



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

MARION COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021



OUR MISSION

We provide every child in need with trained volunteer advocates to ensure they are safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive.

OUR VISION

Our community ensures every distressed child and family has a pathway to positive outcomes.

ORGANIZATION VALUES

Relationship Focused

Integrity

Just and Equitable

Excellence

Servant Leadership

Ambassadorship

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**"If we don't stand
up for children,
then we don't stand
for much."**

- Marian Wright Edelman.



IMPACT

356

CHILDREN SERVED

356 children in Marion County had a CASA volunteer assigned to their child welfare case.

VOLUNTEERS

133 community citizens acted as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children. New volunteer training sessions were held three times.

133

33,477

MILEAGE

Volunteers logged a total of 33,477 miles traveled while fulfilling their CASA duties. This includes visits, court proceedings, meetings, etc.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteers logged a total of 7,916 hours. The most recent value of a volunteer hour released by the Independent Sector is \$28.54. This brings the total value of CASA volunteer hours to \$225,922.64.

7,916

"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."
- Nelson Mandela

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

EVENT SPONSORS

Bliss Sequoia/Huggins Insurance	Roth's Fresh Markets
Brennan Martin Pugh & Associates	Saalfeld Griggs PC
Capitol Toyota	Salem Convention Center
Dick & Gayle Withnell	Salem Electric
Drs. Bud & Selma Pierce	Salem Health
First Interstate Bank	Salem Police Department
Macy's	Santiam Hospital
Maps Community Foundation	The Grand Hotel in Salem
Mountain West Investment Corporation	US Bank
Oregon Community Credit Union	Willamette Valley Vineyards
Oregon Department of Human Services	Withnell Motor Company

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Amazon Smile	Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition
Andy Medcalf Construction	Mountain West Investment Corp.
Bikers Against Child Abuse	National CASA/GAL
Blue Ribbon Brigade	Nautica Outlet Store
Capital Pioneers	Oregon Community Foundation
Center for Hope and Safety	Oregon Department of Human Services
Craig & Cherie Cline	Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Delta Kappa Gamma	Pacific Power Foundation
Dutch Bros	Project Lemonade
Foster for Hope	Radio Poder
Fred Meyer	Sackcloth & Ashes
Gilbert House Children's Museum	Salem Chamber of Commerce
In-N-Out Burger	Salem Electric
Jordan Anne Hess Memorial Trust and Scholarship Fund	Salem Health
Keizer Chamber of Commerce	Salem Leadership Foundation
Keizer Fire District	Salem Police Department
Keizer Volunteer Firefighter Association	Salem Rotary
Keizer Florist	Silverton Area Community Aid
Keizer Police Department	Spirit Mountain Community Fund
Keizer Rotary	Starbucks (all Marion County locations)
Keizer Times	Stayton Road Runners
Keizer United	Stayton Rotary
Latino Business Alliance	Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce
Liberty Mutual Insurance	The Northwest Hub
LifeSource Natural Foods	The REC by Valor Mentoring
Macy's	United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Maps Community Foundation	Willamette Health Council
	Woodburn Chamber of Commerce

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

OREGON CASA VOLUNTEER DAY

Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, issued the following proclamation, creating the first ever Oregon CASA Volunteer Day.

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers advocate statewide for the best interests of children before the court as a result of allegations of abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year more than 10,000 children in Oregon enter the foster care system at no fault of their own due to allegations of abuse or neglect and rely on adults to advocate on their behalf; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon law requires that CASA volunteers, appointed by a judge, provide the court with the comprehensive and objective information the court needs to make the most well-informed decisions to help ensure positive outcomes for children and youth, and to take time to build meaningful and authentic relationships with these children and youth; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon CASA programs exist in every county in Oregon, and more than 2,100 CASA volunteers have donated more than 235,000 hours of service to Oregon children who had experienced abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that when a CASA volunteer is appointed, outcomes are strengthened for children and families, more needed services are ordered, children are significantly less likely to reenter the child welfare system, and children perform better academically and behaviorally, and have higher levels of hope. Oregon commends CASA volunteers for their dedication and hard work in advocating for the best interest of children so that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home, and have the opportunity to thrive.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 18, 2021** to be

CASA VOLUNTEER DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 26, 2021.

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS



EVERY CHILD

Every child is a program that fulfills tangible needs for children and families involved in the child welfare system. CASA of Marion County serves as the Marion County affiliate, receiving and facilitating tangible needs for all of Marion County.

NEEDS MET

This number includes needs met through Every Child for children and families with an open child welfare case in Marion County.

423

\$18,403

MONETARY VALUE

The approximate monetary value of needs met through Every Child Marion County is \$18,403.00.



**Safe Families
for Children**

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families for Children was absorbed by CASA of Marion County from Catholic Community Services, effective May 2021. Safe Families for Children hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for desperate families through a community of volunteers who keep children safe and families intact.