



# 2016 Annual Report

*Empowering abused and neglected children with a volunteer's voice in court.*



## CASA Names Amy Boydston Executive Director



In May 2016, Amy Boydston began her position as Executive Director for CASA. She succeeded long-time Executive Director Lois Rice, who retired on May 31st. Amy came to CASA with a long history of experience in child advocacy. This expertise will grow CASA's impact on behalf of abused and neglected children throughout the community.

Lois Rice commented, "I have known Amy since becoming CASA Executive Director in 1998, and have observed first hand her passion and leadership. I am glad she has been selected as the next Executive Director."

"Amy and I worked together for several years providing professional and community trainings during her tenure at Sunflower House. I know Amy's goal is akin to CASA's mission in that we are all working to obtain a safe and permanent environment for every child. I look forward to working with such a compassionate and knowledgeable person", said Amorita Johnson, CASA Program Director.

Prior to joining CASA, Amy had been Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas working in program development and grant management. She looks forward to connecting with CASA's volunteers and community partners.

### 2016 Highlights:

- 211 volunteers served 437 children.
- 100% of children were kept safe from additional abuse or neglect.
- 96% of children had stability in CASA advocate.
- 99% of court hearings addressed information from CASA reports.
- 95% of kids experienced permanency in placement.



**A CASA Story:** Fifteen year-old Maggie was placed in the care of the state after her parents abandoned her upon discharge from a residential treatment facility. Maggie had already been through a lot in her life, having battled cancer and a lost limb to her treatment. A child of unfortunate circumstances, many placed on her by her parents,

she struggled with mental health issues. With no home to return to, Maggie was placed in foster care and Rhonda was appointed as her CASA advocate.

Rhonda spent many hours with Maggie, talking about Maggie's regular high school experiences, as well as her interest in volunteer work and the trips she had taken with a youth competition choir and cancer camp. Rhonda's diligence in serving the best interests of Maggie led her to interact with multiple case managers, health providers, therapists, school personnel, and others. Her sound recommendations to the court helped facilitate the foster family becoming an adoptive home for Maggie.

Today, Maggie enjoys life to the fullest and has developed a great inner strength in spite of her challenges. Maggie has announced plans to continue her work with young children afflicted by cancer. Rhonda knows full-well that Maggie will accomplish this career goal as she has already beats the odds many times over.



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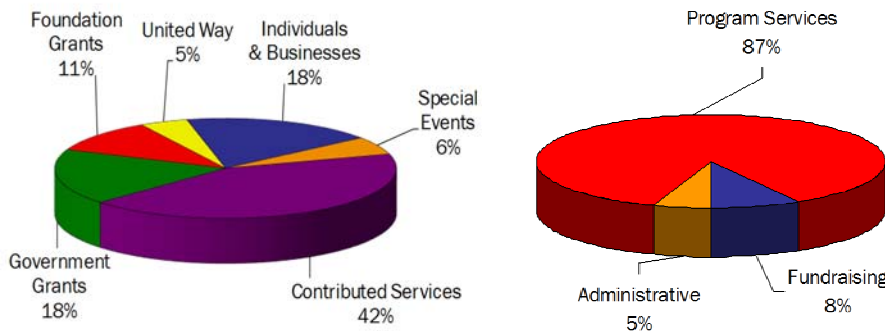
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## Financial Statement

Year-Ended 2016

Revenues: \$1,239,620 • Expenses: \$1,316,572



The average cost to provide a CASA advocate to one child is \$1,800 per year. This amount covers recruitment, screening, training, supervision and support, as well as other operating costs. We are pleased that \$.87 of every dollar contributed is dedicated to direct program services.

## Program Statistics

	2016	2015
CHILDREN SERVED	437	389
FAMILIES SERVED	265	239
VOLUNTEERS TRAINED	67	67
COURT HEARINGS STAFFED	717	542
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS	20,863	18,738