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Letter from the CEO

We must be present for children to win

Dear Friends,

Being consistently present for a child is one of the most enduring gifts we can offer — especially when a child is placed in unfamiliar surroundings and feels lost or forgotten. In this annual impact report, we share the profiles of six ordinary people making extraordinary contributions to the well-being of children removed from home due to abuse or neglect. These de-identified true stories capture the difference a dedicated child advocate can make to brighten the future for the children we serve.

This year, our commitment to child advocacy took on added urgency.

First, as the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has reported to the Texas Legislature, “Children and youth in conservatorship today have different needs and characteristics than the population in conservatorship in previous fiscal years, including more intensive behavioral, developmental, and medical needs.” In short, the work involved in effectively advocating for child victims has become more difficult because of the greater intensity of their needs.

Second, Dallas County continues to navigate the realities of the transition to privatized child welfare case management, and the private contractor’s workforce instability issues remain a significant challenge. When new and inexperienced caseworkers step into complex cases, we see delays, confusion and heightened stress in settings both in and outside the courtroom. In all environments, children deserve steadiness — and families deserve support that is timely, informed and consistent. While keeping children in foster care placements close to their home communities was an anticipated benefit with the move to the privatized

community-based care model, the percentage of Dallas County children placed in-county in paid foster care in the state’s fiscal years 2024 and 2025 was lower than the average in-county placements for the three years preceding the transition.

We are proud of the “extra miles” our volunteers continue to travel — literally and figuratively — closing critical gaps with practical wisdom, effective advocacy and interventions, and deep compassion. We appreciate that Dallas judges continue to recognize the expanded role that Dallas CASA staff and volunteers have assumed in safeguarding children and strengthening the support available to families and caregivers. We also remain focused on leadership-level engagement to prioritize and communicate recurring issues, particularly those that impact child safety and create barriers to child permanency and positive child outcomes.

Since we began accepting 100% of court appointments to Dallas County child welfare cases in 2019, Dallas CASA has served more than 8,700 children, supported by nearly 3,200 courageous volunteer advocates. Continuing this life-changing and life-saving work depends on the support of many individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations committed to giving children a stronger voice and a safer path forward.

Thank you for standing with children. Thank you for showing up — because when we are present, children can win.

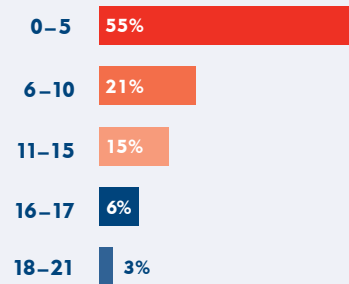
With deep gratitude,


Kathleen M. LaValle

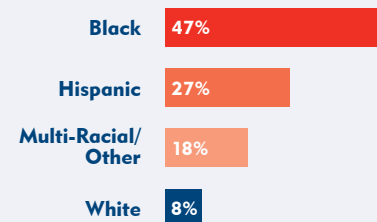


Staff at the 2025 Advocate Summit, a full day of learning for Dallas CASA volunteer advocates.

Children & Youth By Ages



Children By Ethnicity



Children Served

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Since we first began accepting 100% of court appointments in 2019, Dallas CASA has served more than 8,700 children with nearly 3,200 volunteer advocates. Dallas CASA serves more children than any of the 900 independent CASA programs nationwide.

Dallas CASA served 2,350 children with 1,133 assigned volunteers in 2025, with 272 new CASA volunteers sworn into service.

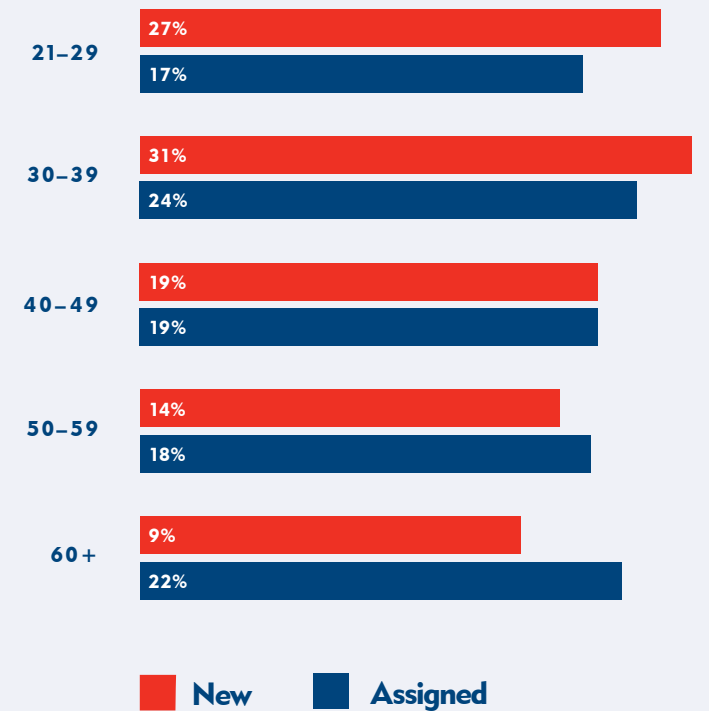
Of Dallas County children exiting the system in state fiscal year 2025, 76% were reunified with family or placed permanently with relatives through legal guardianship or adoption.

*TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES RIDER 15 REPORT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED CARE—PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ANALYSIS (SEPTEMBER 2025).

Volunteer Advocates

Of our new volunteers in 2025, 58% were in their 20s and 30s, while 22% of total assigned volunteers were 60 or older. We see positive signs that the entry pipeline of young adult applicants is strong and that many volunteers make this work a long-term commitment. Whereas nonprofits nationally report volunteer recruitment challenges and increasing volunteer attrition rates, Dallas CASA's volunteer retention rate for 2025 was 77%.

New and Assigned Volunteers by Age



Volunteer Advocates

Dallas CASA is grateful to all volunteer advocates for their dedicated service. The following volunteer advocates are recognized for having served five or more years.

25 or More Years

Larry Dolan
Sandra Whorton

20 to 24 Years

Schenita Floyd
Maria Mendoza
Dianne Robinson
Elizabeth Smith
Alicia Wagoner

15 to 19 Years

Doug Bily
Michelle Chapman
Sarah Friedman
Marian Glass
Elizabeth Jenkins
Barbara Jordan
Megan Martinez

Stephanie Roberts
Marianne Sharp
Eileen Smith
Ryan Whitfill
Robyn Young

10 to 14 Years

Sandra Aland
Shamonica Alexander
Mindy Baxter
Melna Bourland
Elsy Camacho
Tracy Cheatham
Nancy Cherwitz
Beth Cholerton
Kristen Cimorelli
Wathenia Clark
Tish Cruciani
Suzan Dick

Kim Distaso
Glorias Dixon
Amy Dugan
Jennah Durant
Charles Durtschi
Erin Eisenrich
Sherry Evans
Mollie Fabian
Cathy Foyt
Daniel Foyt
Sky Harrison
Laura Heims
Chris Hollingsworth
Ginger Jordan
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Lisa Lantz
Kathryn Laza
Diana Lehboub
Coleman Lewis

Prudence Lidbury
Robin Lightstone
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Walt Marston
Tonya McKinney
Gabriel Meadows
Maria Monteverde
Marie Naklie
Marly Natherson
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Katie O'Neil
John Page
Stephanie Page
Amanda Perryman
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Jasmine Robinson
Kristy Hoglund Robinson
Lisa Ryan
Julie Schwartz
Bernadette Shepherd
Kathy Sieling
Michelle Slovak
Debby Smith
Sarah Smith
Tanja Smith
Nicki Stafford
Carrie Stauffer
Walter Theiss
Lyn Thomas
Carol Thompson
Leslie Wayne
Holly Webster
Linda Westerberg
Kenneth Wherry
Kimberly Wise

Kristin Algier
Leesa Alhadeef
Katherine Anderson
Corenda
Lovings Andrews
Ines Alice Angaroni
Priscilla Anthony
Marie-Therese Aragon
Cheryl Augustus
Gabriela Aviram
Holly Backstrom
Sharon Balaban
Christopher Barboza
Catherine Barnes
Rachel Barnes
Sally Barnhardt
Tiana Barnwell
Joy Bengfort
Ashley Marie Benoy
Jennifer Bergh
Christina Patricia Bernal
Rose Bily
Dawn Bizzell
Ashlee Blair
Casie Blankenbeckler
Earl Blankenship
Janice Bloom
Traci Boddie
Ellen Boehmer
Kristie Bolding

5 to 9 Years

Christopher Abernathy
Cindi Adams
Steve Adams
Yolanda Adams



Kristin Algier
Leesa Alhadeef
Katherine Anderson
Corenda
Lovings Andrews
Ines Alice Angaroni
Priscilla Anthony
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Rose Bily
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Ashlee Blair
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Earl Blankenship
Janice Bloom
Traci Boddie
Ellen Boehmer
Kristie Bolding

Amy Boring
Jennifer Boyanovsky
Amy Bramhall
Ashley Bristow
Keri Brookshire
Kelley Brown
Michael Brown
Sheryl Brown
Carolyn Brunkenhoefer
Debbie Burgess
Charlene Burroughs
Lauren Busch
Liz Byrd
Cristina

Calderin-Swartz
Melody Calverley
Betsy Cameron
Donna Campbell
Anabel Campos
Michael Canton
Mary Castorina
Jessica Chapa
John Chaussee
David Chong
Colin Christ
Tracy Chumbley
Florentina Ciocan
Priscilla Cisneros

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Lesley Collins
Kimberly Colonna
Jennifer Cook
Carolandra Cooley
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Anuka Dhakal
Jordan Dickens
Savannah Dieste
Stacy Douglass
Ashley Dawn Dugas
Monica Ealba
Yzette Edmonson

Hannah Elliott
Cynthia Estee
Graciela Ruth Estrada
Alexis Evanich
Melinda Fain
Duane Fancher
Sandy Fancher
Joann Ferguson

Loretta Fitzgerald
Nancy Fitzgerald
Jomita Smith Fleming
Elizabeth Flewharty
Alesha Foreman
Mackenzie Frankenberg
Joyce Franklin
Vonda Freeman
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Elisa Garcia
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Kathleen Gudmundsson
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Christy Hannigan
Pamela Hanson
Elise Harper
Rowland Henshaw
Erin Blair King
Ariana Held
Anishalin Helms
Mary Hennighausen
Elizabeth Hernandez
Mirna Hernandez
Kristen Hertel
Elizabeth Hill
Ann-Margaret Hinkle
Karen Hohnstein
Jonathan Holloway
Ericka Houle
Gregory Humenesky
Dena Hurst
Kelsie Hyden

Dreya

After five years in foster care, nine-year-old Dreya had experienced too much — too many placements, too many hospitalizations and too many disruptions to her young life. Through it all, she had only one constant: her Dallas CASA volunteer Ann-Marie. When others saw Dreya's impulsive behavior and challenges, Ann-Marie saw a joyful, energetic child who deserved stability. She visited Dreya in every placement, coordinated mental health evaluations, ensured access to therapy and stayed in close contact with schools and caregivers. When caseworkers changed, Ann-Marie remained the one person who knew Dreya's full story. Eventually, Ann-Marie helped explore the possibility of returning Dreya to a family placement that had once seemed impossible but now had the capacity and support to succeed. Thanks to Ann-Marie, Dreya found a home full of love where she can thrive.

Baby Nadya

Baby Nadya was born weeks early, positive for illegal drugs and sexually transmitted diseases. She was left at the hospital with no family able to care for her. Shortly after her birth, Dallas CASA volunteer Anupa was appointed to advocate for her. Anupa stepped in during a critical moment, monitoring Nadya's medical needs, visiting her regularly and ensuring the court understood the level of care Nadya required. Anupa worked closely with medical providers and child welfare professionals while also observing the strong bond forming between Nadya and her foster family. Despite a thorough search, no relatives could be found to care for the baby. As Nadya grew healthier and began achieving developmental milestones, Anupa advocated for a permanent home. Nadya was adopted by her foster parents — the only family she had ever known.



Volunteer Advocates

Daniel, Andrew and Lily

When siblings Daniel, Andrew and Lily entered foster care for the second time, their lives were marked by trauma, frequent disruptions and mounting behavioral needs. Dallas CASA volunteer Mallory accepted their case again, becoming the only consistent adult the children had known across removals. Mallory worked to keep the siblings together whenever possible, even as placements struggled to meet the boys’ complex needs. She advocated for therapy, routine and a foster home that was experienced enough to support all three children. When the siblings were finally placed with a caregiver equipped to provide structure and services, Mallory saw immediate improvement. Their behaviors calmed, their attachment grew and stability began to take root. For these siblings, Mallory’s willingness to return — and remain — made all the difference.



National Adoption Day was celebrated in Dallas County in November 2025.

5 to 9 Years continued...

Tony Jackson	Andrea Lagat	Regina McClendon
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Diana Smith	Sherri Tilley	Carmen Wetzler	Sue Winemiller	Miriam Zehaie
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Linda Stamp	Sofia Torres	Mark Wickersham	Katherine Wood	Margaret Zundel
Barbara Stanton	Michelle Touchet			
Eric Steele	Lan Tran			
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Donna Stengel	Victoria Ventura			
Cynthia Stieber	Nicolai van Oers			
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Kate Stone	Rebecca Vega			
Courtney Tauriac	Alejandra Vidal			
Shelia Terry	Maureen Waldie			
Kenneth Tettleton	Dan Wallace			



Blessing

Blessing entered foster care at just one year old, underweight and developmentally delayed after living in unsafe conditions. Her Dallas CASA volunteer, Carrie, was determined to help Blessing experience safety and love. As Blessing slowly began to trust her foster family, Carrie worked tirelessly to locate relatives who could provide permanence. When Blessing’s baby sister was born and placed in the same foster home, Carrie expanded her search and eventually found a long-lost aunt willing to step in. Carrie traveled to Mississippi to visit the girls in their new home, witnessing firsthand a loving family surrounded by extended support. Today, Blessing and her sister are adopted and thriving with their aunt. Thanks to Carrie’s advocacy, they now live in a home filled with love and security.



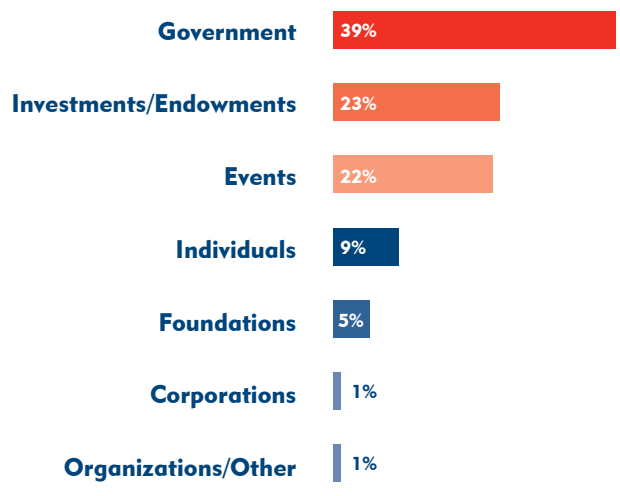
Rob Kaplan and Paige Richey accept the 2025 Champion of Children Award on behalf of Goldman Sachs. Dallas CASA board chair Scott Orr presented the award.

Immediate Past Board Chair Cynt Marshall interviewed author Andrew Bridge at the 2025 Cherish the Children luncheon.

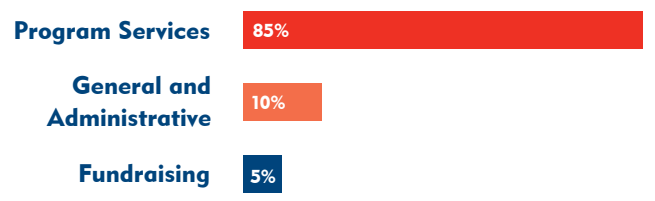
Dallas CASA Young Professionals enjoy their signature event, the 2025 CASAblanca.

Financial Information

Total Revenue:
\$12.87 million
Total revenue grew 3% compared to prior year



85% of every dollar funds program services



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\$30,000 and above**

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SDS Petroleum
Consultants
**The Sealark
Foundation**
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SitusAMC
SLB
Smartlink
Sophia Oilfield
Supply Services
SRD Legal Group
TSB Capital
Advisors, LLC

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USA Compression
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Foundation**
Walker Dunlop
WL Plastics
**Protector
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Bank of America—
Dallas
BCDR Solutions
**Clay Jenkins Family
Foundation**
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\$7,500–\$9,999**

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Gisual Inc.
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Sammons
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Texas Bar Foundation
Wireless Business
Consultants

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Crossroads Inc.
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a Covius Solution
Dallas Mavericks
Digital Management
Solutions
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Edgemere Chapel
**Fannie & Stephen
Kahn Charitable
Foundation**
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Lena Serene /
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Sophia Salem
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Mesa West Capital
Motion Telco
Nokia
Opus Capital Markets
Consultants, LLC
Pearce Services
The Phoenix Insurance
Prosperity Bank
Pure Storage

Republic Finance
RPS Solutions
Shure Mattingly
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Estate of
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Mary and Billy Hickey
Sally and
Forrest Heglund
**Cynt and
Kenneth Marshall**
Margot Perot
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Betty Regard
Bill Starkey
Linda and Rob Swartz

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**Priscilla and
Corey Anthony**
Sebastian Barahal
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Callie and
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Isabel and
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Bela and Chase Cooley
Lisa and Clay Cooley
Helen and John Corona
Sara Faulconer Sands

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John Gibson
**Deri and
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Karen and
Randy O'Hare
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Randall Porter**
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Azeem

Thirteen-year-old Azeem entered foster care after his father's sudden death and his mother's mental health crisis. Placed in a foster home, he struggled with grief, isolation and missing the familiar comforts of home, especially his mother's cooking. Dallas CASA volunteer Michael recognized that Azeem's well-being depended on more than just safety. Michael coordinated with Azeem's mother as she stabilized, delivering her home-cooked meals to Azeem, helping him feel connected while they worked toward reunification. Michael also advocated to keep Azeem in his magnet school and supported a plan that allowed him to return home in time for Ramadan. Azeem's story shows how thoughtful advocacy can restore stability and hope for youth in foster care.





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\$2,500–\$4,999

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Margaret Cervin
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Nandini Davis
Larry Flournoy
Hannah Francis
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When Danny entered foster care at age 12, he had already experienced loss, abuse and instability. Over the next three years, he moved through five placements and five schools, each change making it harder to trust that adults would stay. Through every transition, Danny had one constant: his Dallas CASA volunteer, Cené. She took time to truly know Danny, seeing beyond his mistakes to the teenager who loved sneakers, music and desperately wanted to belong. She visited him regularly, attended court and helped caregivers understand the trauma behind his behavior. When a placement nearly ended after a serious setback, Cené advocated for Danny to remain while a better option was found. That persistence led to an experienced foster family accepting Danny into their home. With structure, patience and support, Danny was finally given the chance he deserved, proof that steady advocacy can turn second chances into new beginnings.



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