



ENOTAH CASA

advocating for Children since

1999



FY-2024 IMPACT REPORT

You make a **BIG** difference for the **SMALLEST** ones in our community.

In 1999, a group of local volunteers courageously began trailblazing best-outcome advocacy for foster children in our area. As I look back at the past 25 years, I realize how difficult it is to fully quantify the impact Enotah CASA volunteers have had on thousands of children's lives, most of whom are now thriving adults with their own families.

As you open this report, our hope is you can begin to get a glimpse of how one adult, volunteering anywhere between 6-12 hours per month, changes a child's story. We believe that **EVERY** child deserves a **champion adult** who will advocate for their best interests.

CASA Volunteers Needed: Right now, for every foster child in our Enotah Judicial Circuit to have their own **adult champion**, we need 15 more volunteers. We provide extensive training and support so you can truly champion children who need YOUR voice.

Friends of CASA: As a Friend of CASA you will engage the community by promoting or helping at community awareness, fundraising events, and encouraging others to support this critical work for foster children.

Champion Donor: As a CASA Champion Donor your financial gift directly helps volunteers advocate for a child affected by neglect and abuse.



Della Lago, Enotah CASA Executive Director



Enotah CASA Celebrates 25 Years of Advocacy

Enotah CASA serves children **experiencing** foster care in Lumpkin, White, Towns, and Union Counties. Volunteers speak on the **best interest** of these children and become their one constant during their journey. We are proud to have worked closely with the Judicial System and speak on behalf of children through **trained** volunteers for **25 years** and look forward to many more.



OUR VISION

A North Georgia community in which every child in the foster care system has an advocate and the opportunity to achieve a safe, permanent, and loving home.



"I am very proud to serve on a Board that works with children to build a strong bond for a firm foundation. By working with children and supporting them, we are able to make an impact on their lives, by helping them grow and learn about the world that surrounds them."

-Jennifer Little, CASA Board Member

"As a CASA Advocate Supervisor, I enjoy the opportunity to become actively involved and serve children who have experienced abuse or neglect. It's very rewarding to be able to make a real difference in a child's life and ensure they will have a brighter future."

-Katie Dunlap, Volunteer Supervisor



to change a **CHILD'S** story

"Our world is chaotic and complex. We face challenges on how to navigate this world minute by minute. Through a child's eyes, that is experiencing foster care, this can be overwhelming, scary, and confusing. As a CASA volunteer, I have the opportunity to help a child or children learn how to work through the barriers they face. CASA is **THE** voice for the child. Regardless of age, every case is unique and I feel blessed to work alongside a team of volunteers who share the same mission and passion. Being a CASA volunteer I am fulfilled as an adult and am humbled at the challenges our youth are faced with. Together we can make a difference."

-Chrissy Denmark, CASA Volunteer



CASA's Impact in your Enotah Circuit



Reunification Adoption Permanency

"I think every child needs that unconditional love, to know that there's somebody that cares about them even when they do something wrong. And that's what I like to do for the kids I work with. I think that children are God's greatest blessing and we need to protect them."

-Pam McCampbell, Enotah CASA of the Year & Georgia CASA of the Year

This past year in your Enotah Judicial Circuit there were...

7
Staff members

65
CASA volunteers

55,900
Miles driven

9,850
Advocate case hours

204
children in the Enotah Circuit
experiencing foster care

11
REUNIFIED
with their family

34
ADOPTED

11
in PERMANENT
GUARDIANSHIPS



OUR MISSION

To provide trained, screened, and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children requiring court intervention.



Home Sweet Home!

Twelve-year old "Bria" looked so small and frightened when CASA Mary met her. You see, Bria had experienced abuse no 12- year old girl should ever know. And sadly, she witnessed someone shoot and kill one of her parents. CASA Mary met Bria shortly after she was placed with another family member. Mary began to advocate for Bria's mental & medical health care, and additional academic mentoring. Mary was able to help Bria get funding for summer camp. It was a joy to hear Bria talk about her camp experiences. Pictures of Bria at camp showed her laughing and being so carefree. Slowly, Bria began trusting Mary, even opening up about her fear of living with her mother who would soon be released from prison. Mary quickly began collecting information and collaborating with Bria's mental health providers, case managers, and others. Mary's reports to the Court and her relationship with Bria, allowed her to be a critical voice for Bria. After two years, Mary couldn't hold back the tears when Bria's extended family was granted permanent guardianship so Bria now has a safe, loving, and permanent home.

Become a CASA Volunteer

We believe that every child in the foster system deserves a voice!

Visit Our Website

www.enotahcasa.org

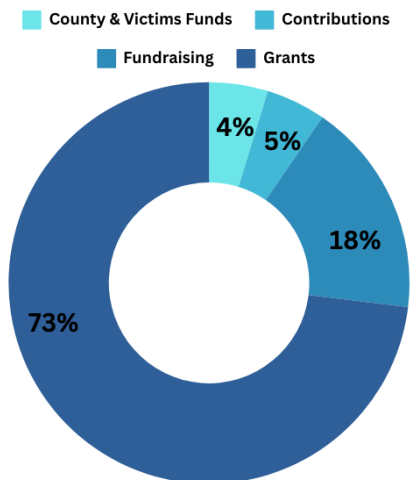
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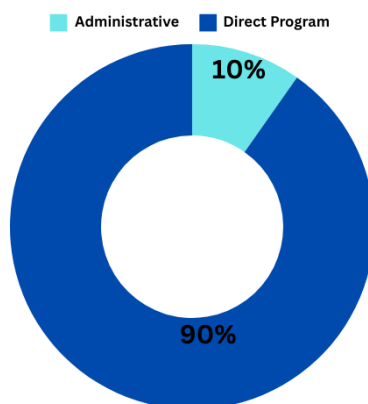


Funding

2023-2024 Funding



2023-2024 Expenses



Annual Taxpayer Savings from
CASA Services: **\$772,500.00**

CARING. COLLABORATIVE. COMMITTED

Walk into any juvenile court room in the ENOTAH Circuit and you will see one or more of our CASA volunteers and an advocate supervisor. CASA volunteers bring the people in the courtroom and everyone who is part of the child's life together as team, working together for the best interest of the child.

You can help provide an advocate for each child by donating:

- \$50 for one week of advocacy
- \$200 for one month of advocacy
- \$2400 for one year of advocacy



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"We support CASA volunteers and the organization because of the endless hours they give to support the children of Towns and surrounding counties placed in foster care. CASA ensures that the needs of these children are met and help support the best possible outcome."

-Georgia Mountain Pickleball, CASA Champion Donor



Enotah CASA

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- Katie Dunlap**
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Enotah CASA

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CASA Champions

- Georgia Mountain Pickleball
- Blue Mountain Vineyards
- Nick & Annie Shreiber
- Joe & Liz Ruf

Barrett Insurance

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- Giggle Monkey Toys
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- Diversified OSP
- Dahlonega Baptist Church
- Ashley Rosales
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