



Our Mission Statement

The CASAs for Kids Fund was created to support the Tippecanoe County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in its efforts to enrich the lives of abused and neglected children. The foundation accomplishes this end through raising, managing, and distributing funds to:

- Provide positive intervention for kids through educational assistance, goods, and other services which are not provided by another source
- Support CASA volunteers, staff, and other activities to further the goals of the CASA program
- Raise awareness of the community's opportunity to make a difference in children's lives.

From the President

If you are reading this page: congratulations and thank you. Congratulations, because you are one of the few who bother to read an annual report, and one of the even fewer who scans a President's letter. I myself confess to being in those majorities most of the time.

And thank you, because if you are here, it is because you are interested in the CASAs for Kids Fund, and/or have donated to it, and/or are considering supporting it, and/or are interested in the Court Appointed Special Advocate program.

Because I want you to read on, I am going to keep my part brief. Our board member and writer-in-residence Mary Laurie has done a beautiful and concise job of enumerating the ways our community and other friends have supported our mission, including raising awareness. I will, however, highlight our major fundraiser, the Subaru CASA Cycling Challenge, because it is a great example of our generous and supportive community. Amazingly, and thanks to the incredible efforts of our board member and event chair Jim Stafford, along with the hundreds of you volunteers, sponsors, and riders, the 2021 event was an enormous (and safe) success, raising the bulk of the funds that are then allocated each year by the C4K Fund board to directly and indirectly assist the abused and neglected children in our community. You can find examples of those disbursements elsewhere in this report and I hope you are as warmed as I am to see how we can all make a difference in the life of a child. We are so thankful to SIA, who allowed this event to resume on their test track and have been the most wonderful corporate partners for more than 10 years.

I have had the privilege of living in this community for over 25 years, and I never fail to be overwhelmed by and thrilled with the engagement, the service ethic, and (again) the generosity of our community and our friends. If you live far away, I still count you as one of ours, because you count our children as one of yours. To our Court Appointed Special Advocates and the CASA Program: as always, you are my heroes. To my fellow board members: thank you for bringing your individual areas of expertise and careful considerations to our monthly meetings. It is a pleasure to serve alongside ALL of you.



Hallie Gorup
President,
CASAs for Kids Fund Board

Allocations

In 2021 the CASAs for Kids Fund provided \$15,941 to fulfill needs of 407 children served by the Tippecanoe County CASA Office. That total is up almost \$3,000 from 2020. The fund also provided \$48,800 in program support, including the salary for a staff advocate, and resources for CASA training, conferences and volunteer recruitment and retention.



Household
Goods

\$2,970



Educational
Needs

\$1,154



Extracurricular
& Camps

\$2,243



Clothing &
Personal Goods

\$7,095



Birthday
Gifts

\$2,380

Board of Directors

CASAs for Kids Fund is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization separate from the Tippecanoe County CASA program. A volunteer board of directors operates the fund:

President : **Hallie Gorup**

Vice President : **Erika O'Brien**

Treasurer : **Helene Bishop**

Secretary : **Michelle Gerrety**

Members :

Mary Hood
Mary Laurie
Jason Lipscomb
Gina Loggins
Patti O'Callaghan
Donna Osborn

Christine Sammons
Thomas Scott
Jim Stafford
David VanVactor
Coleen Conner (ex-officio)

Learn more about :

the CASAs for Kids Fund:
casasforkidsfund.org

becoming a CASA volunteer:
bit.ly/2xgfozi or
tippecanoe.in.gov/445/Become-a-CASA-Volunteer

2021 Subaru CASA Cycling Challenge

The 2021 Subaru CASA Cycling Challenge was back on track after taking a year off due to the pandemic.

A total of 310 riders participated in the 24-hour event held Aug. 7-8 at the SIA test track. We had 39 teams, 37 solo riders and four virtual riders. The riders, along with corporate sponsors and donations, helped us raise more than \$128,000.

Last Minute Decision was the top team, riding 522 miles.

Marc Pawsat was the top individual, completing 328 miles, while Pamela Hermes was the top female with 150 miles. SIA Materials Management was the top fundraising team with \$16,790, while Dave Kuykendall was the top individual with \$6,770.



Michael and Julie's Christmas Stocking Fund

The legacy of the Julie and Michael's Christmas Stocking Fund continued in 2021. The annual bowling event and golf outing organized by family and friends of Julie Sennott and Michael Dunlap raised over \$11,000 in support of holiday gifts for children in the system.

Michael and Julie were youth workers who died in 2009. Their dream was that every child would have a special gift to open on Christmas Day. A donation fund was established in their memory in 2009, and these funds allow CASA volunteers to purchase holiday gifts for the children they serve. Just over \$6,000 was spent on holiday gifts in 2021.

Margaret J. Hand Child Advocacy Award



Maggie Yarnall
2020 Margaret J. Hand Child Advocacy
Award Winner

CASA Volunteer Maggie Yarnall was selected as the 2021 Margaret J. Hand Award recipient by the CASAs for Kids Fund Board. Maggie has been a CASA with Tippecanoe County for 18 years and has done an exceptional job advocating for more than 23 children. Most of Maggie's CASA work was done while she was a full-time elementary school teacher. Until recently, she had been teaching on a part-time basis.

Maggie has been a major support for her children and some have reached out to her long after the cases ended. "Maggie always has a smile, no matter how tough the situation becomes, and interacts in a positive and professional manner"

stated Janet Smith, Volunteer Coordinator. Janet adds, "She shares her dog during virtual visits and can maintain good communication with the child, the relatives, and foster parents." Maggie is always dependable and makes strong and thoughtful recommendations for the children and their family to ensure they succeed. We are thankful for everything Maggie does for the children of Tippecanoe County.

The Margaret J. Hand Child Advocacy Award was established in 1999 in honor of the former Juvenile Court Judge. This award is given each year to an individual that has shown the same selfless and tireless efforts for children's rights and best interests in our community. For a list of previous recipients, please visit our website: casasforkidsfund.org

Theta Beta Grill-Off

Thank you to the Kappa Alpha Theta's for hosting the CASAdilla fundraiser on Saturday October 16th. It was a great time and a good turnout, raising \$5,045 for the CASAs for Kids Fund. We appreciate their ongoing support of our program.



Thetas

Eberle-Graefnitz Campout

The 2021 Eberle-Graefnitz campout held this year raised \$1,075 for the CASA Camp Fund. This annual event honors the memory of John and Mary Eberle and their grandson Ben Graefnitz. This fund gives children in need the opportunity to attend a camp who otherwise would not have that experience.

CASAS FOR KIDS FUND INC	
Balance Sheet	
As of December 31, 2021	
	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Certificate of Deposit	0.00
CD-Horizon 9114 .598% 12/22/22	47,501.67
Centier 4132 .100% 05/10/22	103,981.74
Centier 4791.100% 7/10/22	46,263.30
Horizon 9111 .100% 4/7/22	64,770.81
Total Certificate of Deposit	262,517.52
Checking	
Board (Primary) 6419	11,168.53
CASA Office Operations 7461	14,088.21
CASA Requests 7453	1,967.92
MJ FUND (Director Discretion) 2850	28,956.81
Total Checking	56,181.47
Savings	1,416.15
MM-Centier 5464 .01%	97,653.86
Savings (Cycling Challenge) 8129	99,070.01
Total Savings	\$417,769.00
Total Bank Accounts	
Other Current Assets	40,000.00
Community Foundation Account	\$40,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$457,769.00
Total Current Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Deprecation	-2,837.96
Equipment	2,837.96
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$457,769.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	311,924.50
Unrestricted Net Assets	88,445.86
Net Income	57,398.64
Total Equity	\$457,769.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$457,769.00

Donors & Sponsors

Our sincere thanks to the individuals and companies who donated in 2021 to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Tippecanoe County. It is because of your thoughtfulness that local children receive necessities like clothing and household goods. It is because of your generosity that children can take musical lessons or receive a modest scholarship to encourage post high school education. It is because of your kindness that children can attend camp and celebrate birthdays and holidays like their peers. Your support is appreciated more than words can say. For a complete list of donors and sponsors, please visit our website: casasforkidsfund.org

CASAS FOR KIDS FUND INC	
Profit & Loss	
January through December 2021	
	Total
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Donations	17,305.96
Grafinitz/Eberle Camp Fund	1,075.00
M & J Fund	128.11
Total Direct Public Support	18,509.07
Fund Raising Events	
Bike Marathon Income	126,837.64
Theta Grill Off	5,045.00
Total Fund Raising Events	131,882.64
Indirect Public Support	123.13
Investments	
Interest	10.08
Interest - CD's	620.87
Total Investments	630.95
Total Income	\$151,145.79
GROSS PROFIT	\$151,145.79
	185.76
Expenses	
Advertising	
Board Expenses	
Insurance	938.45
Miscellaneous	136.72
Office Supplies	57.40
Postage	349.25
Professional Fees	605.00
Storage	517.00
Total Board Expenses	2,603.82
Fund Raising Expenses	20,164.99
Bike Marathon Expenses	20,164.99
Total Fund Raising Expenses	6,051.52
M & J Expenditures	100.00
Program Services	
Birthdays	2,379.83
Camps	450.00
Clothing	6,244.23
Education/Theraputic	1,153.62
Electronics	449.85
Extracurricular Activities	1,792.70
Household Goods	2,969.84
Toys	244.95
Wellness Supplies	155.99
Total Program Services	15,941.01
Program Support	-198.18
Appreciation Banquet	2,315.89
Conferences & Meetings	1,125.48
Grants	37,156.00
Miscellaneous	1,134.55
Office Support	3,135.94
Promotion	7,112.02
Retention & Recruitment	1,541.22
Training	-4,522.87
Total Program Support	48,800.05
Total Expenses	\$93,747.15
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$57,398.64
NET INCOME	\$57,398.64