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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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For 30 years, CASA of Missoula has trained and supported volunteer advocates for children at risk of or experiencing abuse and neglect.

We are proud to share how another year of this work has positively impacted the lives of children and families in Missoula and Mineral Counties.

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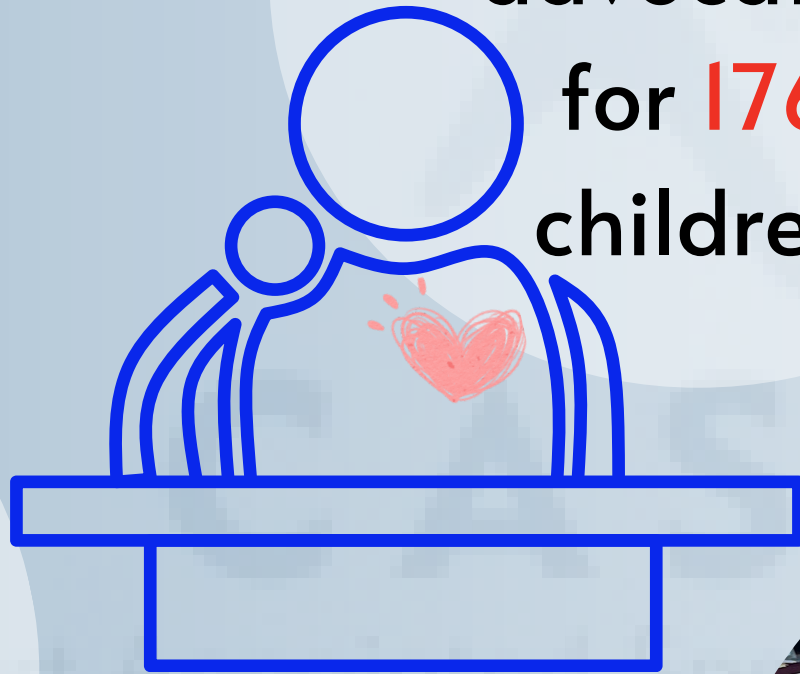
In FY2024...

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community members chose to join CASA service



88 CASA volunteers advocated for 176 children



71 children found safe and caring homes with the help of a volunteer

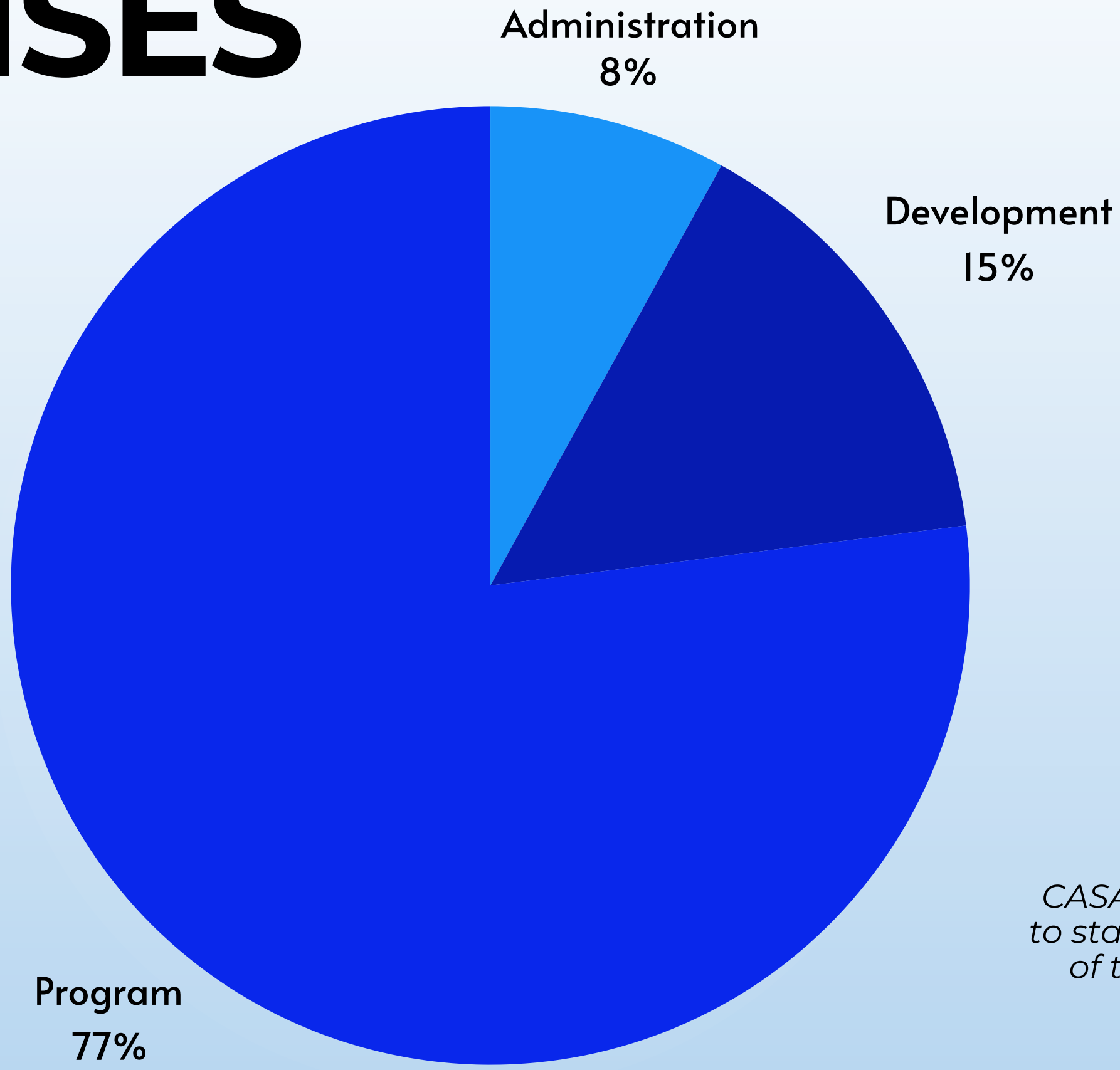


56 New Children were helped by a CASA Volunteer



EXPENSES

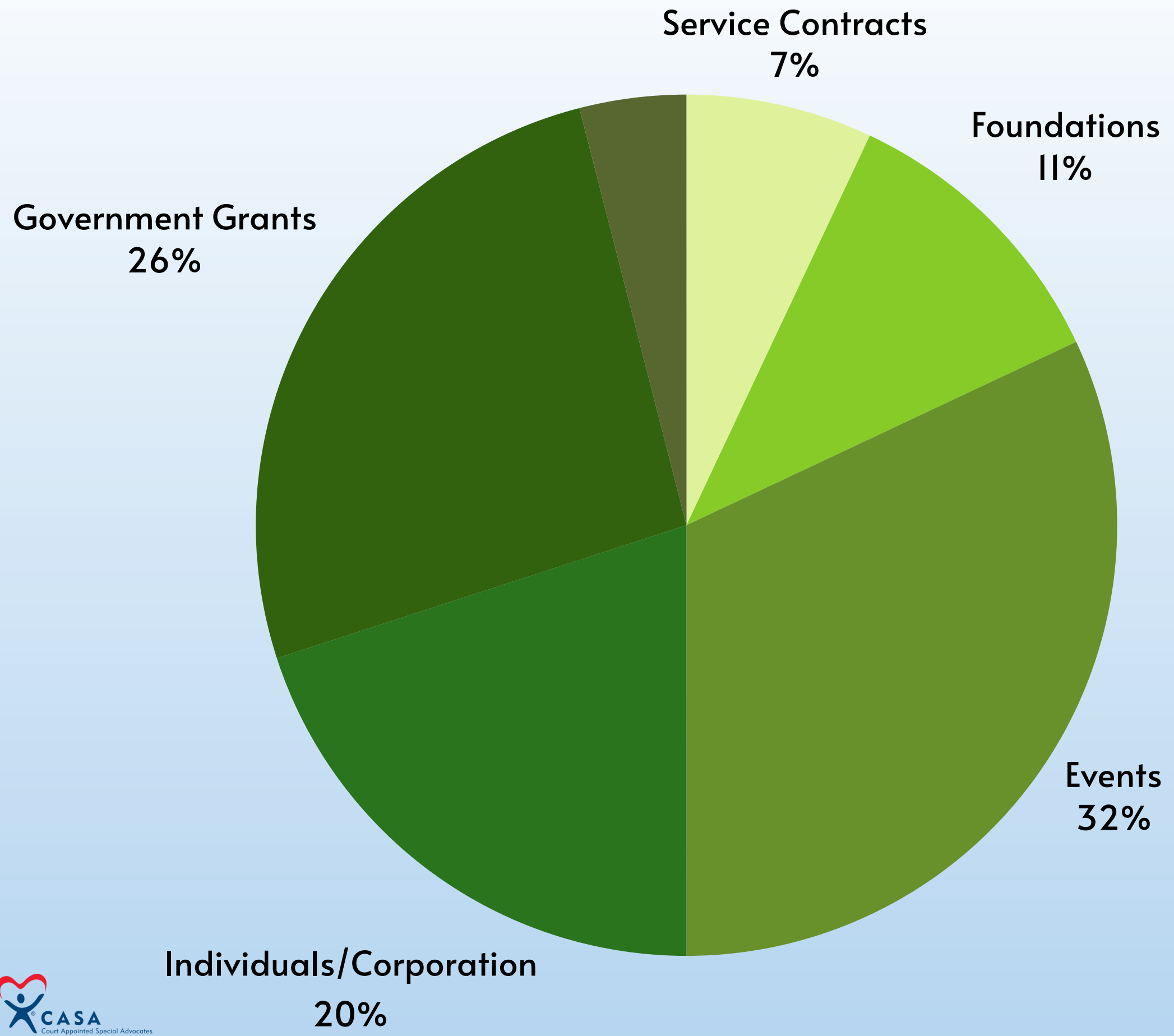
**Total Expenses:
\$498,213**



- **Program**
\$386,077
- **Administration**
\$38,423
- **Development**
\$73,713

CASA of Missoula utilizes unspent revenue to stabilize the long-term financial security of the program by increasing reserves to recommended levels.

REVENUE & SUPPORT



Total Revenue: \$591,117

- Government Grants
\$152,188
- Events
\$188,395
- Individuals/Corporations
\$117,177
- Foundations
\$66,500
- Service Contracts
\$43,275
- Investment Earnings
\$23,582

IMPACT

71 children found safe and caring homes with the help of a volunteer...

which means:

17 of these children found homes in **guardianships** with relatives, allowing familial bonds to stay strong.

14 children found a secure new start through **adoption**.

40 children returned home to a safer, sober, loving, and **healing family**. CASAs have helped their parents begin again.

Overall, **158** people have had their lives and **families positively impacted** through the service of a CASA volunteer.



IMPACT

This year, we **formed new relationships** by holding **two new public events**. Our first was **a special screening** of the Award-winning documentary “Daughter of a Lost Bird,” and the second was **a live storytelling event**, **Change a Child’s Story**.



Both events brought members of our community together with CASA volunteers to **build collective knowledge** about **how best to advocate for children** and families in crisis.

IMPACT

Our advocates gave **3,251 hours of service** to abused and neglected children in our community this year.



We also **expanded** our training program to **5** preservice training sessions per year. This new training schedule helps us appoint CASAs to children as soon as their case opens.

IMPACT

CASA of Missoula knows how crucial it is to provide **support for our volunteers outside of their casework**, & to recognize their incredible gifts of service to our community.

In 2024, we saw **outstanding attendance** at our **Volunteer Appreciation Party** where CASAs, their families, and members of our child advocacy community came together to show gratitude for all they do.



IMPACT

We also meet with a **volunteer leadership committee** every month. Our **Volunteer Voices** committee helps CASA staff stay connected with the experiences and concerns of our volunteers.

Each year **their recommendations help improve our program's activities.**

Thanks to their insight, we have been able to deepen our understanding of the **collaborative relationship** between CASA volunteers and **CFS social workers**—an ongoing partnership we take very seriously.



One of our most cherished volunteers is Dr. Meg Eddy. She is the recipient of the **2024 Montana Children's Trust Fund Strengthening Families Award**, and began service in April 2020.

With a Doctorate in Medicine and a BA in Biology, Meg uses her CASA role and medical background to educate every team she joins, working with the social worker and child's attorney to provide relevant recommendations. In some cases, this has resulted in **educating parents** about changing their behavior toward healthier relationships with their children.



“Her work has been invaluable. She's been resourceful, committed and communicative. I appreciate her dedication to this particular child, as well, because they are outside Missoula and it's so helpful to have Meg be able to meet with them frequently, as that's more of a challenge for me. She's been great to work with thus far and I hope to have more cases with her in the future!”

-- a youth attorney on a recent case

ONGOING ADVOCACY

Every year, CASA of Missoula strives to improve the lives of more endangered children and families, build stronger relationships within our community, and do more to support youth in need.

Our **Champions for Children** program sustains our advocacy by *matching all monthly recurring gifts up to \$10,000.*

learn more:
casamissoula.org/champions-for-children



On average, it costs \$1,500 to train and support an advocate for 1 year—\$125 per month.

Champions for Children's matching fund supports a year of advocacy at just \$62.50 each month.

If you were already a part of our mission this year: **Thank YOU**

SUPPORT

PRINCIPAL FUNDERS

CASA of Missoula would be unable to do the work we do in our community without the generous support of our donors and supporting organizations.

These funders enable us to perpetuate our program each year:

\$100,000
-
\$50,000

- The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant
- First Security Bank

\$49,999
-
\$25,000

- The MBCC Juvenile Justice Title II Grant
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Montana CASA/GAL Association
- The Montana Supreme Court

\$24,999
-
\$10,000

- The Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation
- Bank of Montana
- Two Anonymous Friends of CASA

SUPPORT

The Montana Justice Foundation

Sheldon & Jodi Feist

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Maura Burke & Scott Appel

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HUB International

Hayden Homes LLC

Montana Club Properties

Stan Feist & Kelly Kaufman

Clearwater Credit Union

\$9,999

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\$5,000

*\$5,000 was given this year in loving memory of Jan Carr, a magnificent community member.

SUPPORT

\$4,999
-
\$2,000

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\$1,000

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