

2024 Impact Report



Finding Home

This year Heidi,* who spent nearly six years in foster care, was able to rejoin two of her siblings in her forever home thanks to the advocacy of her CASA, Charlene, and her adoptive mother Jessica.

“The success in this is that CASA gave it an open-minded chance,” Jessica says.

Jessica met Heidi while she was providing foster care for two of Heidi’s younger siblings. Heidi was in a different foster home. Initially she had limited, supervised visits with her siblings, but she began coming to Jessica’s home more often. Jessica adopted Heidi’s siblings, but after the case closed, she lost contact with Heidi. When Jessica learned that after Heidi’s struggles in a foster home she’d ended up in residential care, she started visiting her.

Jessica’s message was clear: “I’m not here to convince you to come live with us. We’re here, and we love you, and no matter what path you take, you have siblings you’ll never lose again,” she says.

Finally, Heidi was placed in Jessica’s home.

“When I went to Jessica’s home, I immediately saw the amazing chemistry between Heidi and her younger siblings, and that just flipped the switch for me,” Heidi’s CASA Charlene says. “That this is absolutely the place that she belongs.”

She reached out to the case worker to push for an adoption date.

Heidi was officially adopted and permanently reunited with her siblings early this summer. Charlene describes the family today simply and powerfully: “The household is full of joy.”

**Due to CASA’s confidentiality policies, names and locations have been changed to prevent identification of a specific child. The accompanying photos are stock images for illustrative purposes only and do not depict the people involved.*

CASA’s Mission
CASA of NH provides a voice for abused and neglected children and youth by empowering a statewide network of trained volunteers to advocate on their behalf so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.



The Year In Numbers



663

VOLUNTEERS

682,048

MILES
DRIVEN

13,492

VISITS

92,028

HOURS



WE SERVED
1,538 CHILDREN

The Importance of Trauma-Informed Advocacy

CASA of New Hampshire provides high-quality, trauma-informed best-interests advocacy for children and youth throughout the state. CASA of NH GALs receive extensive training on trauma in addition to training on being aware of biases, loss, attachment, education, substance use disorder, mental illness, treatment, domestic violence and more.

“When kids have been abused or neglected, it clearly impacts their ability to trust adults,” explains CASA of NH Training Director Kelly Smith. These children, she adds, don’t have the language to express those feelings, nor do they have adults in their lives to give them that language and hold their story. Ultimately, they often communicate their experiences through behaviors that impact their lives.

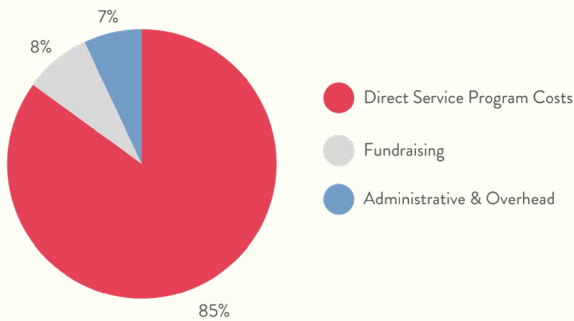
“The bottom line is, our advocates are not just looking at behaviors and getting stuck in a cycle of only focusing on the behaviors of a child,” adds Smith. “Our advocates understand that initially a child who has experienced neglect and/or abuse tells their story through their unhealthy behaviors. With CASA advocacy, our kids can receive the necessary services to work through their loss and trauma and begin to rewrite their story for themselves and potentially future generations.”

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“This group of volunteers truly provides necessary support for children in New Hampshire. We strongly believe in CASA’s mission, [to be] a voice for children who need advocates on their behalf. Sadly, there is too much abuse and neglect even here in New Hampshire, and it is our responsibility to provide support. It is a truly worthy nonprofit.”

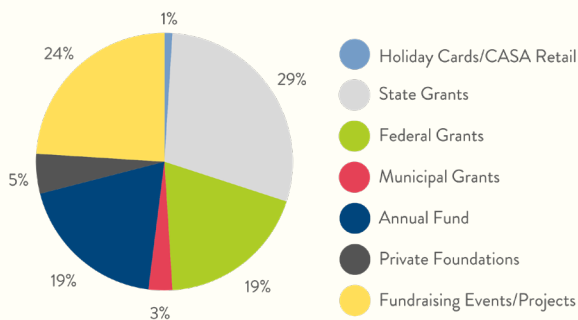
— Jim and Lois Champy
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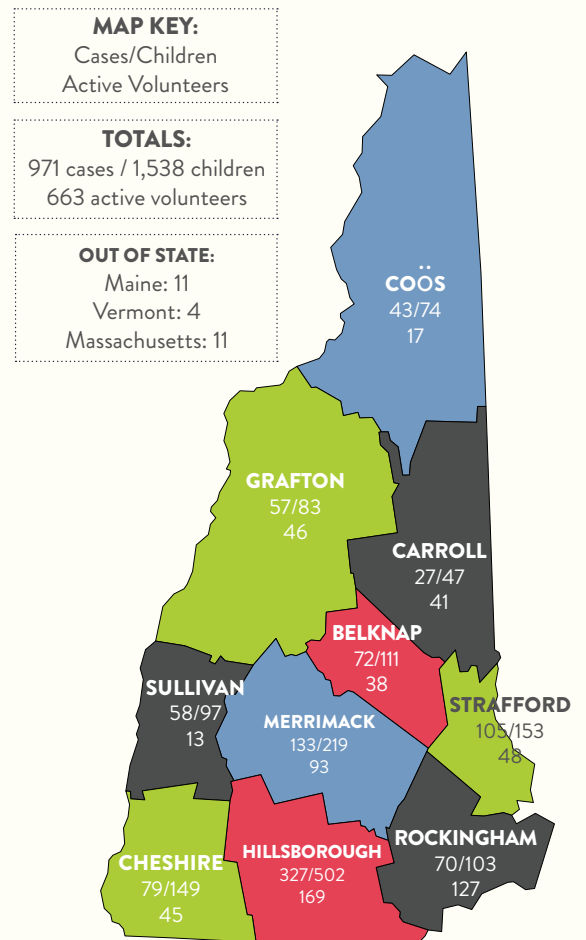
All costs related to administering the program, including recruiting, training, and supervising volunteer advocates

FUNDING SOURCES



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

2024 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS AND CASES



Full FY24 audited financials will be posted in November 2024 at casanh.org/financials