



Be
For
The
Child

2022

TENNESSEE CASA

ANNUAL REPORT





OUR MISSION

To support, develop, expand and unite local CASA programs in recruiting and training volunteers to advocate for Tennessee's children who have been abused and neglected.

OUR VALUES

We value children.

We value volunteer-centered advocacy.

We value collaboration.

- With local programs.
- With volunteers.
- With courts.
- With policy makers.
- We value developing, growing and sustaining local programs.

We value credible leadership and impeccable ethics.

We value unity in our network.

We value protecting the rights of children.

We value expertise and best practices in child welfare.

We value celebration of successes.



Greetings

from Our Incoming Board President

EMILY JENKINS

As we all navigate our new normal in today's world, the Tennessee CASA network continues to advocate for Tennessee's children who have been abused and neglected. Tennessee CASA provides high quality training and technical assistance to the network while informing and improving the work of all involved in our state child welfare system. With the pivot to online trainings and seminars, we have exponentially expanded the educational opportunities for our advocates, staff members, and the community.

Although these times continue to be challenging, Tennessee CASA and the network of local programs have risen to the occasion and our impact continues to grow. In fiscal year 2022, 1,721 volunteers advocated for 5,258 children giving 130,388 hours of their time. This is a remarkable achievement in the face of the national struggle to meet the needs of child welfare agency staffing and foster family recruitment and retention. While we navigate these challenges, having a CASA volunteer for children in need is even more critical. To that end, Tennessee CASA is expanding into four new counties. Our goal is to continue the work until every county has a local CASA program.

Tennessee CASA would like to recognize the tireless work of our former board president, Matthew Muenzen. Matt was a member of the Tennessee CASA board for more than four years and served on our executive committee for three years. In addition to his board service, Matt provided invaluable support and training to our network. A new opportunity has taken him to Oregon where he will continue working in child welfare. In Matt's absence, I will serve out the remainder of his term as president-elect until our new board terms begin in January. Tennessee CASA is incredibly thankful for the effort he has given, and we wish him only the best in his future endeavors.

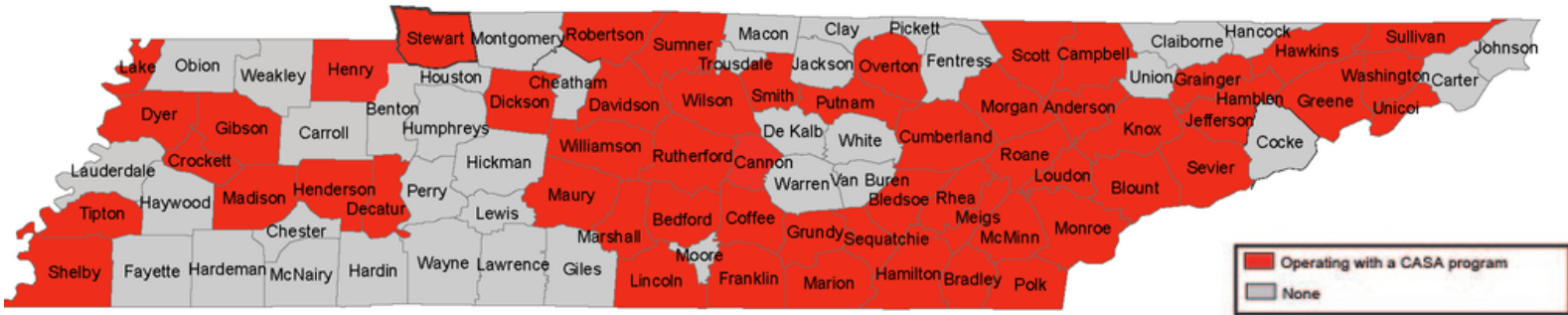
Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the CASA staff, volunteers, and board members as well as all our child welfare partners. We look forward to continuing working together to expand our programs and safeguard children. Every child deserves a consistent caring adult in their life who will advocate for a safe and stable home.

Emily P. Jenkins

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Board Vice President, Tennessee CASA

TENNESSEE CASA NETWORK



CASA Corridor

(McMinn, Meigs, Rhea)
Frances Witt- McMahan

CASA of Maury County

(Maury)
Jessica Elam

Henry County CASA

(Henry)
Tas Smith

Wilson County CASA

(Wilson)
Cathey Sweeney

CASA For Kids

(Sullivan, Hawkins)
Mary Kilpatrick

CASA of Northeast TN

(Greene, Unicoi, Washington)
Melanie Feathers

Junior's House

(Lincoln, Marshall)
Crystal Guess

CASA Nashville

(Davidson)
Julieanna Huddle

CASA of Robertson County

(Robertson)
Leah Blocker

Juvenile Court of Memphis & Shelby County

(Shelby)
Belynda Dwyer (Interim)

CASA Monroe

(Monroe)
Alisa Hobbs

CASA of Rutherford County

(Rutherford)
Kassie Davis

Lakeway CASA

(Hamblen, Jefferson, Sevier, Grainger)
Kelley Williams

CASA of Bradley & Polk Counties

(Bradley, Polk)
Natalie Barrionuevo

CASA of the TN Heartland

(Anderson, Blount, Scott)
Kesha Waters

Madison County CASA

(Madison)
Hannah Snowden

CASA of Campbell County

(Campbell)
Janet Jones

CASA of the TN Valley

(Loudon, Morgan, Roane)
Sherri Hundley

SETHRA CASA

(Bledsoe, Grundy, Marion, Sequatchie)
Margie Clemmer

CASA of Cannon County

(Cannon)
Kamille Smith

CASA Works, Inc.

(Bedford, Coffee, Franklin)
Wanda Strayhorn

Sumner County CASA

(Sumner)
Sonya Manfred

CASA of the Highland Rim

(Dickson, Stewart)
Renee Badon

Decatur County CASA

(Decatur)
Pamela Bartholomew

CASA of Tipton County

(Tipton)
Nina Smith

CASA of East TN

(Knox)
Amy Jackson

Dyer/Lake/Crockett CASA

(Crockett, Dyer, Lake, Gibson)
Wendy Smith

UCHRA CASA

(Cumberland, Overton, Putnam, Smith)
Jade Martin

CASA of Henderson County

(Henderson)
Annie Searock

Hamilton County CASA

(Hamilton)
Sarah Spencer

Williamson County CASA

(Williamson)
Emily Layton

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2022 | Audited

REVENUE

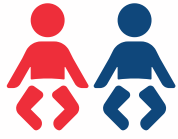
Grants	\$585,874
Dues and Fees	\$33,491
State Marriage License Tax	\$124,729
Contributions	\$14,499
Interest	\$47
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$758,640

EXPENSES

Salaries and Wages	\$285,239
Employee Benefits	\$21,801
Occupancy Expense	\$36,685
Telephone	\$11,764
Office Expense	\$73,984
Travel	\$1,422
Public Relations	\$73,194
Printing and Publications	\$25,170
Small Equipment	\$64,216
Dues	\$1,110
Training & Technical Assistance	\$112,680
Interests	\$1,737
Professional Services	\$3,594
Insurance	\$2,660
Allocation to Other Agencies	\$22,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$737,256

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$21,384
Beginning of Year Net Assets	\$121,663
End of Year Assets	\$143,047

YEAR IN REVIEW



5,258
CHILDREN
SERVED



1,721
VOLUNTEERS



\$1,151
MEDIAN COST
PER CHILD



130,388
VOLUNTEER HOURS
TOTALING
3.9M
IN VOLUNTEER
TIME

Based on a \$29.95 value of volunteer time per hour according to independentsector.org



Congratulations

to the following directors on their year(s) of service to CASA and their commitment to the children they serve.

1 YEAR

JESSICA ELAM

CASA of
Maury County

LEAH BLOCKER

CASA of
Robertson County

JAN JONES

CASA of
Campbell County

RENEE BADON

CASA of the
Highland Rim

10 YEARS

ALISA HOBBS

CASA Monroe

15 YEARS

FRANCES WITT-MCMAHAN

CASA Corridor of East Tennessee

Congratulations

to the following local programs on their anniversaries:

30 YEARS

Sumner County
CASA

15 YEARS

CASA Corridor of
East Tennessee

15 YEARS

CASA of
Campbell County

15 YEARS

CASA of
Henderson
County

15 YEARS

CASA Monroe

10 YEARS

Lakeway CASA

Special Thanks

We would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their support.



Meagan Frazier with Harris Frazier
Government Relations for donating
her legislative advocacy services.

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Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
Tennessee Bar Foundation – IOLTA Program
First Bank
Randy Harmon
State Farm Agent, Michael Busey
Tennessee Employee Charitable Campaign
Facebook Individual Donors
First Horizon Foundation
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
Tennessee Voices
Jewish Foundation
Chuck Saunders
Centerstone
3LS, Inc.
Camelot

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Thank You

to our 2021-2022 Tennessee CASA Board

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MUENZEN LAW, PLLC

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Community Ambassador

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THERAPIST

Tristan Slough
Former Foster Youth, Graduate Student
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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HNTB CORPORATION

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Business Banking Relationship
Manager
FIRST HORIZON BANK

TENNESSEE CASA STAFF

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