



Jasper County CASA

2025 IMPACT REPORT

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

As we reflect on 2025 and look into 2026 and beyond, I am hopeful for what the future holds for the children of Jasper County. Your extraordinary support has shown what this community can accomplish, and because of you, more children have a trusted adult walking with them through the uncertainty of foster care.

Even with this progress, many children are waiting for an advocate who will **SHOW UP**, **STAND UP**, and **SPEAK UP** for them. We know that **ONE** stable relationship with **ONE** supportive adult can help a child heal the past and shape a child's future – educationally, emotionally, and socially. Building on our strong foundation, our focus for the future is clear: to grow our advocate base and strengthen our organization for long-term sustainability so **EVERY** child who enters foster care has consistent, compassionate support – now and for decades to come.

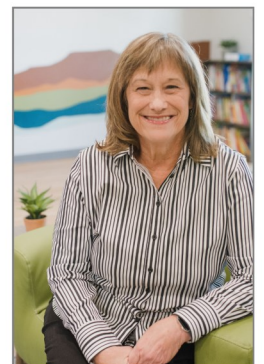
Recently, one volunteer helped a teen in foster care navigate a complicated path toward high school graduation. He guided academic decisions and even organized a job shadow with a welder – a potential career that lit a spark of possibility. This is just one example of what advocacy looks like: opening doors, creating pathways, and helping young people **DREAM BIG**.

As we continue our mission, you are the **light of hope** shining on every child we serve. Together, we can ensure the children of Jasper County always have someone in their corner – someone to listen, believe in them, and help them envision a brighter future.

Thank you for your generosity, your partnership, and your unwavering belief in these children. With your support, we will **build a future where every child is seen, heard, and supported**.

Debi Koelkebeck

Executive Director
Jasper County CASA



2025 IMPACT



97

Volunteers



308

CASA Children



6,200+

Volunteer Hours



63,800+

Miles Logged by Volunteers

In 2025, **100 CASA children** found a permanent home.



61

Reunifications



22

Adoptions



13

Guardianships



4

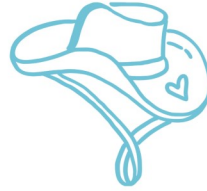
Transitions to
Independence

OUR MISSION

Jasper County CASA's mission is to show up, stand up, and speak up for children in foster care and ensure they have appropriate nutritional, medical, educational, and therapeutic resources until they are in a safe and secure permanent home.

CONNECTION EVENTS

In 2025, Jasper County CASA hosted **60+ hours of programming** for CASA children and teens.



4 Annual CASA Parties

Easter Party, Back to School Bash, Fall Farm Night, Christmas Party



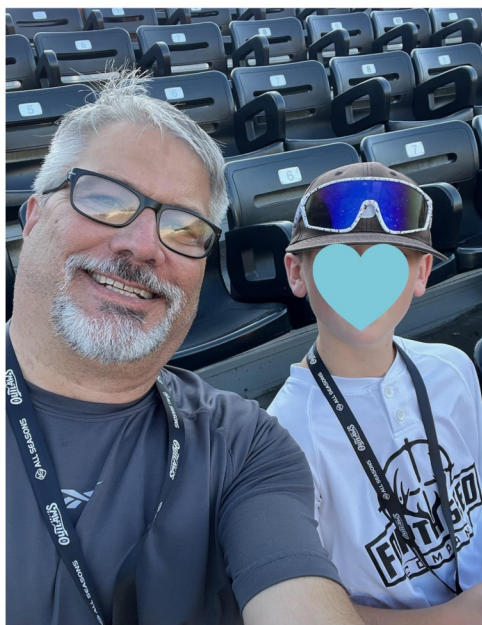
Monthly Activities for Kids

Art & Music Classes, Superhero Night, Pumpkin Painting, Costume Tea Party

Monthly Activities for Teens

Cooking & Baking Classes, Movie Night, Bowling, Mini Golf, Teensgiving





VOLUNTEER SNAPSHOT

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who have a heart for kids. They **SHOW UP**, **STAND UP**, and **SPEAK UP** for children and teens in foster care.

SHOW UP for a child by spending time together twice a month.

CASAs visit children in their foster homes to ensure their safety. They may also visit them at school and other community locations. Our CASA House hosts numerous activities every month to facilitate visits. Advocates have FUN with their CASA kids!

STAND UP for a child's basic needs.

Volunteers advocate for physical and mental wellbeing, education, and other resources for their CASA kids.

SPEAK UP for a child's best interests.

A CASA ensures their child's voice is heard by communicating their thoughts and other information with the child's team and in written court reports.

CASAs have support.

All volunteers are assigned an Advocate Supervisor who guides them on their CASA journey. Supervisors are available every step of the way to assist with questions or challenges. CASA staff also offer social activities and continuing education opportunities for advocates throughout the year.

On average, Jasper County children spend **27.7 months in foster care** and experience **4+ foster homes**.



More than **100 local children** are still **waiting for a CASA**.

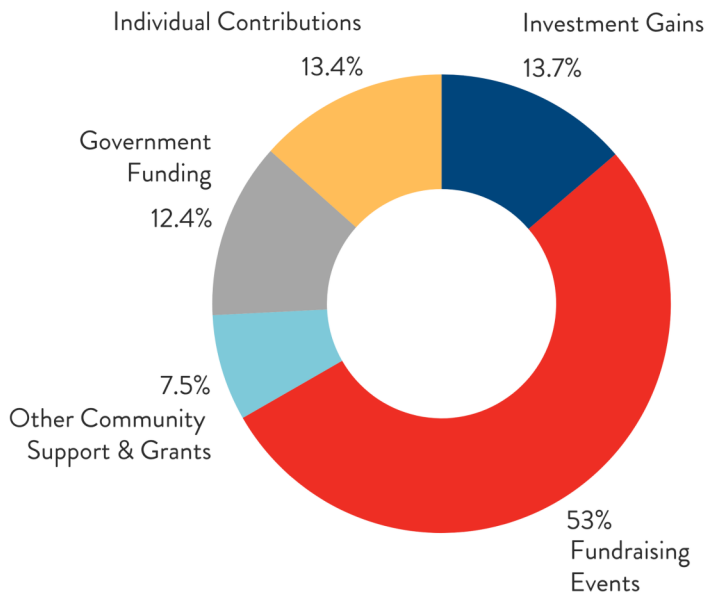
ACTIVE CASA VOLUNTEERS

Michelle Allgood*	Cheri Emde	Heather Jennings	Sheila Prather
Alan Beaver	Theresa Erwin	Andy Johnson	Amy Rand
Nancy Beckwith*	Jane Ewing	Angie Johnson*	Tiffany Rea
Dusty Bell	Patty Fields	Robin Jones	Linda Rockers*
Wilma Belliss	Emily Fordham	Robyn Kaempfe	Kim Satterlee
Laura Benjamin	David Forkner	Tina Kennedy	Rhonda Scoggin
Cathy Blades*	Eva Forkner	Jana Kidd	Lisa Sewell
Stacy Braman	Debra Fort	Alyssa Klugh	Stacy Sloan
Vickey Brandal	Ericka Freeborn	Lori Lanier	Margaret Snyder*
Abby Brower	Kaycia Frieden	Lana LaSalle	Curt Spieker*
Ginger Brown	Melissa George	Liz Lawver	Mindy St Clair
Christy Caddy	Cindy Gerace	Jessica Loggains*	Teddy Steen
Elizabeth Carter*	Kelly Gier	Jana Long	Shania Sterling
Melissa Caruthers	Connie Godwin*	Jessica Long	Matt Stuckey
Ashlann Casey	Kathie Gremaud	Joe Lyon*	Gabrielle Studer
Sean Casey	Tasha Hardy	Cheryl Marsh	Lisa Sweet
Jody Chance*	Jill Hartgrave	Tami Menke*	Angie Thomure
Summer Cole	Kailey Hartley	Adrienne Mitchell*	Anne Tindall
Heather Collier	Kally Hatcher	Stephanie Moore	Rick Utter*
Chelsea Comer	Sara Hayes	Debbie Morris	Sue Utter*
Dana Cook	Teresa Henry	Shawnda Muskrat	Latasha Vick
Shiloh Cooper	Janice Hicks	Darrell Offutt	A.J. Visconti
Phyllis Cox	Julie Hines	Ashlee Pahlow	Erin Wampler*
Bradley Crane	Angela Howard	Curt Penland	Alexa Warden
Donna Cummins*	Greg Howard	Dale Peterson	Kathy Watson
Katie Eckerson	Kent Huff	Roni Peterson	Cassie Welch
Traci Eden	Marlee Jacobs	Noah Pinjuv	Tom Wells*
Elaine Edwards	Jamie Janicki	Amanda Powell	Wendy Wright*
Susan Egger			

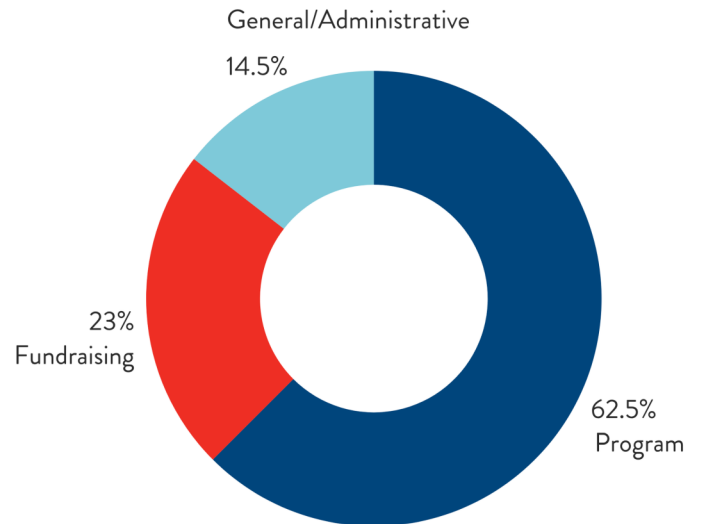
*5+ years of service as a **CASA** volunteer

2025 FINANCIALS

2025 REVENUE SOURCES



2025 OPERATING EXPENSES



OUR TEAM

STAFF

Debi Koelkebeck
Volunteer Executive Director

Becky Burns
Assistant Executive Director

Desirèe Breidenstein
Development Director

Kelly Gier
Incumbent Director

Ericka Freeborn
Program Director

**Bradley Crane, Ashlee Pahlow,
Abby Brower, & Shania Sterling**
Advocate Supervisors

Lisa Sewell
Development Assistant

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