



# 2008 Annual Report

*Empowering abused and neglected children with a volunteer's voice in court.*

## Volunteers make a difference —

In 2008, CASA volunteers advocated for 434 local children, an increase over 2007. By directing additional resources to recruitment, training and retention of advocates, we now have 205 active volunteers. With more volunteers, more kids are given an opportunity to grow up in a loving and nurturing environment.



Children benefiting from CASA included 4 year-old Adam and 2 year-old Sara, siblings who were physically abused by a family member. Despite living in 3 different foster homes in a year, Sharon, their CASA advocate, visited them every week. She was a consistent presence in their lives and made sure they received counseling and

speech therapy. Sharon also encouraged the mother to attend visits with the kids where she received guidance to improve parenting skills.

When Adam and Sara went to live with their mother, Sharon continued to visit them each week, making sure the children were safe and thriving. Before each court hearing, she reported her information to the Judge. Custody was returned to the mother and with the family successfully reunited, Sharon's involvement ended. She is now advocating for another sibling group.

With the dedication of volunteers like Sharon, and the support of our community, we can ensure CASA is there for kids. Thank you for your support and friendship.



## 2008 Highlights:

- 189 volunteers served 434 children.
- 97% of children were kept safe from additional reports of abuse/neglect.
- 95% of children had stability in CASA advocate.
- 98% of court hearings reflected information from CASA reports.
- 98% of kids experienced permanency in placement.

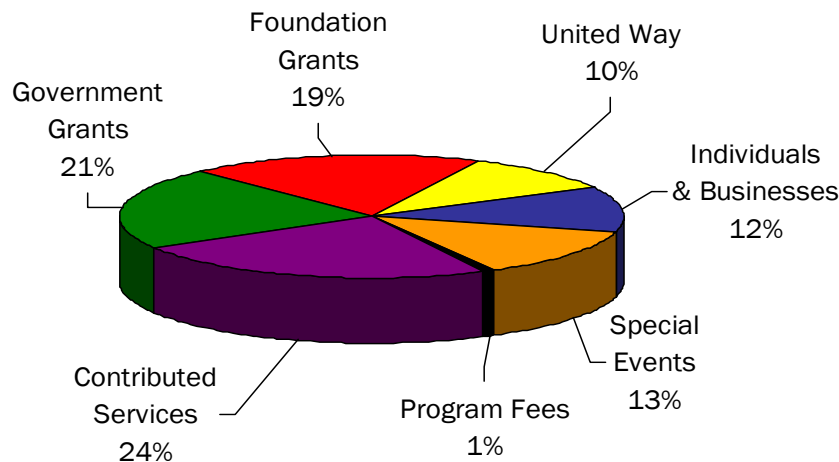
## Program Statistics

	2008	2007
CHILDREN SERVED	434	419
FAMILIES SERVED	231	243
VOLUNTEERS TRAINED	49	64
COURT REPORTS/HEARINGS	311/312	328/332
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS	10,806	10,320

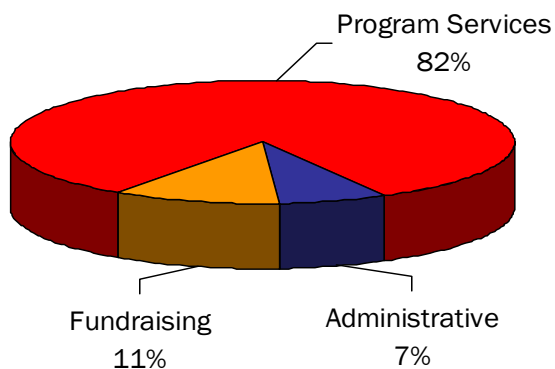


## Financial Statement Year-Ended 2008

**Total Revenues: \$715,856**



**Total Expenses: \$736,031**



The average cost to provide a CASA child advocate to one child is \$1,250 per year. This amount covers recruitment, screening, training, supervision and support, as well as other operating costs.

We are pleased to share that \$.82 of every dollar contributed is dedicated to direct program services for children.

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