



July 15, 2026

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Town of Exeter
10 Front St
Exeter, NH 03833

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Dear Pam,

On behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, we respectfully request that the Town of Exeter include funding for our organization in your upcoming budget in the amount of \$3,000.

CASA of NH is a nonprofit that recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to serve as advocates for children throughout the state who have experienced abuse or neglect. Last year, over 600 volunteers provided advocacy for nearly 1,500 children. While CASA of NH is a statewide organization, our work is deeply local. In Rockingham County, 142 volunteers served 197 children in the past year. Many of these cases can take months or years to close. It is the CASA volunteers who get to know each child and the important people in that child's life to provide vital information to help district and family court judges make decisions based on the best interests of the child.

I have enclosed our latest Impact Report that provides additional information about our work throughout the state. Municipal funding represents nearly five percent of our annual budget. Each appropriation, no matter the size, helps strengthen our ability to ensure a child has an advocate standing by their side.

We are grateful for Town of Exeter's past support in the amount of \$1,500. We appreciate your time, service, and thoughtful consideration for continued support.

Sincerely,

Stacy Lopes
Director of Development

**CASA of New Hampshire's vision is a world in which every child
is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe, permanent home.**



TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
HUMAN SERVICES
FY 2027

Organization's Name: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH **Year Founded:** 1989

Address: PO Box 1327 Manchester, NH 03102

Executive Director/ Board Chair: Marcia Sink, President and CEO **Tax ID Number:** 02-0432242

Applicant Contact: Tarah Bergeron, Development Associate **Email:** tbergeron@casanh.org

Address: 138 Coolidge Ave Manchester, NH 03105 **Phone:** 603-626-4600 x2113

Organization's Mission Statement and Statement of Grant Purpose (e.g. This grant will be used...):

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire 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.

Funds will be used to recruit, screen, train, supervise and support volunteer advocates to serve the children from the Town of Exeter who need a caring and compassionate individual to see them through a dark time in their lives.

Brief Detailed description of how the money will be specifically utilized for Exeter residents:

The money given by the Town of Exeter will allow CASA of NH to advertise and recruit additional volunteers to serve the abused and neglected children of Exeter and surrounding area.

% of overall services that goes to Exeter residents: 1%

of Exeter residents served: 18

List all geographic area(s) served by organization: State of New Hampshire

Total Municipal Contributions in 2026: \$130,966.05

List each town that contributes and the amount received:

Account Name	FY 2026
Belknap County Commissioner	\$3,750.00
City of Berlin	\$500.00
City of Dover	\$3,273.25
City of Franklin	\$500.00
City of Keene	\$5,000.00
City of Laconia	\$1,500.00
City of Lebanon	\$2,000.00
City of Manchester	\$14,550.00
City of Nashua	\$15,000.00
City of Portsmouth	\$2,000.00
City of Rochester	\$3,750.00
Rockingham County Commissioner	\$6,000.00
Town of Alexandria	\$500.00
Town of Alton	\$500.00
Town of Amherst	\$500.00
Town of Andover	\$500.00
Town of Antrim	\$250.00

Town of Atkinson	\$500.00
Town of Auburn	\$500.00
Town of Barnstead	\$1,200.00
Town of Barrington	\$500.00
Town of Belmont	\$250.00
Town of Bennington	\$600.00
Town of Boscawen	\$500.00
Town of Bow	\$500.00
Town of Bristol	\$500.00
Town of Brookfield	\$1,000.00
Town of Brookline	\$500.00
Town of Campton	\$500.00
Town of Candia	\$1,000.00
Town of Canterbury	\$2,500.00
Town of Center Harbor	\$1,000.00
Town of Chatham	\$750.00
Town of Chesterfield	\$750.00
Town of Colebrook	\$1,000.00
Town of Dalton	\$500.00
Town of Danbury	\$1,000.00
Town Of Danville	\$1,000.00
Town of Deerfield	\$250.00
Town of Dorchester	\$150.00
Town of Dublin	\$470.00
Town of Dummer	\$500.00
Town of Durham	\$1,000.00
Town of Errol	\$500.00
Town of Exeter	\$1,500.00
Town of Francestown	\$500.00
Town of Freedom	\$500.00
Town of Fremont	\$1,000.00
Town of Gilmanton	\$1,000.00
Town of Gilsum	\$1,000.00
Town of Goshen	\$500.00
Town of Groton	\$250.00
Town of Hampstead	\$500.00
Town of Hampton	\$1,000.00
Town of Hampton Falls	\$500.00
Town of Hanover	\$500.00
Town of Harrisville	\$500.00
Town of Hinsdale	\$500.00
Town of Holderness	\$500.00
Town of Hollis	\$500.00
Town of Hudson	\$500.00
Town of Kingston	\$750.00
Town of Lancaster	\$1,000.00
Town of Landaff	\$500.00
Town of Lee	\$1,000.00
Town of Lincoln	\$500.00
Town of Litchfield	\$1,000.00

Town of Londonderry	\$922.80
Town of Lyme	\$500.00
Town of Lyndeborough	\$500.00
Town of Marlborough	\$500.00
Town of Meredith	\$1,000.00
Town of Milan	\$500.00
Town of Milton	\$750.00
Town of Nelson	\$1,000.00
Town of New Boston	\$1,000.00
Town of New Castle	\$500.00
Town of New Durham	\$400.00
Town of New Ipswich	\$500.00
Town of New London	\$2,000.00
Town of Newbury	\$500.00
Town of Newington	\$500.00
Town of Newmarket	\$500.00
Town of Nottingham	\$500.00
Town of Orford	\$500.00
Town of Ossipee	\$1,000.00
Town of Pembroke	\$500.00
Town of Piermont	\$500.00
Town of Pittsfield	\$1,000.00
Town of Plymouth	\$700.00
Town of Rollinsford	\$500.00
Town of Rumney	\$500.00
Town of Salisbury	\$500.00
Town of Sandown	\$750.00
Town of South Hampton	\$200.00
Town of Springfield	\$750.00
Town of Stark	\$500.00
Town of Stewartstown	\$500.00
Town of Strafford	\$750.00
Town of Temple	\$500.00
Town of Thornton	\$1,000.00
Town of Troy	\$1,500.00
Town of Tuftonboro	\$500.00
Town of Wakefield	\$1,000.00
Town of Washington	\$500.00
Town of Waterville Valley	\$750.00
Town of Webster	\$500.00
Town of Westmoreland	\$500.00
Town of Wilmot	\$1,000.00
Town of Wilton	\$500.00
Town of Winchester	\$3,000.00
Town of Windham	\$500.00
Town of Wolfeboro	\$2,000.00
Town of Woodstock	\$500.00

Organization's total projected budget for FY 2027: \$4,289,302

Amount Requested: \$ 3,000

Additional Information Required:

Please supply the following items for a complete application to be considered:

1. Provide a narrative, not to exceed two pages in size 12 font
 - a) Organization's overview
 - b) Program changes and/ or highlights from the past year
2. FY26 funded organizations must submit a brief summary of how those funds were used to support Exeter residents
 - a) If your organization is requesting an increase in funding for FY27, submit justification of increased need
 - a. Funding from the Town of Exeter in 2026 was used to support the residents of Exeter who are CASA volunteer advocates and the children of Exeter who have a CASA volunteer advocate. For FY2026, CASA is requesting an increase in funding, this is due to the demand of services in the area, and the value of training and support increasing. CASA estimates it costs \$3,000 to support one CASA volunteer advocate for one year. Full support from Exeter in the amount of \$3,000 will allow CASA to continue to meet the demand for services and provide crucial training and support needed to ensure the best interest of each child is seen and heard.
3. Complete financial statements
 - a) Operating budget
 - b) Balance sheet

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this proposal reflects accurate data concerning need and estimates of planned/delivered services. The proposal was considered and approved for submission by the agency Board of Directors on June 10, 2026(date).

By signing this application, the undersigned offers and agrees, if the proposal is accepted, to furnish items or services that is quoted. This agreement is subject to final negotiation and acceptance by the Select Board and the Budget Review Committee and subsequent contract award.

Director's (or Designee) Signature:_____ Date:_____

Submit no later than July 31, 2026:

Town of Exeter
Town Manager
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

CASA of NH
Profit Loss
Budget Summary YE 27

	New Budgeted FYE 06/30/27 (New Year)
INCOME	
Individual Contributions:	\$950,000
Greeting Cards:	\$18,000
Private Grants:	\$350,000
Government Grants/Contracts:	\$1,941,402
Fundraisers:Event Tickets & Sponsors:	\$720,000
External/3rd Party Fundraisers:	\$300,000
Other: Inkind,Interest&CASA Product	\$9,900
Non Budgeted One-Time Donation	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,289,302
EXPENSES	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,911,693
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$622,391
NON OPERATING ITEMS:	
Depreciation Expense	-\$72,252
Endowment Income	\$0
Impact Campaign New Income(Not Pledge pmts)	\$0
Operating Reserve Investment Income/Loss	\$433,000
Change in Endowment Investment Gain/Loss	\$112,000
	\$472,748
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-\$149,643

Balance to be covered by Impact Campaign Funds raised in previous years
These funds are sitting in our Operating Reserve

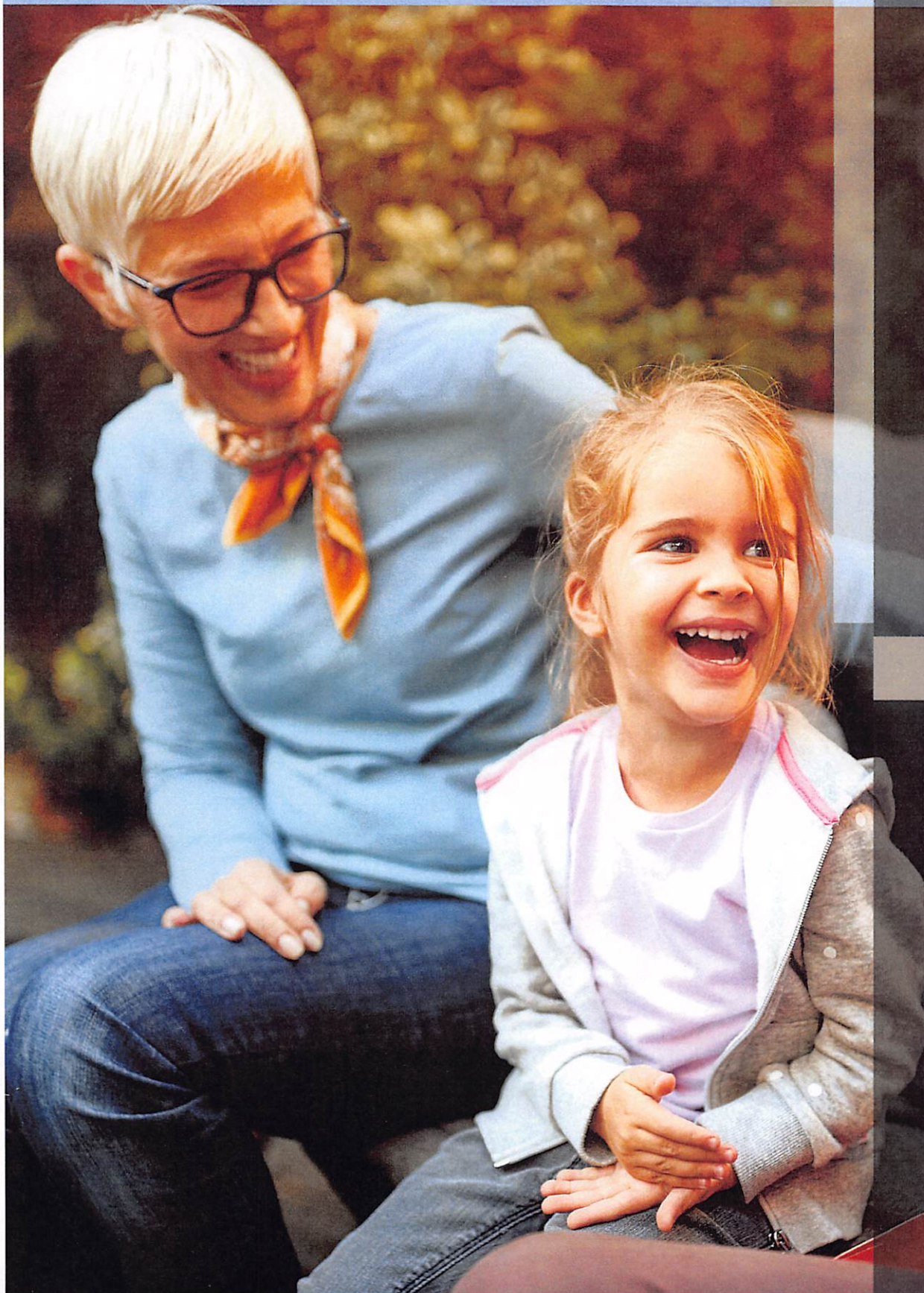
CASA of NH
Profit & Loss
Budget FYE 06-30-27

		New Budgeted FYE 06/30/27 (New Year)
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4100 · Donations - General	250,000	
4255 - Donations - Major Gifts	700,000	
4175 - Greeting Cards	18,000	
4225 - Event Fundraising	500,000	
4250 · Event Sponsorships	220,000	
4260 · CASA Product Sales	500	
4265 · External Fundraisers	300,000	
4350 · Private Grants	350,000	
4400 · State - GAL Grant	1,126,550	
4450 · Federal - Nat'l CASA	0	
4500 · Federal - VOCA	643,848	
4503 · Federal - Childrens Justice	0	
4504 · State - Court Imp Proj	0	
4510 - Federal - Title IVE	31,004	
4512- Federal -GOFERR/ARPA		
4513- Federal -ACF		
4550 · City/Municipality	140,000	
4600 · In-Kind Donations	2,200	
7010 · Interest Income	7,200	
Total Income	4,289,302	
Expense		
6000 · Fundraising Expense		
6185 · Gift & Sls Promo - Fundraising		
6400 · Facilities & Catering - Fundraising	41,000	
6525 · Event Supp & Exp - Fundraising	72,500	
6526 · In-Kind-Event Supp & Exp - Fundraising		
6570 · Registratn & Fees - Fundraising	5,500	
6645 · Postage & Deliver - Fundraising	2,450	
6685 · Printing & Statio - Fundraising	17,000	
6830 · Salaries - Fundraising		
Total 6000 · Fundraising Expense	138,450	
6005 · Office Equipment/Software	20,625	
6006 · Moving and New Location Costs		
6010 · Advertising	1,000	
6035 · Bad Debt Expense		
6040 · Bank Service Charges	0	
6050 · CASA product	2,000	
6070 · Conferences - Registration	1,250	
6080 · Conferences - Meals & Ent.	100	
6090 · Conferences - Accom/Travel	1,175	
6092 · Consulting	24,000	
6095 · CC Service Charges	33,000	
6120 · Dues, Membrshps, & Subscrptns	11,688	
6170 · Fees & Registrations	10,950	
6180 · Gifts & Sales Promotions	1,000	
6200 · Health Insurance	378,077	
6250 · Ins - General Liability (Jul Rnwl)	18,422	
6260 · Ins - Content (Jul Rnwl)	4,137	
6270 · Ins - Director/Officer (Jul Rnwl)	4,100	
6275 · Ins - Atty. Prof. Liab (Mar Rnwl)	5,231	
6278 · Ins - Emp Dishonesty (Jul Rnwl)	859	
6280 · Ins - Volunteer Accident (Jul Rnwl)	2,452	
6290 · Ins - WC (Jul Rnwl)	4,746	
6291 · Ins - Umbrella	4,221	
6292 · Ins - Internet (Jul Rnwl)	2,889	
6350 · Maint Agrmnts/Serv Contracts	10,500	
6355 - Maintenance - Computers	48,552	
6380 · Meals & Entertainment	8,400	
6440 · Mileage & Travel	42,200	
6480 · Staff & Volunteer Functions	20,250	
6520 · Office Supplies & Expense	24,000	
6560 · Payroll Service Fees	8,069	

CASA of NH
Profit & Loss
Budget FYE 06-30-27

	New Budgeted FYE 06/30/27 (New Year)
6580 · R/M Building	16,750
6600 · Payroll Taxes	245,914
6640 · Postage & Delivery	18,120
6680 · Printing & Stationary	7,780
6682 · Real Estate Taxes	0
6686 · Recruitment & Training Expenses	240,000
6690 · Rent	70,476
6710 · Contracted Help	
6720 · Prof Fees - Accounting	20,000
6730 · Prof Fees - Legal	0
6740 · Prof Fees - Technology	0
6745 · Prof Fees - Grant Writing	39,000
6790 · Performance Compensation Pool	80,079
6800 · Retirement Match	83,356
6804 · Salaries - Accounting	94,644
6805 · Salaries - Technology	181,771
6810 · Salaries - Staff	1,252,438
6820 · Salaries - Advocate Supervisor	1,355,811
6850 · Salaries - Legal Services	322,026
6862 · Taxes-IRS-990T	0
6880 · Telephone & Internet	34,824
6885 · Training - Staff	3,500
6890 · Utilities	12,860
6895 · Web Design - Covered by Grant	0
7200 · Interest Exp	0
	4,911,693
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	0
Total Cash Expenses	4,911,693
Net Operating Income	(622,391)
<u>Other Expenses: Non Cash Items</u>	
6100 · Depreciation Expense	72,252
Net Income After Depreciation	(694,643)
<u>Restricted Income/Expenses: (not in operating)</u>	
7030 · Endowment Fund Gain/Loss/fees	112,000
7022 · Operating Reserve Fund Gain/Loss/Fees	433,000
4700 · Impact Campaign	0
4259-Endowment Funding	0
	545,000
Net Income after Deprec & Restricted	(149,643)
Balance to be covered by Impact Campaign Funds raised in previous years	
These funds are sitting in our Operating Reserve	

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

NEW HAMPSHIRE

A Message From Our President

This past year has brought its share of new and unpredictable challenges, but thanks to the unwavering commitment of our volunteers, board members, staff and generous donors, CASA of New Hampshire has continued to be a consistent, respected and powerful voice for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. We feel confident that with this solid and diverse base of support, our ability to serve children and expand our reach is unchanged.

Our volunteers advocated for 1,487 children and youth across the state, giving voice to their needs and representing their best interests in court. We accepted 86% of the cases referred to us by the courts, a rate that reflects our deep commitment to serving as many children as possible, even in the face of increasing demand.

Our 664 volunteer advocates are nothing short of extraordinary. Over the past year, they donated 83,458 hours, drove 737,755 miles, and made 13,324 visits with the children they serve. Each mile traveled and every hour given represents a moment of care, compassion, and advocacy that can change the trajectory of a child's life.

As we look ahead, we will continue to adhere to our mission, growing strategically so we can serve more children and youth. We are inspired by the resilience of the children we serve, and are driven by the belief that every child deserves a safe and permanent home in which they can heal and thrive.

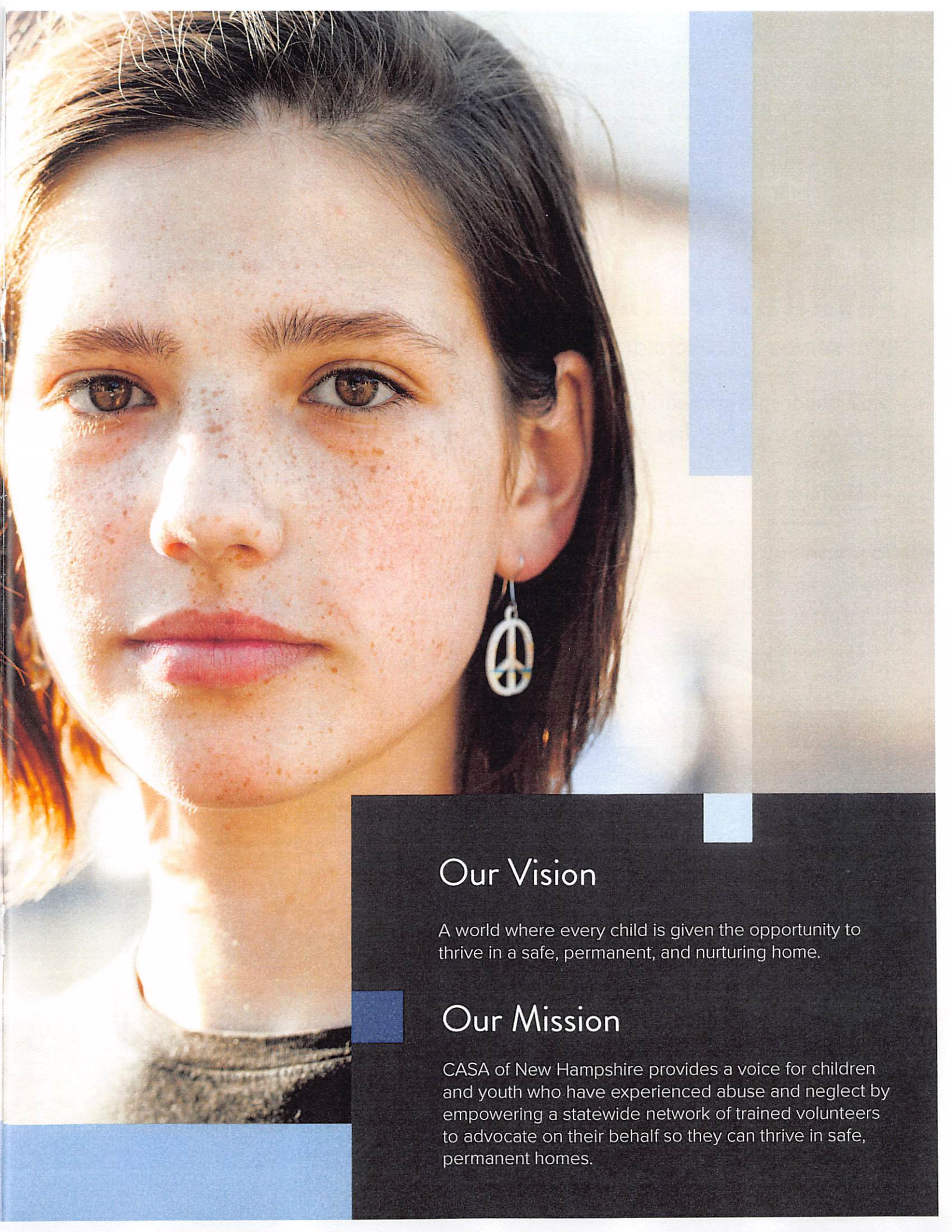
This wouldn't be possible without our steadfast community of financial supporters, which includes donors, family foundations, state funding, companies, and fundraising events. Thank you for your trust in us and dedication to our mission.

To our volunteers, staff, and board members – thank you. Your energy and passion are invaluable. Together, we are building brighter futures for New Hampshire's most vulnerable children.



Marty Sink
President and CEO





Our Vision

A world where every child is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

Our Mission

CASA of New Hampshire provides a voice for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect 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



We served 1,487 children

262 children were reunified
with their families

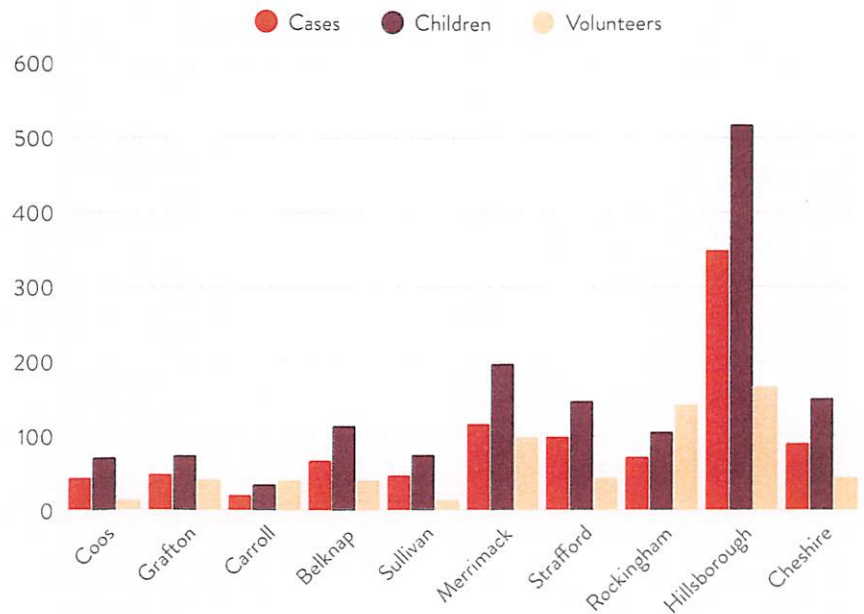
141 children were adopted

15 youth entered the HOPE
program, which supports
foster youth as they
transition to adulthood

We trained **138**
new **CASAs**

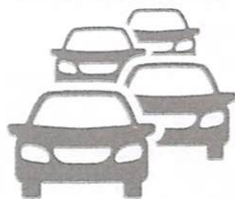


CASES AND VOLUNTEERS BY COUNTY



664
volunteers

*Our volunteers
serve in every
family court in
the state.*



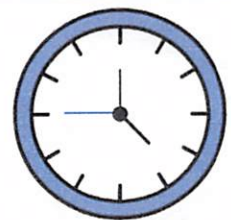
737,755
miles driven

*That's equal
to circling the
Earth nearly
30 times.*



13,324
visits made

*CASAs are
required to visit
with their child
at least once a
month.*

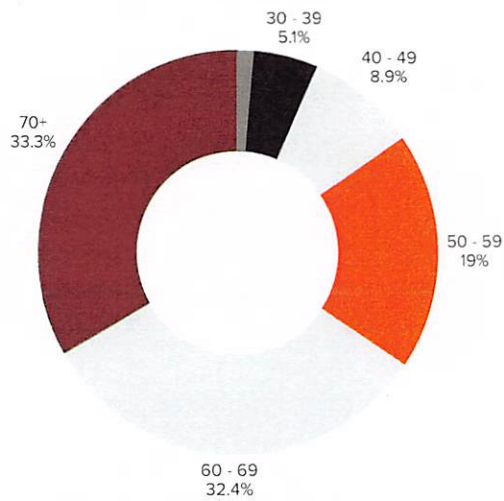


83,458
hours served

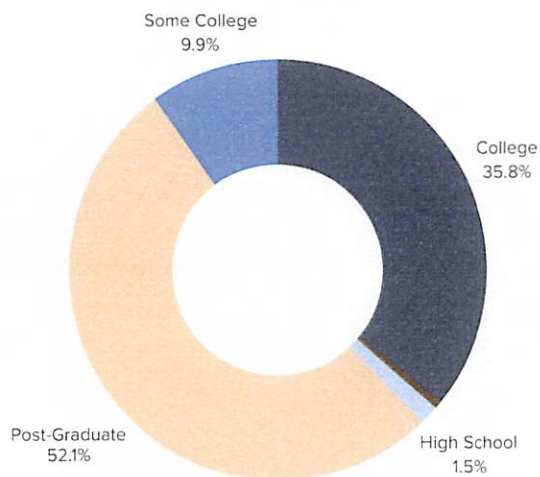
*That's equal
to 9.5 years.*

Volunteer Demographics

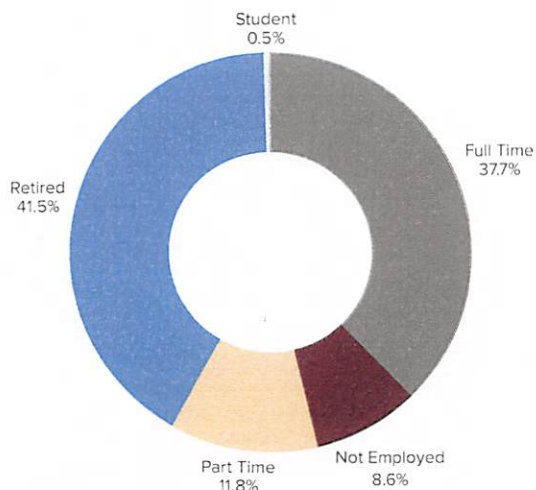
Age



Education



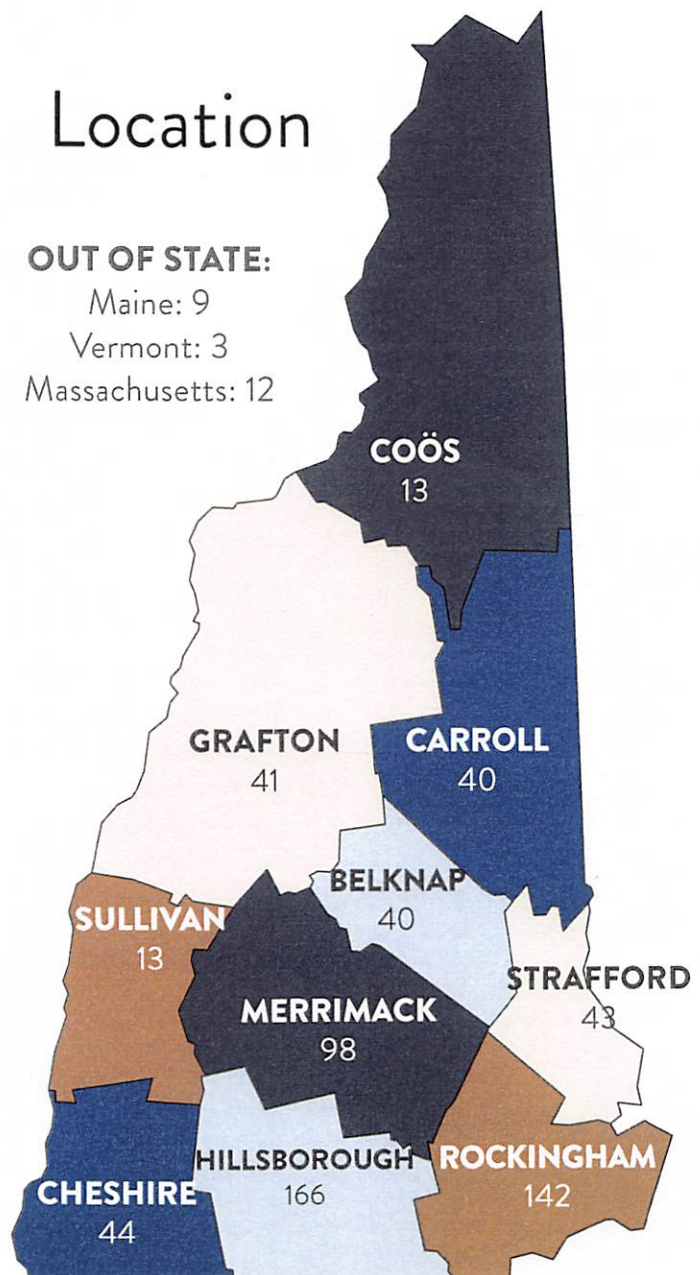
Employment



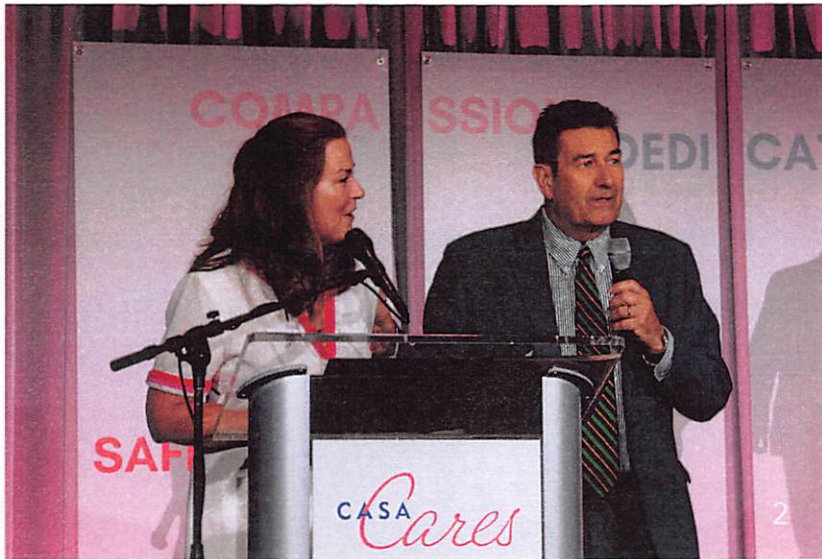
Location

OUT OF STATE:

Maine: 9
Vermont: 3
Massachusetts: 12



The Year in Photos



CASA Cares

CASA of New Hampshire held its annual fundraising gala CASA Cares: An Evening of Giving for New Hampshire's Children on May 2. Presented by Novocure, it was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester. The event included a live auction, wine-and-spirits grab, and jewelry raffle courtesy of Day's Jewelers. The event raised critical funds to aid CASA of NH in its mission to recruit, train and support our volunteers.

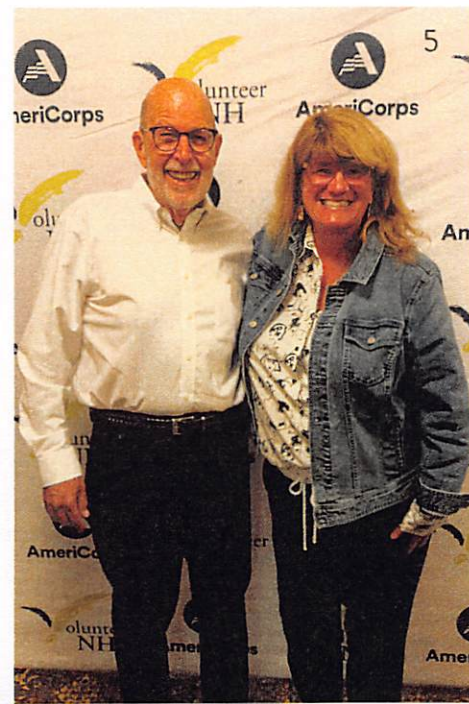
1. CASA advocates Joe Cavallero, Jo D. Livingston, Doug Waitt, and Molly Ellis share their experiences and the impact of their work.
2. Emcee Amy Coven and auctioneer Mark Fodero open the evening's program and start the auction.
3. Governor Kelly Ayotte speaks about the important role of CASA in New Hampshire.
4. Donors raise their paddles during the fund-a-need portion of the evening.

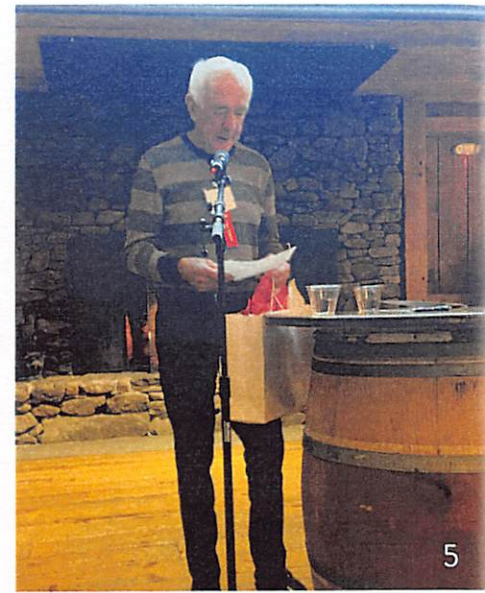
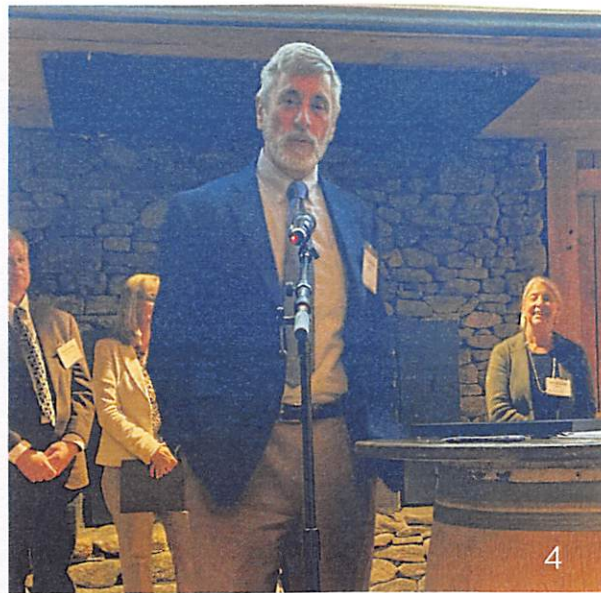
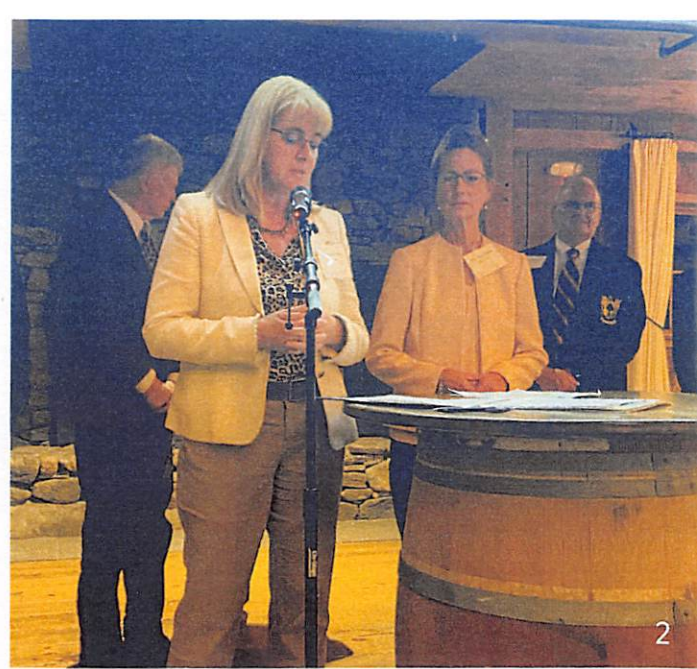


Advocates Out in the World

Throughout the year we work to retain and celebrate our volunteers through social gatherings, support groups, awards, and more.

1. Our first class of new advocates for FY 2025.
2. Advocates enjoyed an outing and movie screening at The Rocks in Bethlehem.
3. Advocates spent an afternoon exploring the botanical gardens at Tarbin Gardens in Franklin.
- 4-5. Multiple CASA advocates were recognized at Volunteer NH's annual Spirit of NH Awards: (4) Advocate Supervisor Alison Wheeler with CASA Helene Perrier; (5) CASA Chris Lianos with Advocate Supervisor Dellie Champagne.



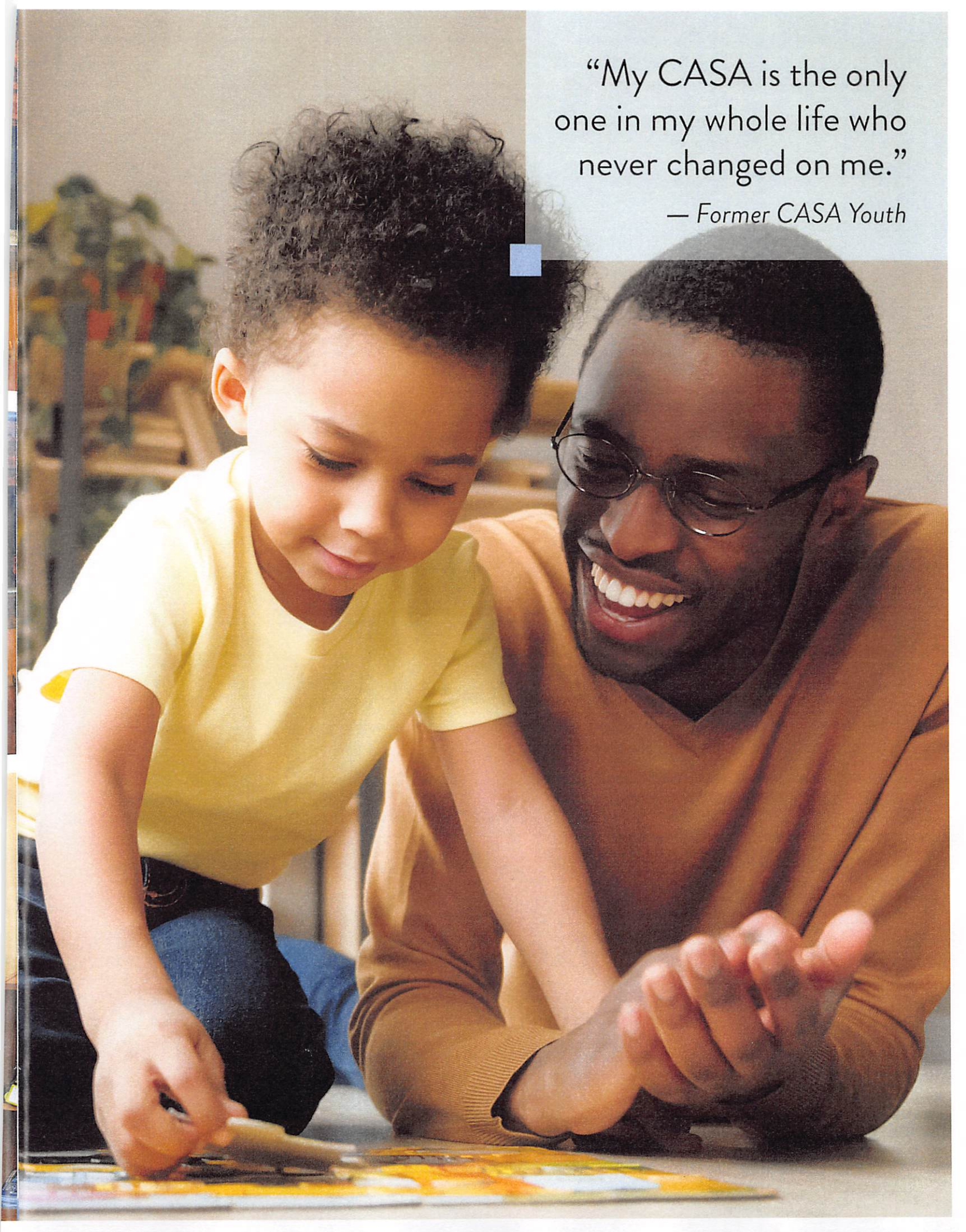


2024 Annual Celebration

Our Annual Celebration is a special event to recognize our incredible advocates, supporters and friends of CASA. Award winners included CASA Jo D. Livingston, who received the Linda Egbert Outstanding Advocacy Award; Board member Kathleen "KT" Thomas, who received the John McDermott Champion of Children Award for cycling across the country to raise funds for CASA; Hon. David D. King, who received the Judicial Service Award; and Dan Lagueux and Valerie Vanasse, advisory council members and owners of New England's Tap House Grille and Hip Peas Farm, who received the Community Partner Award.

1. The 2024 festivities were held at the Barn on the Pemi in Plymouth.
2. Hon. Susan Ashley and Hon. Susan Carbon present the Judicial Service Award.
3. Dan Lagueux and Valerie Vanasse accept the Community Partner Award.
4. Hon. David D. King accepts the Judicial Service Award.
5. CASA Advocate John Wallace was one of 12 CASAs who marked 10 years of service.
6. CASA Advocates Deb Clark and Maureen Rowley (not pictured) marked 25 years of service.



A photograph of a man and a young girl sitting on a table, painting together. The man, on the right, is wearing glasses and a brown sweater, smiling broadly at the girl. The girl, on the left, is wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, focused on painting with a brush. They are both looking down at their work. The background is slightly blurred, showing some indoor plants and furniture.

“My CASA is the only
one in my whole life who
never changed on me.”

— Former CASA Youth



A Family at Last

When CASA volunteer advocate Doug met Marie,* she was living with her grandparents. Marie's mother had died due to substance misuse, and her father's parental rights were ultimately terminated.

At the end of the road where Marie lived was a mowed field with a big boulder in the middle. "Marie has a fascination with wolves, and we would often play out imaginary stories about wolves," says Doug. "I quickly learned that a septuagenarian doesn't have as much energy as an 8-year-old."

The grandparents wanted to adopt Marie, and she wanted to be adopted by them. Unfortunately, relates Doug, after much work with the grandparents, both he and the Division of Children, Youth and Family (DCYF) still had significant concerns about Marie's safety if she remained with her grandparents. The decision was made to move Marie to a bridge foster home.

On the day she was moved to her new home, a day Doug knew would be difficult for Marie, he met with a worker from DCYF. "She said to me, 'I bet you can think of a lot of other things you'd rather be doing right now,'" recalls Doug. "I said, 'But if not me, then who?'"

It was hard, but Doug was there for Marie, who was successfully moved to a wonderful foster home. That was a Friday. On Monday, Doug was

waiting for Marie as she returned to her new home.

"I was parked outside, and she didn't recognize my car right away, but when she saw me, she shouted 'It's DOUG!' and nearly knocked me over with her hug."

Marie still wanted a relationship with her grandparents, and shortly after Marie was removed from his home, the grandfather reached out to Doug to check on Marie. This led, says Doug, to a series of meetings over coffee.

The first attempt at finding a forever home failed, as the family wasn't open to maintaining contact with Marie's grandparents, something Doug was adamant should happen. He knew both Marie and her grandparents wanted to maintain a connection.

Marie returned to her first foster home, and told her foster mother that "Everyone wants to adopt babies, not 9-year-olds."

But it just so happened that the very day Marie expressed losing hope, DCYF let the foster mother know that they'd found a new pre-adoptive home. Happily, the second attempt was successful, and a little over two years since Doug and Marie's journey together began, Doug was in court to witness Marie's joyful adoption.

*Due to CASA's confidentiality policies, names have been changed to prevent identification of a specific child. The accompanying photo is a stock image for illustrative purposes only and does not depict the people involved.



A Path to Healing

CASA of NH is deeply invested in the success of two programs with the aim of reunifying families affected by substance misuse. The goal of the Family Treatment Court (FTC) in Sullivan County and the Manchester Supported Family Approach (SFA) is to safely and swiftly bring families back together, and help them achieve long-term health.

Both initiatives use a supportive, team-based approach to increase families' access to supports and services, accountability and recovery. When parents have the support and tools they need to enter treatment sooner, stay engaged in treatment longer, and resolve barriers quickly, their children spend fewer days out of home and separated from their families. Treatment courts are a partnership of the court, CASA of NH, the Division for Children, Youth and Families, parent attorneys, substance use treatment providers, mental health providers, and other community partners.

CASA is a critical member of the team, providing best-interests advocacy for the children in these cases. Additionally, CASA of NH is an important voice not just at the case level, but in the broader collaborative effort to improve treatment courts, determine best practices, and ultimately expand them into more communities.

In Sullivan County, the FTC has already seen success. One mother, initially resistant to treatment, eventually entered rehab through the court's guidance. Within three months, she was reunited with her children at the facility. A year later, their case closed with the family stabilized and together.

Founded in 2021, the FTC serves families facing substance use issues in Newport and Claremont. It connects parents to services like mental health care, housing, and childcare, while promoting transparency and collaboration among providers. The goal is to help parents engage in treatment earlier and shorten the time children spend in out-of-home care.

Inspired by FTC's success, Manchester launched its Supported Family Approach in 2024, focusing on families with children under four. Like FTC, it promotes rapid access to services and emphasizes shared decision-making.

Volunteer advocate Judith Pellettieri explains, "In my five-plus years as a CASA, I've never encountered parents who didn't love their children. They just lacked resources."



A Constant Voice

When Emily took her first case and met her two CASA teens, they had both been removed from their home more than once. Both parents had struggled with substances throughout the children's lives. During the case, the turmoil continued; the kids changed foster care placements and schools. Emily became their one constant, visiting every couple of weeks, even when a new placement meant a long drive.

"People who choose to have kids in their home get so little support," she says. "DCYF is doing the best they can, but the systems around these kids are not great. And I was the only person that stayed through the whole case."

Emily would go on walks with each teen so they felt freer to speak honestly. She helped them write to the judge so they were able to express how they felt and share what they wanted the judge to know. She also made a point to show up to school events, like the older teen's Christmas concert.

"It silently told the kids, 'Oh, this woman is there for us,'" she says. "And I think that's important. They needed that."

While Emily's focus was on the children, she knew she had a role with the family too.

"I'm there for the kids, but being there for the kids means I have to pump up Mom as well," she says.

About halfway through the case, the mother took advantage of services and began the recovery process. She also left her abusive relationship and reconnected with someone from her past, who helped her find more stability and a drug-free environment.

"She was able to dig deep," she says. "Honestly, if you looked at Mom in the first meeting and looked at her after eight months, you'd ask, 'Is that the same woman?' Incredible change. I hope with everything I have that she has been able to sustain that, because the kids deserve it. Once the drugs were out of her system she could be Mom again."

Ultimately the teenagers were reunited with their mother, and Emily is hopeful.

"It's good work, but sometimes very emotional work," she says, reflecting on her experience. "But it's also satisfying work. Especially when reunification happens."

She noted that after spending a year and a half advocating for these teens, watching the family move onto the next chapter and not knowing if they will contact her again is bittersweet.

"The hardest part of the case is the leaving," she says.



Donor Spotlight: Day's Jewelers



Day's Jewelers



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Since 2019, Day's Jewelers has played an important role in the success of our annual CASA Cares gala by donating a beautiful piece of jewelry each year for the highly anticipated raffle. Beyond this and other generous contributions, Day's Jewelers has gone above and beyond, and we are grateful for their ongoing support of our mission. From helping us raise awareness to even volunteering in our office, we are fortunate to have such a dedicated corporate partner.

"At Day's Jewelers, we have long believed in the importance of supporting children and investing in the well-being of the next generation," says Joe Corey, president of Day's Jewelers. "Through our ongoing commitment to initiatives like Jewelers for Children, and now CASA, we strive to create a lasting, positive impact in the lives of young people facing adversity. CASA's mission to provide children who have experienced abuse and neglect with a consistent, caring advocate closely aligns with our values of community, compassion, and doing what's right. We support CASA because we believe that every child deserves a chance to feel safe, heard, and hopeful about their future, and we're proud to stand alongside an organization that makes that possible every day."

Store Manager Eric Arnold has become a familiar face at CASA's Manchester office, volunteering twice a week to help with mailing and other office tasks. "This small commitment allows me to make a meaningful impact by contributing to a cause that promotes safety, stability, and hope for vulnerable youth," says Arnold.

"When you support CASA, you're giving a child something many of us take for granted: a voice, an advocate, and a chance at stability," Corey continues. "It's not just charitable giving, it's deeply personal and incredibly impactful. CASA volunteers are the champions these children desperately need, and your support fuels their ability to show up, speak up, and make a difference. If you're looking to make a meaningful difference, supporting CASA is a powerful way to stand with children who need someone in their corner. Their work changes lives, and your support makes it possible. At Day's Jewelers, we believe there's no greater investment than in the well-being of the next generation."

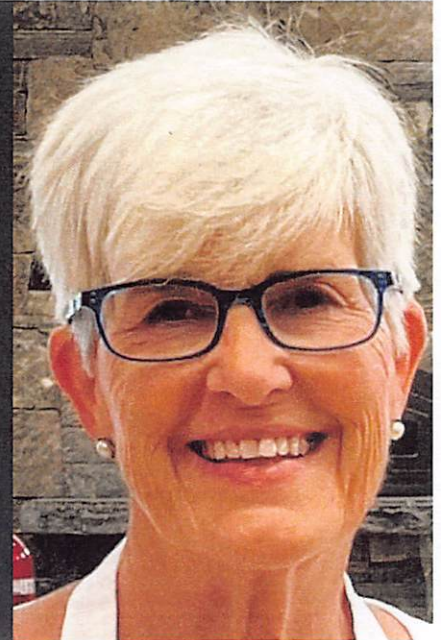
1. Store Manager Eric Arnold presents the CASA Cares jewelry raffle winner with her prize.
2. Day's Jewelers celebrated the grand re-opening of their Manchester store and promoted CASA.

Meet Our Donors

Mary Ittis joined CASA of NH in 2019 as an advocate, and for the past five years has helped keep things running smoothly as an office volunteer in Manchester. On top of being generous with her time, Mary is also a longtime donor, and we are grateful for her incredible commitment to CASA and our mission.

"The mission of CASA is clear, direct and impactful," says Mary. "My husband and I have supported many organizations that minister to child welfare needs here and abroad, but CASA is unique and highly targeted in its reach. My hope is that it puts feet to my faith."

"CASA's work has been fun to share with others through the CASA Cares annual event and the Out and About meetups around the state. CASA does a wonderful job of training, supporting and appreciating their volunteers. To donate finances and/or time to CASA has been a commitment of consequence that I can easily recommend to others."



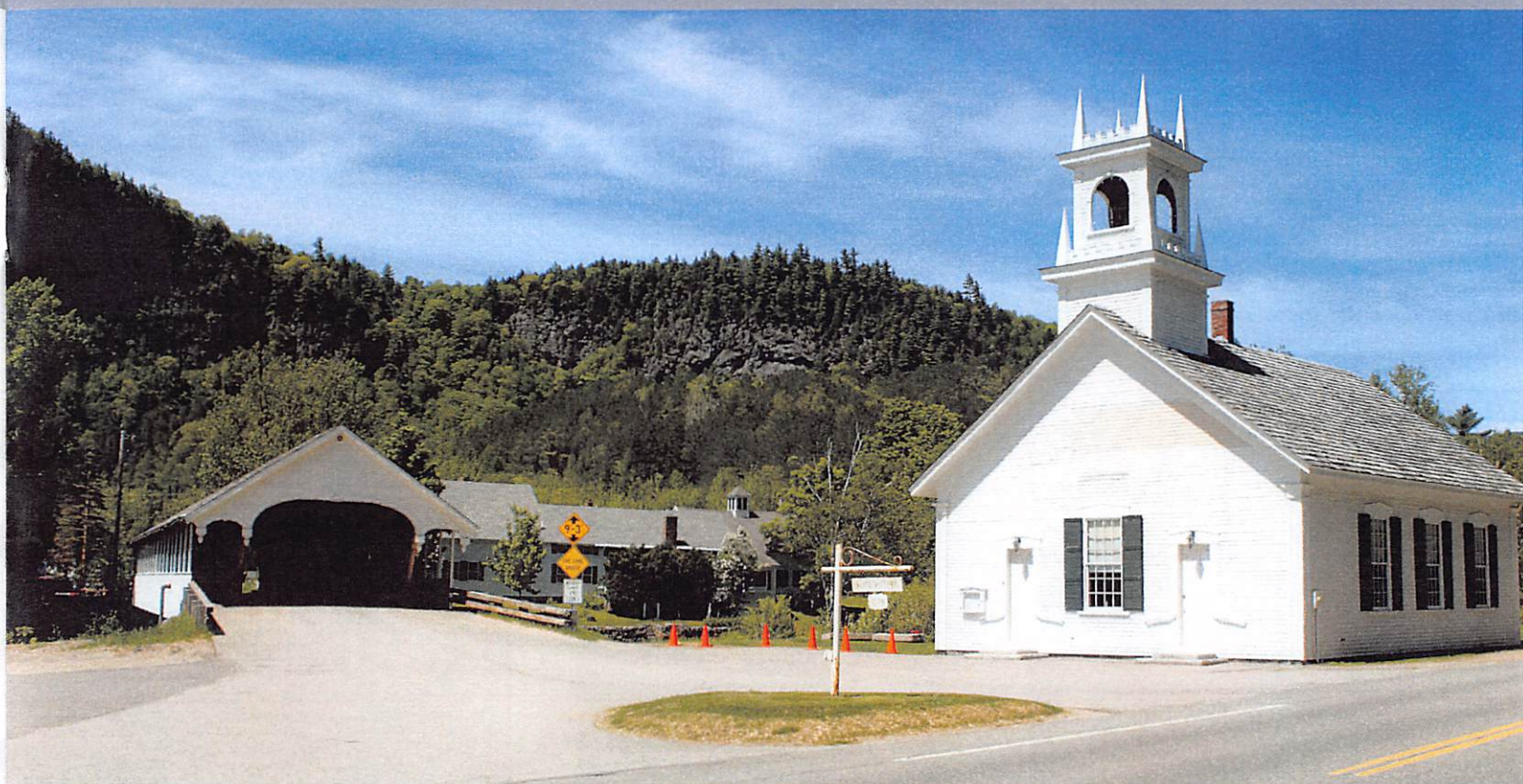
There are many ways to give, but for companies looking to help their employees make an impact, Benevity can make giving easy and increase the impact. Benevity is a platform that connects companies, their employees, and nonprofit organizations to facilitate not just donations, but also volunteering and other forms of social impact.

Liberty Mutual is one such business that utilizes the platform, and for the last five years, Liberty Mutual employee Reuben Parker has taken advantage of its payroll deduction donation, which is then matched by the company.

"I have a great appreciation for CASA's mission and the significant impact CASA has on children of New Hampshire who are in need of a consistent adult to advocate for them," says Reuben.

"I would encourage anyone considering supporting CASA to invest a little bit of time learning more about the amazing work the volunteers do to advocate for the most vulnerable children in the state," he adds. "Attending a CASA event where you hear stories from kids supported by CASA and the life-changing impact it can have will instill confidence that a donation of time or money will be very well spent."





Donor Spotlight: The Tillotson Fund

CASA of New Hampshire is deeply grateful to the Tillotson Fund for their steadfast support stretching back to 2007. The Tillotson Fund is a vital philanthropic resource dedicated to strengthening communities in the North Country. Their generous and consistent support has been instrumental in CASA's sustained presence in Coös County.

Thanks to the Tillotson Fund, CASA has been able to expand recruitment efforts, increase outreach, and provide more children in the region with the consistent, compassionate advocacy they need and deserve. Their commitment has helped us build strong connections within the community and brings more volunteers to this critical work.

We sincerely thank the Tillotson Fund for being a true partner in our mission.

Meet Our Advocates

Emily Calderwood
Bartlett



Profession: Retired pharmaceutical research chemist

Years as a CASA: Nearly 5

I'm a CASA because I believe every child deserves to feel safe, seen, and heard. I know that it's important for someone to be a steady voice for a child; someone who shows up, listens, and speaks up in a world full of adult decisions. I can see the impact that my work has on a child's life, and there's little more important than being a positive force for a child.

Drew Nichols
Manchester



Profession: Musician, real estate agent

Years as a CASA: 2

It's a beautiful thing when society takes a moment to hit pause on a life trajectory, ensure the safety of children and support parents in setting life back on the right track. With a CASA, the child knows they will have at least one consistent presence and advocate in their life until they are reunified or find a new forever home.

Susan Hatem
Bow



Profession: Law, then cultural non-profit program management

Years as a CASA: 4 1/2

People often say to me they would never be able to handle being exposed to the abuse that children in the foster system have experienced. As a CASA guardian ad litem I instead focus on the present and future, working to ensure kids are safe, secure, and cared for on a permanent basis. I find this joyful work. There is nothing like having a grinning child call out your name as you arrive to check on them in their foster home.

Will Speers
Sandwich



Profession: Retired high school English teacher
Years as a CASA: 4

I have spent my professional life working with middle and high school students, and marvel at their resilience, imagination and joy. It's an honor to support them.

Karen Moulton
Londonderry



Profession: Owner of Accurate Tree Service LLC
Years as Foster Parent: 15
Years as a CASA: 4 1/2

I have worked with some amazing case managers that answer every question big or small and are always so willing to help with everything and anything. I've also worked with wonderful DCYF workers that have the same goals to reunify these kids with their parents if and whenever possible. It has been a positive and rewarding experience so far and I look forward to many more years of doing this work.

Isabelle Bryan
Amherst



Profession: Biotech/
healthcare
Years as a CASA: 8

If you want to do something meaningful with your time, something that leaves a real, lasting impact, becoming a CASA GAL is one of the most powerful ways to do it. The work is challenging, but you'll witness resilience, healing, and sometimes redemption. In court, you give children a voice, a chance, and hope. Along the way, you'll grow in compassion, confront your own biases, and gain a deeper understanding of the human condition.

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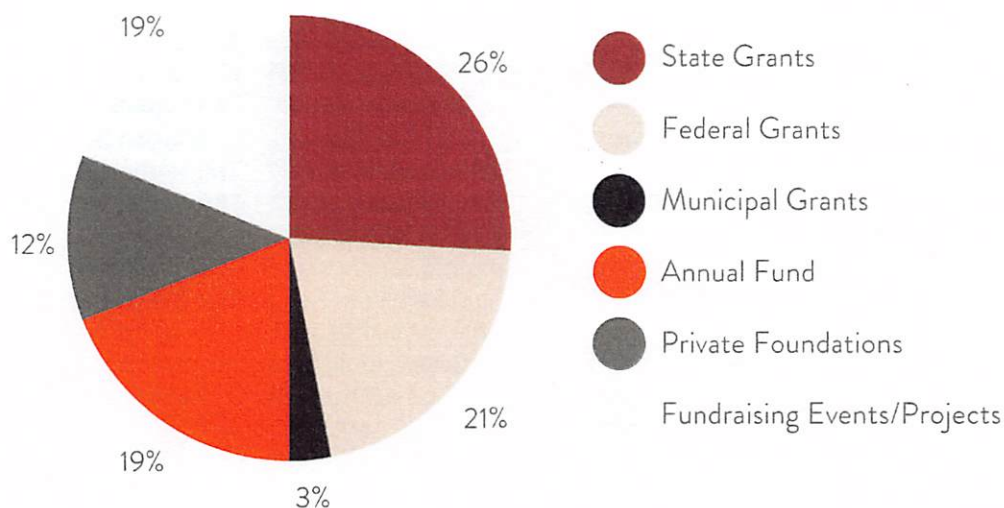
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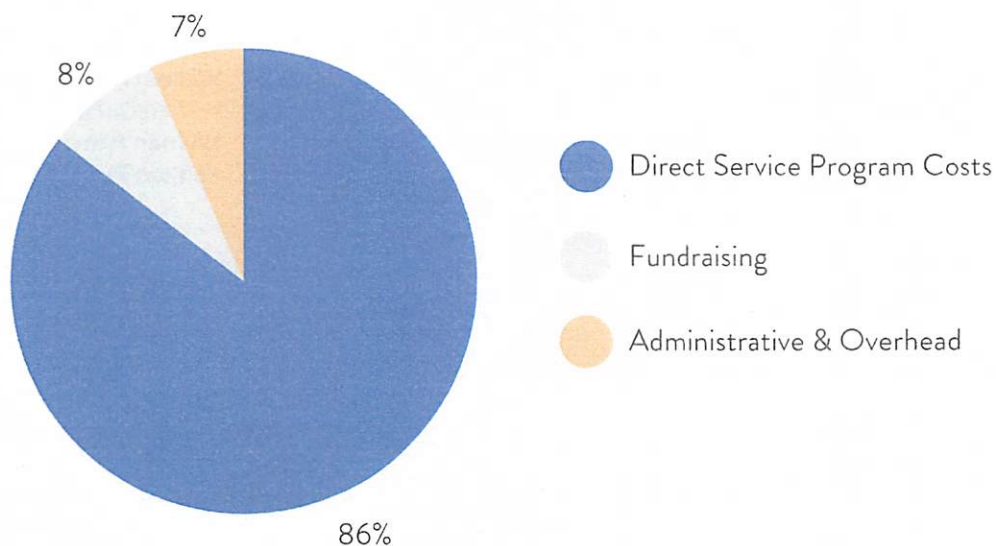
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— Teri Macias
CASA Volunteer Advocate



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Cookson Communications

Terry Heinzmann
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Sharron McCarthy
Girls, Inc.

Marcia Zahr
Bedford, NH

Welcome to our newest board members!

Malcolm Perry
Derry Medical Center



Malcolm Perry is the Chief Executive Officer for Derry Medical Center, PA., the largest independent physician-owned practice in the state of New Hampshire. Mr. Perry brings a record of exceptional leadership and strategic vision in the healthcare arena.

Marcia J. Kelly
Dartmouth



Marcia J. Kelly brings over 30 years of experience in higher education administration and a background in nonprofit board and volunteer service. Prior to her retirement, Marcia spent 17 years of her career at Dartmouth College.

Brian Quirk
Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.



As a partner at Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., Brian focuses his practice on government investigations, white collar defense, civil litigation, and regulatory matters for individuals and corporations.

Chief Paul J. Smith
Littleton Police Dept.



Chief Paul J. Smith has proudly served the Littleton Police Department since 1992 and has been Chief of Police since 2007. He is a lifelong resident of Littleton and a U.S. Army veteran.

Patti Stolte
Gorham, NH



Patti Stolte has over 35 years of experience in administration and problem-solving across multiple areas, including in nonprofit agencies, marketing departments, and human service programs.

North Country Advisory Council

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White Mountain Community College

Sharon Kopp
PAK Solutions LLC

Lindsay Lea
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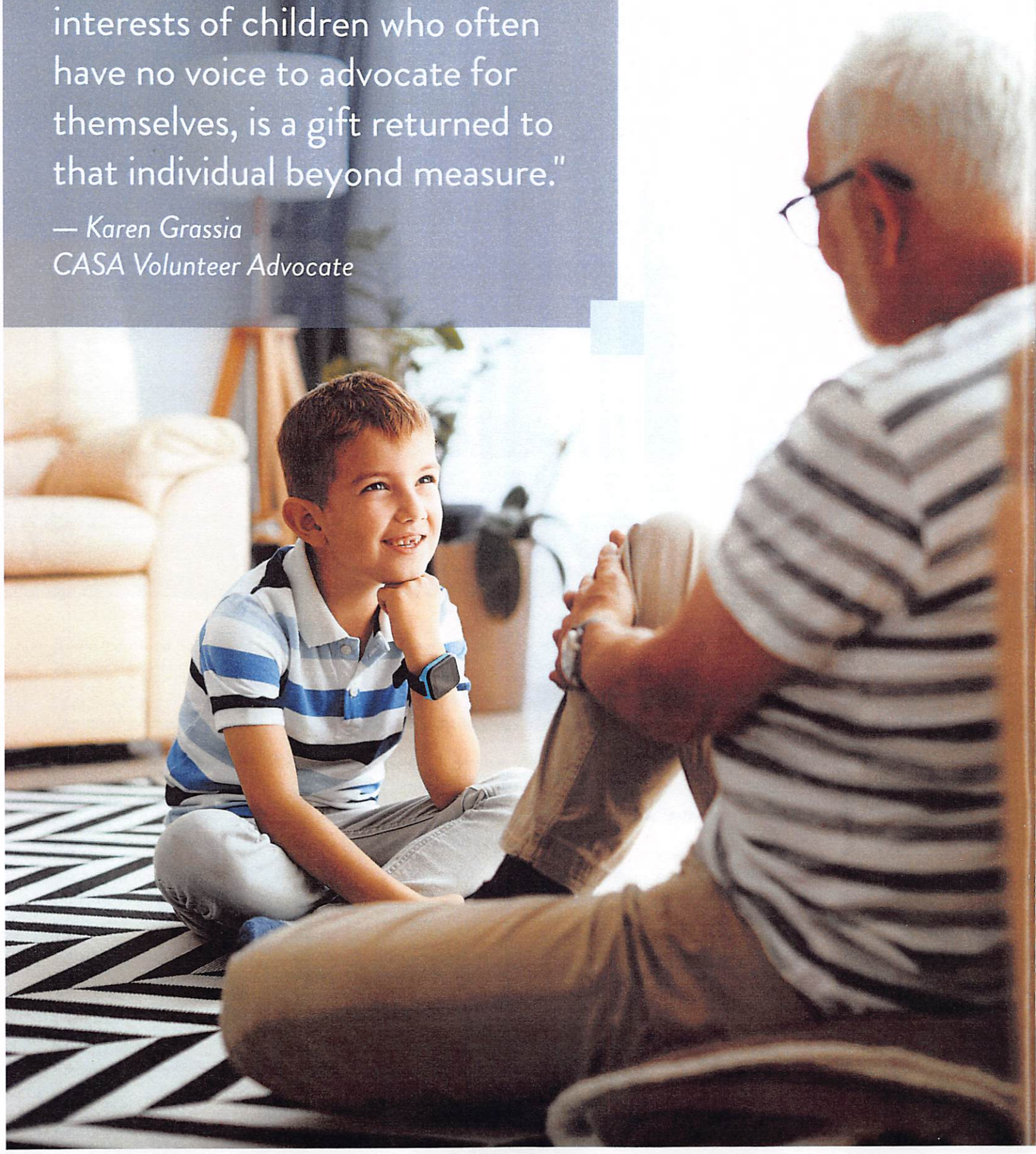
Corrine Rober
Bear Rock Adventures

Kristen van Bergen-Buteau
North Country Health Consortium

Phil Waystack
Waystack Frizzell

"The time, commitment and care an individual dedicates to advocating for the best interests of children who often have no voice to advocate for themselves, is a gift returned to that individual beyond measure."

— Karen Grassia
CASA Volunteer Advocate



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Erica Thoits, Director of Community
Relations

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Alison Wheeler



Meet Stacy Lopes

CASA of New Hampshire is delighted to introduce our new Director of Development, Stacy Lopes. Stacy's history with CASA extends back to the winter of 1999, when she was a young PR manager at Loon Mountain helping with CASA's inaugural snow golf event. Snow golf has come and gone, and Stacy too moved on, leaving the ski industry to begin what would become a highly successful career in fundraising. Most recently she was the Director of Advancement and External Relations at Sant Bani School in Sanborton, and we're thrilled that she's found her way back to CASA. She brings a depth of knowledge and experience in multiple areas, including fundraising, stewardship and communications. Stacy's passion for our mission is clear, and we're excited by the energy and vision she is already bringing to the role.