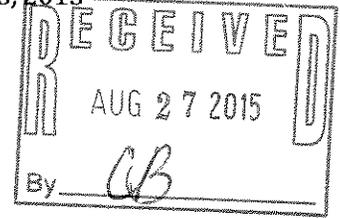




August 26, 2015



Town Of Allenstown  
16 School St  
Allenstown, NH 03275

Dear Board of Selectmen,

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Bedford, NH

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire 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 trained Volunteer Advocates speak on behalf of the best interests of abused children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's family courts through no fault of their own.

As you may know, CASA of NH is the only nonprofit organization in the state to recruit, screen and train volunteers to advocate for victimized children. There is never an end-point to our mandate, but rather a steady stream of children in jeopardy, particularly an increased number who have come into the court system due to the tragic drug epidemic in our state. Parental substance abuse often has a negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of children because home environments become chaotic and unpredictable, leading to child mistreatment. We, as a society, have a major interest in how child protection systems respond to children who are the victims of this dire epidemic as well as child abuse and neglect on the whole.

When children are thrust into the confusion of the court and foster care systems, our Volunteer Advocates ensure the child's interests are considered. They paint a clear picture of their needs so judges can make informed decisions for the child's future.

On behalf of CASA of New Hampshire, I respectfully request inclusion in your 2016 budget. The children that we serve come from every corner of the state, and are part of your very community. The same holds true for our volunteers as is evidenced below.

**FY 2015**  
BY THE NUMBERS

***In Merrimack County alone:***

**99\***  
**50**  
**56028**  
**5812**

**Children served**  
**Volunteers**  
**Miles traveled**  
**Hours of volunteer time**

***Statewide:***

**1,086**  
**443**  
**558,825**  
**56,190**

***Value of volunteer advocacy provided***      **\$3.5M**

*\* 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, 2014-June 30, 2015)*

CASA believes that when appropriate intervention happens at a critical time in an abused child's life, the cycle of violence can be broken and their life can take a path towards becoming healthy, productive adults contributing to our communities. For that reason, we respectfully request your consideration for funding of \$500.00 in your next budget cycle.

Please know that your funding makes a huge impact in the life of an abused or neglected child. For additional information, please call 626-4600 or visit our website at casanh.org.

Sincerely,

Marcia R. Sink  
President and CEO

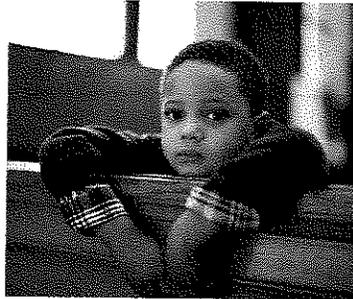
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# Our Children Your Impact

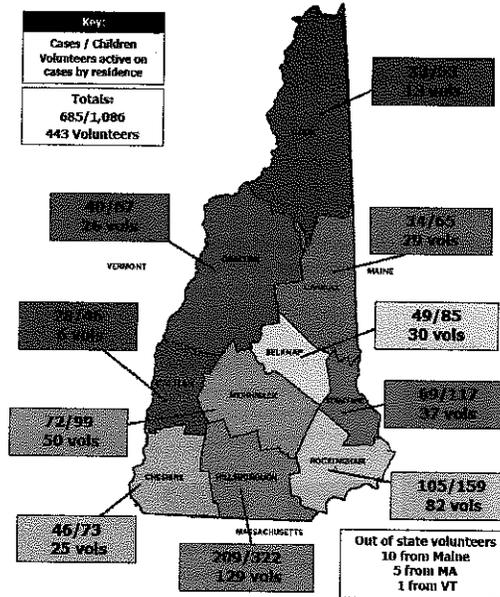
Year in Review  
Fiscal Year 2015



## The Impact of Your Support

Today, CASA serves 87 percent of New Hampshire's abused and neglected children, but we believe that every child deserves to grow up in the embrace of a loving family. By offering your support, you can help us reach 100 percent of children in need of a strong voice. With a CASA advocate at their side, children have access to a brighter future; they perform better in school and are more likely to leave foster care for a permanent home. Thank you for supporting our mission to let every child's voice be heard.

### Active Cases and Volunteers for Fiscal Year 2015



## FY 2015 BY THE NUMBERS



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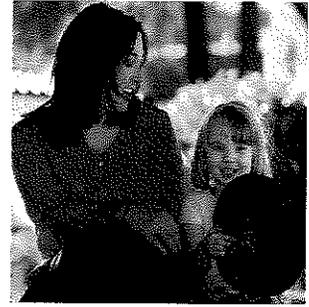
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## Our Supporters

Thank you to all our supporters throughout the past year. For a complete list of donors, please visit our **Partners** page at [www.casanh.org](http://www.casanh.org).

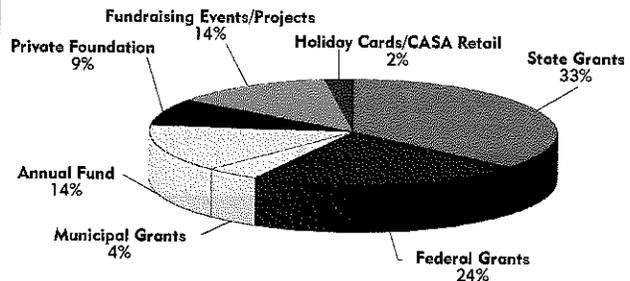
## Our Advocates

A CASA 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. They are everyday people who volunteer their time to help New Hampshire's children in need find safe, permanent homes.



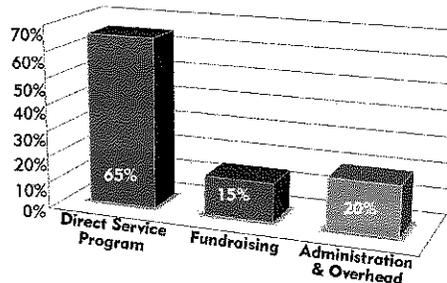
## Funding Sources

Together with state and federal contracts, support from individuals, businesses and charitable foundations continues 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.



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## **Ordinary Difference**

thought I could help children  
CASA because the children  
their courage, determination

**Metsy Snider – Retired Attorney**  
CASA – 10 years, 27 children

for assistance for abused and  
a CASA allows me to continue  
g skills from my profession."

**School Principal & Administrator**  
CASA – 7 years, 11 children

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ke a difference for me."

**Beetle – Sales Representative**  
CASA – 2 years, 2 children

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, to be treated with dignity and  
the security of a loving family.

# I need a strong voice. Will you speak for me?



# who we are...

# what we do...

# how to join...



- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the New Hampshire court system.
- We are a network of hundreds of volunteers who care deeply about our communities - and their future.
- We are office workers, educators, retirees, managers, entrepreneurs...we are people just like you who care about the safety and protection of our children.

- A CASA is a GAL "Guardian Ad Litem" and is the voice of the child in court. A guardian ad litem speaks to the best interest of the child in the New Hampshire court system.
- CASA volunteers are assigned one case at a time and generally spend 8-10 hours a month ensuring that judges have the information they need to make decisions that are in the best interest of the child.
- CASA volunteers provide information to the court and make recommendations which directly impact the future of a child.

CASA aims to take 100% of the cases of abuse in the state, but needs more volunteers to supplement their current force of men and women. Contact us today if you are one of them.

It's easy to impact a child's life:

Call: (800) 626-0622

Email: [speakup@casanh.org](mailto:speakup@casanh.org) for an information packet

Visit: [www.casanh.org](http://www.casanh.org) for a comprehensive overview of the program