Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provides a powerful voice for abused kids by advocating for foster children within the court system, because with CASA, children are more likely to find a safe, permanent home.

Success Toward a Voice for Every Child

- 431 children received advocacy from volunteers, an 8% increase
- 153 children placed into safe, permanent homes when their cases closed
- 184 CASA volunteers advocated for children’s best interests, supported by 29 volunteer Peer Coordinators
- 19,138 hours volunteered, a savings of $420,845 in paid staff or 9 FTE

Ryan’s Story

At age five, Ryan was removed from his abusive home. He would binge eat, afraid it would be his last meal because his parents had deprived him of food. Sandra, Ryan’s CASA volunteer, stood by him during four years in ten different foster homes. Throughout his many moves, Sandra succeeded at keeping him at the same school where he was doing well. She helped to track down and transport his possessions from home to home. When Ryan was put on multiple medications for his behavior, Sandra successfully advocated for them to be discontinued. She knew that what he really needed was a home that was structured, supervised and loving. Above all, Sandra was a constant, familiar support in Ryan’s life.

Ryan has now been adopted by a loving family. His mood and weight have stabilized, he is enjoying playing sports, and he is seeing a therapist to help him work through his past. Sandra is relieved that this part of Ryan’s journey – of not believing that he would ever be accepted into a family that loves him – is finally over.

NOTE: Ryan’s story is real, but his name and picture have been changed to protect his identity.
Heather Murphy
Respectfully,

Our collective efforts give a voice to and the Golf Marathon. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during our upcoming Annual Campaign and Annual Giving Drive. As you will see in the pages of this report, CASA is STRONG. The staff, board and volunteers are steadfast in their commitment to protecting children. I am eager to partner with them and with our powerful community of supporters, to take CASA of Lane County to the next level.

I will spend a significant amount of time learning the ins and outs of this organization over the coming months. But one thing that is very clear to me now is that the demand for our services continues to grow. The current waiting list for children in Lane County awaiting a CASA volunteer is 271. Every child that is in need of a CASA deserves to have one. I am committed to reducing our waiting list and providing children with the highest quality of service.

I was 21 years of age when I began working with children at the Children's Services Division. I recently ran into one of my first clients at a conference. She is now a mother and has worked as a caregiver for several years. She told me that the work that my colleagues and I did with her case saved her life. We will never know the full magnitude of the influence that our services have on children's lives but we can rest assured that the effects will ripple for generations to come.

I look forward to meeting with many of you as possible during our upcoming Annual Campaign and throughout the year at events such as Casino Night and the Golf Marathon. Thank you for your ongoing support. Our collective efforts give a voice to vulnerable children in our community.

Respectfully,
Heather Murphy
Executive Director, CASA of Lane County

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From the Executive Director

I am truly honored to take the reigns at CASA of Lane County this September. I have tremendous respect for all of the years of commitment and leadership given by Megan Shultz. She has left an indelible legacy with this agency.

Thank you, Donors!
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