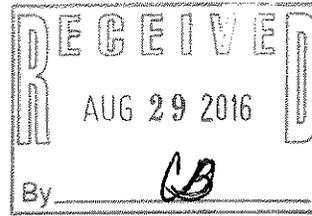




Board of Selectmen
 Town Of Allenstown
 16 School St
 Allenstown, NH 03275



August 25, 2016

Dear Board of Selectmen,

On behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, I am writing to respectfully request inclusion in the Town Of Allenstown's 2017 budget. CASA of New Hampshire is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for victimized children in New Hampshire courts.

When an abused or neglected child is thrust into the confusion of the court or foster care system, our trained Volunteer Advocates are there to offer stability and support to a child in need. CASA Volunteer Advocates present their recommendations directly to the judge, thereby ensuring that the child's best interest is being considered at every step of the case. *We are the only nonprofit organization in the state to carry out this important work.*

Currently, our Volunteer Advocates speak on behalf of 80% of our state's abused children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's family courts through no fault of their own. As the heroin epidemic continues to shake communities across the state, we have faced a significant increase in the number of children in need of advocates. Your support is vital to ensuring that the children who have been affected by their parents' and caregivers' addiction have the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

These children come from towns and cities across the state, including the Town Of Allenstown. Our volunteers also live and serve in these communities. The chart below shows the children and advocates in your area.

| FY 2016 BY THE NUMBERS | <i>In Merrimack County alone:</i> | | <i>Statewide:</i> |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | 131* | Children served | 1,198 |
| 58 | Volunteers | 465 | |
| 68144 | Miles traveled | 473,479 | |
| 7933 | Hours of volunteer time | 67,813 | |
| | <i>Value of volunteer advocacy provided</i> | <i>Over \$4M</i> | |

* This number includes children who use your towns' schools and resources and live with foster parents or extended family members in your community. (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016).

(Due to the confidential nature of our work, numbers for your town cannot be released.)

CASA of NH continually strives to serve 100% of NH's children in need of compassionate advocates. We believe it is critical that a competent and caring adult stand up for each and every abused child. By ensuring them a safe, permanent home, we give these children the chance to become healthy productive adults. We respectfully request your consideration for funding of **\$500.00** in your 2017 budget. With your support, CASA can continue to make a difference in the lives of abused children.

Respectfully,

Marcia R. Sink
 President and CEO

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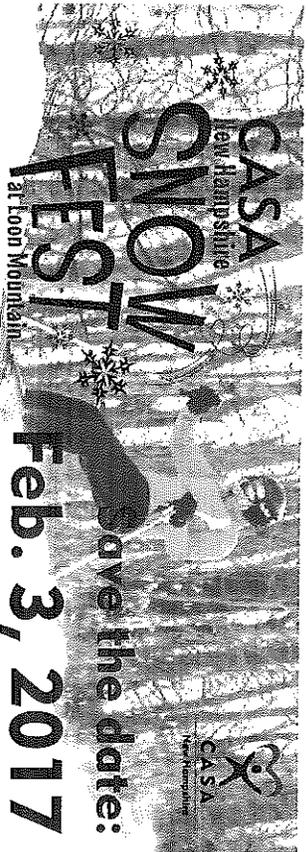
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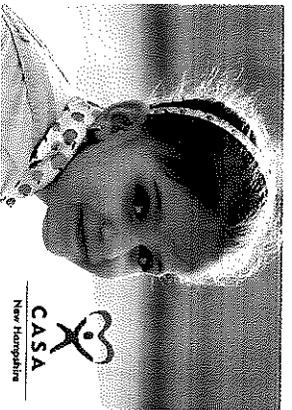


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Our Children Your Impact

Year in Review
Fiscal Year 2016

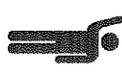


The Impact of Your Support

Due to your recent support, CASA of New Hampshire provided 80% of our state's neglected and abused children with highly-trained and compassionate volunteer advocates. As the heroin epidemic continues to shake communities across the state, we have faced a significant increase in the number of children in need of advocates. Your continued investment is vital to ensuring that the children who have been affected by their parents' and caregivers' addiction have the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

The impact of your support will be felt in our communities for years to come. Studies show that children with a CASA advocate are more likely to stay in school, get better grades and have higher self-esteem. Today, you may have helped us serve just one more child in need. Tomorrow, your contribution may help us to reunite a child with his family, provide a youth aging out of foster care with a CASA advocate as she transitions into adulthood, or lead to the adoption of a foster child into a loving home. Together we give these children hope for a brighter future. Thank you for supporting our mission to let every child's voice, no matter how small, be heard.

FY 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
|  | 465 volunteers |  | 125 volunteers trained |  | 739 families |  | 1,198 children had advocates by their side |
|  | 8,909 children with advocates since 1989 |  | 67,813 hours of volunteer time |  | 473,479 miles traveled |  | Over \$4m: value of volunteer advocacy provided to NH |

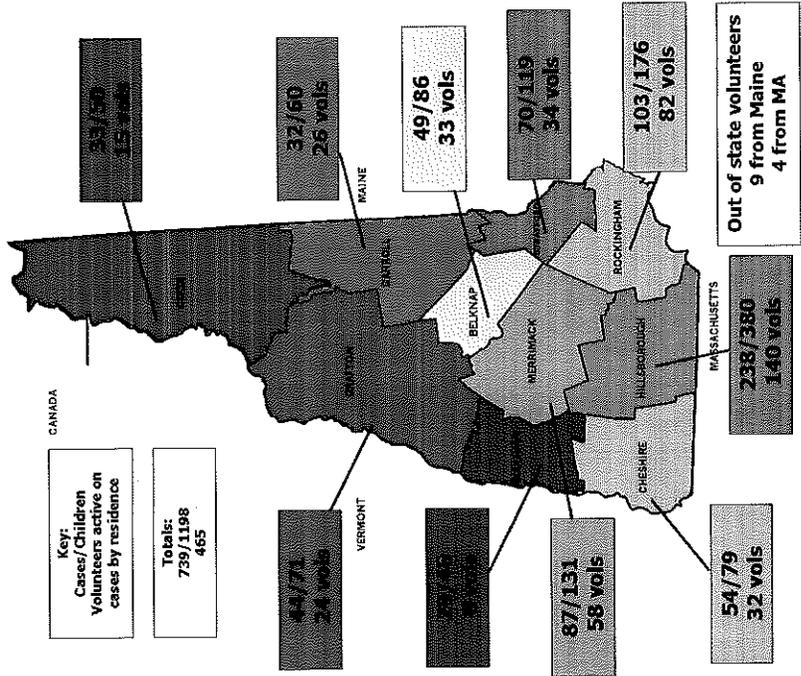
CASA of NH strives to protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family.



Our Advocates

A CASA volunteer advocate works to make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child by speaking for that child in court. Our advocates provide stability and make recommendations in the best interest of the children they serve. Our corps of 400+ volunteers are everyday people who donate their time to help New Hampshire's victimized children find safe, permanent homes.

FY 2016 Active Cases and Volunteers

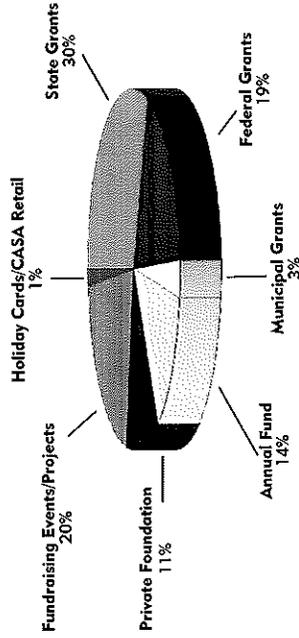


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Funding Sources

Businesses and charitable foundations, state and federal contracts, and support from individuals continue to sustain CASA of NH, making it possible to further provide a critical service to children around the state.



Funding Uses

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

