



# 2009 Annual Report

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



## No child should be forgotten —

Every year, 1,200 Johnson & Wyandotte county children enter the foster care system due to abuse or neglect. To raise awareness and support for these children, the agency participated in the national Forgotten Children Campaign, which aimed to put a CASA volunteer into the life of every abused and neglected child.



A CASA volunteer watches over the children they serve and advocates on their behalf until a safe, loving and permanent home is achieved. Kids with CASA volunteers are less likely to stay in foster care long-term, and more likely to be adopted.

In 2009, CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties served 421 kids — investigating, communicating and giving each child his or her voice in court. Two of these children were brothers, Kevin and Andy. Addicted to cocaine, their mother would leave them alone for days at a time.

Through weekly meetings, the boys grew to trust and rely on Kim, their CASA advocate. She located a family member willing to care for the boys, participated in school meetings, located accessible daycare, and campaigned for needed behavioral health assistance. After two years of support, encouragement and dedication, Kim sat proudly in the court room as the boys were adopted by a relative.

## 2009 Highlights:

- 176 volunteers served 421 children.
- 99% of children were kept safe from additional reports of abuse/neglect.
- 96% of children had stability in CASA advocate.
- 96% of court hearings reflected information from CASA reports.
- 99% of kids experienced permanency in placement.

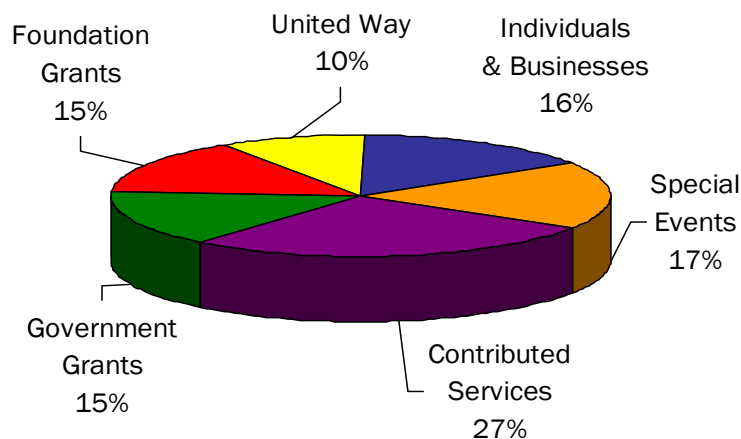
## Program Statistics

	2009	2008
CHILDREN SERVED	421	434
FAMILIES SERVED	220	231
VOLUNTEERS TRAINED	67	49
COURT REPORTS/HEARINGS	359/372	311/312
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS	15,404	10,806

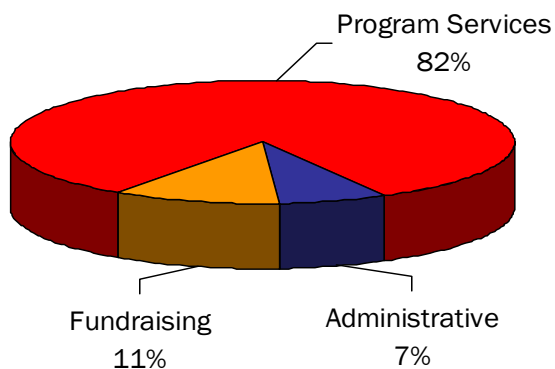


## Financial Statement Year-Ended 2009 (unaudited)

**Total Revenues: \$672,529**



**Total Expenses: \$624,262**



The average cost to provide a CASA child advocate to one child is \$1,480 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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