

THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

It's often difficult to put a price tag on the advocacy provided by a CASA volunteer. That is true of a case that recently ended in adoption where two children would not be thriving in a happy, healthy home, were it not for the dogged perseverance and tenacity of their CASA advocate Sally.



When Katie* and Daniel* were removed from their home three years ago, they had been severely neglected by parents who were mentally ill, addicted to drugs and suspected to have sexually abused at least one of their children. When the kids, then 11 and 9 respectively, were taken to their first foster home, the extent of neglect was immediately evident in more than just their tattered clothes and unkempt appearance. It was in this home they were taught basic manners, not to hoard food, how to brush their hair and teeth and other basic hygiene practices, among other things.

Their birth parents were criminally prosecuted and convicted on drug-related charges and their parental rights were eventually terminated. However, it wasn't long before a pre-adoptive placement was found for Katie and Daniel with a couple who wanted to build their family with children close in age to their nieces and nephews.

The transition was anything but smooth. Though they'd found themselves in a loving home, Katie and Daniel had long been exposed to violence and they began acting out, sometimes angrily, as they wondered when the bottom would inevitably fall out from something so good. Instead of letting the children force their way out of the home because of bad behavior, Sally fought for court orders that ultimately provided the children with specialized therapy and family counseling to preserve the placement.

"Sally made it her mission to ensure these children had hope and a future and she wasn't going to stop until that was achieved," her CASA Program Manager said.

When Katie and Daniel were adopted in August, more than 100 people from DCYF workers, CASA personnel, attorneys, court staff, family and friends were there to witness and celebrate it. Both are adjusting nicely to their new home and doing well in school. They are playing sports and each is learning to play an instrument. Katie even played her violin for the court during a hearing. Sally walked alongside both children every step of the way, serving as their biggest champion in a period of turmoil and uncertainty in their lives. She was their catalyst for hope because of your support.

*names have been changed to protect privacy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016: NH Auto Show Charity Night – Bedford, NH

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017: Snowfest at Loon Mountain – Lincoln, NH

Saturday, March 4, 2017: On Tap For CASA – Hooksett, NH

Friday, May 5, 2017: CASA Cares – Windham, NH



Our Children Your Impact

Year in Review Fiscal Year 2016



Due to your recent support, CASA of New Hampshire provided 80% of our state's neglected and abused children with highly-trained and compassionate volunteer advocates. As the heroin epidemic continues to shake communities across the state, we have faced a significant increase in the number of children in need of advocates. Your continued investment is vital to ensuring that the children who have been affected by their parents' and caregivers' addiction have the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

The impact of your support will be felt in our communities for years to come. Studies show that children with a CASA advocate are more likely to stay in school, get better grades and have higher self-esteem. Today, you may have helped us serve just one more child in need. Tomorrow, your contribution may help us to reunite a child with his family, provide a youth aging out of foster care with a CASA advocate as she transitions into adulthood, or lead to the adoption of a foster child into a loving home. Together we give these children hope for a brighter future. Thank you for supporting our mission to let every child's voice, no matter how small, be heard.

FY 2016 BY THE NUMBERS



465 volunteers



125 new
volunteers trained



739 families



1,198 children had
advocates by their
side



8,909 children with
advocates since 1989



67,813 hours
of volunteer
time



473,479 miles
traveled



Over \$3.5m: value of
volunteer advocacy
provided to NH

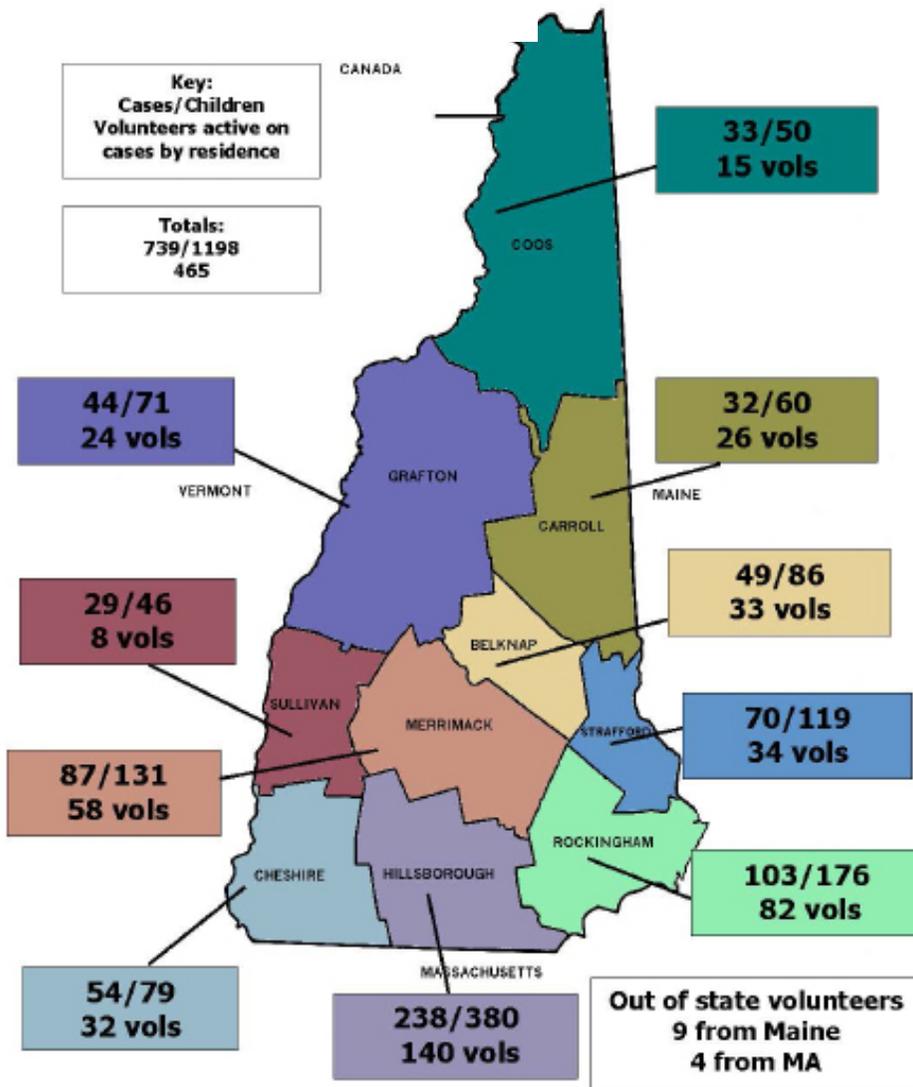
CASA of NH strives to protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family.



OUR ADVOCATES

A CASA volunteer advocate works to make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child by speaking for that child in court. Our advocates provide stability and make recommendations in the best interest of the children they serve. Our corps of 400+ volunteers are everyday people who donate their time to help New Hampshire's victimized children find safe, permanent homes.

FY 2016: ACTIVE CASES AND VOLUNTEERS



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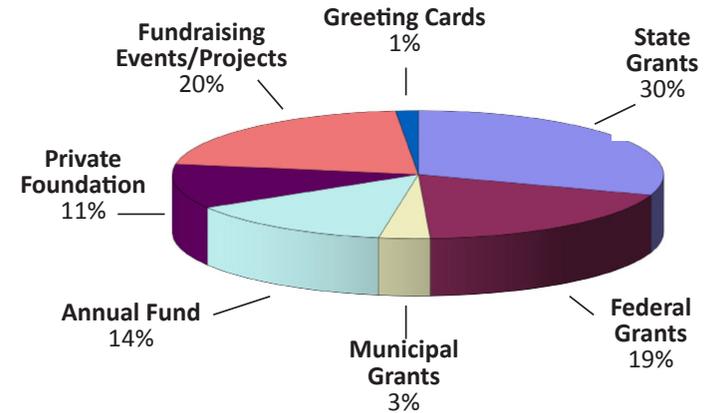
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Bedford, NH

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President and CEO

FUNDING SOURCES

Businesses and charitable foundations, state and federal contracts, and support from individuals continue to sustain CASA of NH, making it possible to further provide a critical service to children around the state.



FUNDING USES

CASA of NH strives to maintain frugal financial practices, a balanced budget, and funding diversity.

