Tragically, 24 children died of abuse or neglect in Dallas County last year, the same number as in 2015. A total of 4,626 abused and neglected children lived in protective care in Dallas County during 2016 because they weren’t safe in their homes.

If we respond to the plight of child abuse victims with intermittent surges of outrage, our children will be no safer and their futures will be no more secure or successful. The alternative is to empower our community to respond with action. In 2016, with nearly 1,100 volunteer advocates, Dallas CASA served 2,768 children. Over the last decade, we have more than tripled the number of volunteers and the number of abused children our advocates serve annually. As of the last day of the year, Dallas CASA was serving 72% of Dallas County children living in foster care, kinship care, residential treatment centers and other out-of-home placements. By year end, CASA volunteers were assigned to cases in each of the nine Dallas County district courts—two juvenile and seven family courts—that hear child welfare cases, with a standing invitation to those courts to assign us to new and pending cases.

By daring to make a difference, our volunteers directly impact the lives of abused and neglected children. Dallas Morning News columnist Jacquielynn Floyd has described a CASA volunteer as “a lifeline like no other” for our vulnerable children in foster care. Although we know the impact they make on the lives of children, our volunteer advocates consistently tell us how they are themselves enriched by the experience. This 2016 Annual Impact Report shares responses to our annual volunteer advocate survey that convey this message.

Progress toward our goal of serving 100% of abused children in protective care who need us would not be possible without your unwavering, direct and meaningful support. You are making a real and powerful difference in the number of at-risk children we are privileged to serve during a frightening and uncertain time in their young lives.

Thank you for all you do to put our children first and to keep our children safe.

Warmest regards,

Kathleen M. LaValle
Executive Director and President

There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

Nelson Mandela
In 2016, Dallas CASA extended an invitation to family law judges in Dallas County to appoint CASA volunteers to new and pending cases in their courts. By the end of the year, with the availability of more volunteers, Dallas CASA was receiving appointments in all nine Dallas County district courts that hear Child Protective Services cases.

Extended service to young adults

Last year marked Dallas CASA’s first full year implementing a policy allowing us to continue to serve youth who are turning 18. Whenever a court agrees to extend the age of jurisdiction over a juvenile (or child), Dallas CASA remains appointed as long as the case is pending, which can mean continuing to serve up to the young adult’s 21st birthday.

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17% of 2016 assigned Dallas CASA volunteers were African-American or multiracial.

20% of trained and sworn-in volunteers last year were African-American or multiracial.

10% of 2016 assigned Dallas CASA volunteers were Hispanic.

11% of trained and sworn-in volunteers last year were Hispanic.

Focused efforts to recruit more African-American and Hispanic volunteers will continue.

VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

Click HERE to learn how you can help recruit volunteer advocates or to download our recruitment toolkit.

VOLUNTEERS ASSIGNED

1,093 Dallas CASA volunteers served abused and neglected children.  18% increase over 2015

VOLUNTEERS SWORN

420 new volunteer advocates were recruited, trained and sworn in.  26% increase over 2015

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- 21-29 (23%)
- 30-39 (18%)
- 40-49 (24%)
- 50-59 (9%)
- 60 and over (6%)

VOLUNTEERS BY EDUCATION

- College degree (35%)
- Graduate degree (14%)
- Post-graduate degree (21%)
- Some college/Current Student (24%)
- High School/GED/Other (9%)

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- 6-10 YEARS
- Deborah Ackerman
- Erin Adams
- Valeria Bobb
- Jeanine Balsch
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- Fran Berg
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Dallas CASA received the National CASA Promising Practices Spotlight Award for its partnership with Angel Flight South Central, which provides volunteer pilots with airplanes to connect Dallas CASA volunteers with children served around the state. Chad Frymire, Dallas CASA program director, accepted the award.

Dallas CASA was pleased to award the Judge B renhatt Sanders Champion of Children Award to NorthPark Center for its more than 50 years of service to the Dallas community and particularly its support to improve the lives of children. NorthPark co-owners and husband-and- wife team Nancy Nasher and David Haemisegger accepted the award on behalf of the NorthPark team.

The Dallas CASA Children’s Council oversees the annual holiday Angel Tree program, which engages corporate and organizational sponsors to fill holiday wish lists for CASA children. The staff of Munich Re and Mars, Inc., generously provided bicycles to help make our children’s holiday dreams come true.

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Our auxiliary groups, the Dallas CASA Children’s Council and the Dallas CASA Young Professionals, provided significant support throughout the year for the agency and the children we serve.
Our work would not be possible without the generosity of many individuals, companies and foundations along with generous public funding.

PHOTOS (from top):
Dallas CASA was a 2016-2017 recipient of a grant from The Mavs Foundation. Pictured are Floyd Jahner, president of The Mavs Foundation; Linda Swartz, chair of the Dallas CASA board development committee; Kathleen LaValle; and Katie Edwards, director of community relations for The Mavs Foundation.

During the holidays, a “Mystery Friend” selected Dallas CASA as the recipient of an extraordinary $50,000 gift and allowed Dallas CASA to nominate the Legacy Family Court Foundation to receive a “Pay It Forward” gift of $10,000. The mystery friend also generously provided the Dallas CASA staff with individual holiday gift cards.

New grant to reimburse volunteer travel
Many of the children we serve are placed outside Dallas County. With a generous grant from an anonymous foundation, Dallas CASA launched Far Away, But Not Forgotten, a pilot volunteer advocate travel reimbursement program for round trips of 100 miles or more.

Launch of InstaSource resource database
Fidelity Investments provided funding and partnered with Common Impact to provide information technology experts who volunteered their time and talents to develop a resource database accessible to all Dallas CASA volunteers and staff. With a robust web-based search capability, information about educational, therapeutic, adoption, rehabilitative, mental health, housing and social service resources can be quickly retrieved by geographic location. This skills-based volunteer project delivered a valuable tool that will improve over time as more records are added to the database.

2016 COMPARSED TO 2015

$6.6M $2.9M
total revenue excluding campaign contributions in campaign contributions
▼ 6.1% increase ▼ 22% increase

1,128
individuals who made cash gifts of $100 or more ▼ 22% increase

$5.6M
total expenses ▼ 7.8% increase

$2,020
cost per year to serve one child

2016 REVENUE

2016 EXPENSES

Click HERE to view full financial statements.

2016 revenue excludes campaign contributions.
Financial policies for Dallas CASA are reviewed annually by the Dallas CASA Board of Directors Finance Committee and approved by the Dallas CASA Board of Directors. Independent auditors audit our financial statements each year and prepare the IRS Form 990. Access to our audit and tax filings can be found online at dallascasa.org.
Corporate supporters AT&T, Goldman Sachs and Pioneer Natural Resources hosted the Dallas CASA Classic golf tournament. Employees of the three companies volunteered their time throughout the year to make the tournament a success. Pictured are Goldman Sachs volunteers at the TPC Four Seasons Las Colinas.

Richard Fox, Flotek; Tim Dove, Pioneer Natural Resources; Shane Marchand, Helmerich and Payne; Bob Stroupe, Flotek; and Mark Berg, Pioneer Natural Resources, at the Dallas CASA Classic, which raised $1.3 million to help abused children.

At the Cherish the Children luncheon hosted by the Dallas CASA Children’s Council, luncheon Chair Erin Pope (left) welcomed Council President Jenny Reynolds, who spoke about the impact of being a volunteer advocate.

Crest Cadillac/Crest Infiniti was the Palace Sponsor of the 2016 Dallas CASA Parade of Playhouses. Crest also donated the Crest CASA George playhouse, which was raffled to raise funds to help abused children have safe homes.

At the Champion of Children Award Dinner Co-Chairs (left to right) Mark and Karen Carney, Jonathan and Christine Bassham, Kristy Hegland Robinson and Jeanne and Joseph Manogue hosted more than 500 attendees in support of Dallas’ most vulnerable children.

Christie Carter, Dallas CASA board member, and Clay and Lisa Cooley attended the Champion of Children Award Dinner, which raised more than $700,000, making it the most successful fundraising dinner in Dallas CASA history.

The Hon. Michael Rawlings and Mrs. Micki Rawlings, Honorary Chairs of the 2016 Champion of Children Award Dinner, and Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel (right) attended the Champion of Children Patron Party.
Voices of Hope Giving Society recognizes individual donors who make annual gifts of $1,000 or more and corporate and foundation donors who make annual gifts of $5,000 or more to Dallas CASA, through one-time or recurring gifts. It is our hope that this society will help us grow our donor base in order to sustain our ability to serve every abused child who needs us year after year.

PROTECTOR ($10,000-$14,999)
- Accenture
- Alliance Data Systems
- Alaris & Metrol Business Consulting, LLC
- Amdocs
- Anonymous
- Bogner Family Foundation
- Bronowell
- Capps Truck & Van Rental
- Comerica Bank
- DCP/Malcolm

DEFENDER ($7,500-$9,999)
- The Baldridge Foundation
- Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

ADVOCATE ($5,000-$7,499)
- Advocate Resources
- Alcántar Lucent
- Andrews-Kath LLC
- The Audy Company
- Axis Power Corporation
- Bux Engineering Company
- Carf & Flegler & King Foundation
- Chancellor's Trust & House’s House
- Chamberlain’s Fish Market Grill
- Chambers of the Transfiguration
- Communities Foundation of Texas
- Dallas Bar Foundation
- First Nationwide Title Agency
- FMC, Inc.
- Gibbs & Bruns, LLP

RECOVERY, LUSCIOUS & RICHELIEU
- Recovery, Logistics RIC Council Company
- Routhmore Loan Management Services
- Samsung Enterprise, Inc.
- SAP
- Silver Addy LLP
- Singapower Property Solutions, LLC
- Skanska
- Solmed
- Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits
- Tanya’s
- TUSC, LLC
- Wooden Technologies
- Wood Partners/Wood Real Estate Investors

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Suannne and John Gibson
Sally and Forrest Hoglund
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H.E. and Ellen Bowers
Jerry and Barbara Bowers
Kevin and Donna Blome
Sandy and Jeff Blome
Diane Ensminger
Cheryl A. Engelmann
Jennifer Durrett
Steven Dreon
Rosemary Domecki
Jennifer Davis
Suzanne and Michael Dalton
Sean M. Cunningham
Pamela Cotter
Sharla and David Myers
Teresa and Kerry Scott
Suzanna and John Rubottom, Jr.
Debbie Roberts
Paige and James Richley
Deborah Roberts
Susan and John Rubottom, Jr.
Teresa and Harry Scott

AID ($250-$499)

Suzanne O’Connor
Catherine and Sydney Tassin
Marianne and Roger Staubach
Dolores Staffin
Margaret and James Spellings
Elizabeth and Richard Eiseman
Elizabeth and Michael Daane
Cynthia C. Comparin
Kimberleigh and Christopher Young
Stephen Woodard
Cris Zertuche Wong
Debra Witter
Melissa and Phillip Wise
Andrew White
Tabatha Westbrook
Andrew Weil
Jackie and Steve Waldman
Elizabeth and Marshall Viney
Alana Villanueva
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Team Chair John Gibson addresses guests at the 2016 Champion of Children Award Dinner.
Rodney and Kendrick have a home for the holidays
Rodney tested positive for drugs at birth like his brother Kendrick had four years before. And just like she had done four years earlier, Rodney's grandmother opened her heart and her home to another innocent little boy with a rough start to life. READ MORE

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A jazz vocalist since 1979, Dallas CASA volunteer Gabe Meadows, a marketing executive, is currently advocating for four teenage boys in two different cases. READ MORE

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WFAA on how you can help
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Addressing frequently asked questions about the state of CPS and the status of the Texas foster care lawsuit
Kathleen LeValle addresses questions about problems Child Protective Services is experiencing and the pending Texas foster care lawsuit. READ MORE

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