

CHILDREN IN NEED OF A CASA

There are 341 Children on Our Waiting List

Two little girls, ages 4 and 6, came into foster care recently due to mom and dad's substance abuse issues. Officials had been surveilling the home for a month due to reported sales of methamphetamines out of the home. Upon entering the home they found a chaotic scene with many adults using methamphetamine. The little girls were in a back room by themselves and, when removed, were wearing dirty clothing and appeared to be very hungry, having not eaten in several days. Dad was jailed and mom fled the scene. These two little girls could not take anything with them from the home due to the presence of the toxic drug. They left the home with no blankets and no stuffed animals for comfort. Mom was soon found and offered treatment but refused to enter a residential program; she is currently living on the street. No family has stepped forward to take these little girls into a safe and loving home and they were placed into foster care with the hopes that family will come forward. These sisters need someone to advocate for them as they move through the difficulties to come.



SIGN UP TODAY!

Volunteer orientations are offered every Thursday from 12:00 - 1:00pm.

NEXT TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY 26, 2017

HAPPY ENDINGS

A CASA truly made a difference in the life of a CASA child! At one month of age, a little boy came into the system and lived in foster care for the next two and a half years. His mother was unable to meet his needs and was deep in her methamphetamine addiction. He never knew his father. The day he came into care, he was placed with a foster family who wanted to adopt him from the first time they met him - they loved him instantly. A CASA was appointed immediately to advocate for his best interest. Mom had two older children who had been removed from her care due to neglect and the CASA requested an early hearing to move more quickly to a permanent home for this little boy. The Judge granted a quick hearing to address the need for a loving and stable home for this little boy. At that hearing, the mom was unwilling to accept her part in the neglect of her son. The CASA spoke to the little boy's progress with his foster parents, and through his speech and physical therapies. At subsequent hearings, the CASA continued to advocate for adoption and consistent placement. Many times the foster parents were near to giving up, feeling the system was too difficult and that their hearts would break. The CASA kept the focus on the needs of this little boy and championed his right to a safe and loving forever family. The decision was made by mom to sign over her rights to the child and the family moved toward adoption. The little boy is now permanently and legally a part of the only family he has ever known. The CASA is still a part of his life and will be as he grows into his potential as a young man in the safety and security of his loving family.

A Life Changing Gift

PLANNED GIVING

Did you know there are ways to support CASA of Jackson County that will not affect your current lifestyle or your family's security? You can support CASA with gifts that do not impact the way you live by designating CASA of Jackson County to receive estate assets in the future.

THE BENEFITS

- You can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime.
- You can make a gift that leaves your cash flow and current financial planning unchanged.
- You don't have to use cash to make your gift; you can "buy low and give high" by making your gift with appreciated securities.
- You can give an asset you no longer need or want.

GIFTS FROM YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Need to preserve your assets during your lifetime? You can plan a gift to us that will only take effect after your other obligations have ceased.

- Include a bequest to CASA in your will or trust.
- Make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to a specific purpose.
- Indicate a specific amount, or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.

GIFTS FROM A RETIREMENT PLAN

Give us assets subject to double taxation, then leave more to your family.

- Name CASA as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other qualified plan.
- Designate us to receive all or a portion of the balance of your plan.
- The balance in your plan passes to CASA after your death.

GIFTS OF STOCK AND APPRECIATED ASSETS

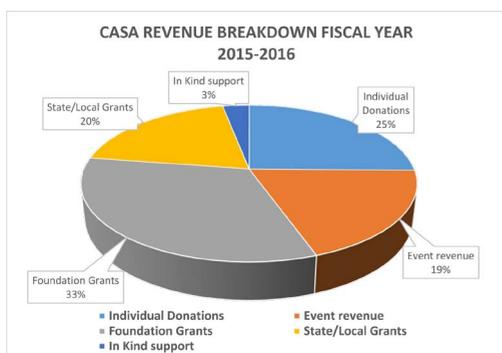
Here is how to take advantage of appreciated securities without incurring capital gains tax.

- You transfer appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares you have owned for more than one year to CASA.
- CASA sells your securities and uses the proceeds for its programs.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

You don't need a large estate to make a significant gift to us.

- You transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to CASA.
- CASA elects to cash in the policy now or hold it.



CASA of Jackson County is funded by individuals, foundations, local and state government funds, grants and community donations. This funding is currently enough to provide CASA advocates to 55% of the children under state care in our community, leaving 45% on our rapidly growing waiting list.

For more information on how to designate CASA as your beneficiary contact:

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