more likely to find a safe, permanent home*
- *Will receive more needed services while in the court system*
- *Will spend less time in foster care*
- *Will do better in school*
- *Is less likely to be bounced from home to home*

As a matter of fact, in 2017, 98% of recommendations regarding permanency (where a child will ultimately find a permanent family) made to the court by a CASA volunteer were accepted,, and 100% of children going through Davidson County Juvenile Court remained in their safe, stable home for at least six months after that placement.

Change and growth always brings new challenges and as we look forward to next year and years to come, we are determined and excited for the possibility to be able to serve ALL of the children who desperately need a voice.

Sincerely,
Julieanna Huddle
Executive Director



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2016 – 2017 Key Points

1. **Number of children served – 282**
2. **Number of active volunteers – 177**
3. **Number of volunteers trained this year – 51**
4. **Percentage of Casa recommendations accepted by the Courts – 98%**
5. **Percentage of children that remained in a Safe Home six months after placement – 100%**

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2017 REVENUE

%	Revenue
52.82%	Development
33.37%	Special Events
0.90%	United Way & Designations
12.9%	Contracts & Fees
0.00%	Investments



2017 EXPENSE

%	Expense
50.07%	Salaries
12.84%	Fringe Benefits
9.23%	Professional Fees
11.22%	Special Events
2.51%	Supplies
2.72%	Communication
8.76%	Occupancy
0.75%	Volunteer Dev.
1.04%	Training & Travel
0.55%	Dues & Misc Exp.
1.29%	Insurance



Total Revenue	\$577,471.00
Total Expense	\$695,225.00
	\$(117,754.00)

Save the Date:

Holiday Open House – December 7, 2017

19th Annual Red Shoe Party – April 28, 2018

The Big Payback – May 1, 2018

12th Annual SEC-ACC-Big 10 Golf Tournament – August 2018

CASA Nashville Birthday Celebration – September 26, 2018

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