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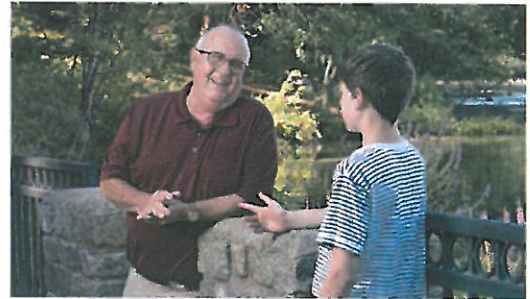
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Dear Selectmen,

Thank you so much for the Town of Webster's generous support of CASA of New Hampshire. Your investment in our mission helps protect our state's abused and neglected children while upholding their fundamental right to be safe, loved and cared for – a right that a CASA volunteer is there to defend.

Your contribution directly impacts the work we do every day to provide a voice for victimized children in the court room. Here is just a sample of what we were able to accomplish with your help:

- Serve **1,358** children
- Manage **513** active CASA volunteers
- Recruit **150** new CASA volunteers
- In addition, volunteers gave **73,750** hours of their time.

This past year, our case load increased by **22%** due to the opioid epidemic tearing apart the fabric of our communities. However, our CASA advocates, fueled by the Town of Webster's generosity, continue to work tirelessly to help ensure that **every child** is given hope for a brighter future and a place to call home.

Enclosed, please find our 2017 fiscal year-end report. We hope that you will share this information with your family, friends or colleagues. If you would like to receive additional copies, please contact us by calling (603) 626-4600 or email slenz@casanh.org.

Please know that your kindness and generosity is what protects our state's most vulnerable children. **Thank you.**

All my best,

Marcia Sink
President/CEO

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Our Children Your Impact

Making a Difference in 2017

No Place Like Home

For three young siblings, like hundreds of other children in New Hampshire, the opioid epidemic has resulted in serious and life-altering consequences. During a police raid, heroin was discovered in the bedroom where the 3-year-old slept, and their father was arrested and jailed on charges of possession with intent to deal.

Their mother's own run-in with police in the days following her husband's arrest forced the three siblings into foster care. Their CASA volunteer visited them every few weeks, and was pleasantly surprised at their adaptation to a new environment, but as she continued to get to know the children, she recognized how deeply they missed their mom. Seeing that mom was willing to put the work in to get her life back on track, the children's CASA began advocating for them to be reunified with their mother, if she could complete the court ordered checklist of becoming substance free, finding a stable home, and a steady income.

And she did.

She worked hard, giving everything she could to prove she was strong and capable of providing for her children again. Through it all, the CASA was there, making sure that when it came down to the final recommendation, home with mom was the best place for these three young children. The CASA volunteer calls this case **"truly a miracle"** and watched with joy as this family reunited.

As this mother and her children settled into their new life, they thanked their CASA volunteer for seeing past their prior problems, and helping them find a way back home.

FY 2017: BY THE NUMBERS

**1,358 children had
advocates by their side**



**513 volunteers served in
NH family courts**

**Volunteers gave 73,750
hours of their time**



**533,424 miles were
traveled by volunteers**

**Nearly 10,000 children
with advocates since 1989**

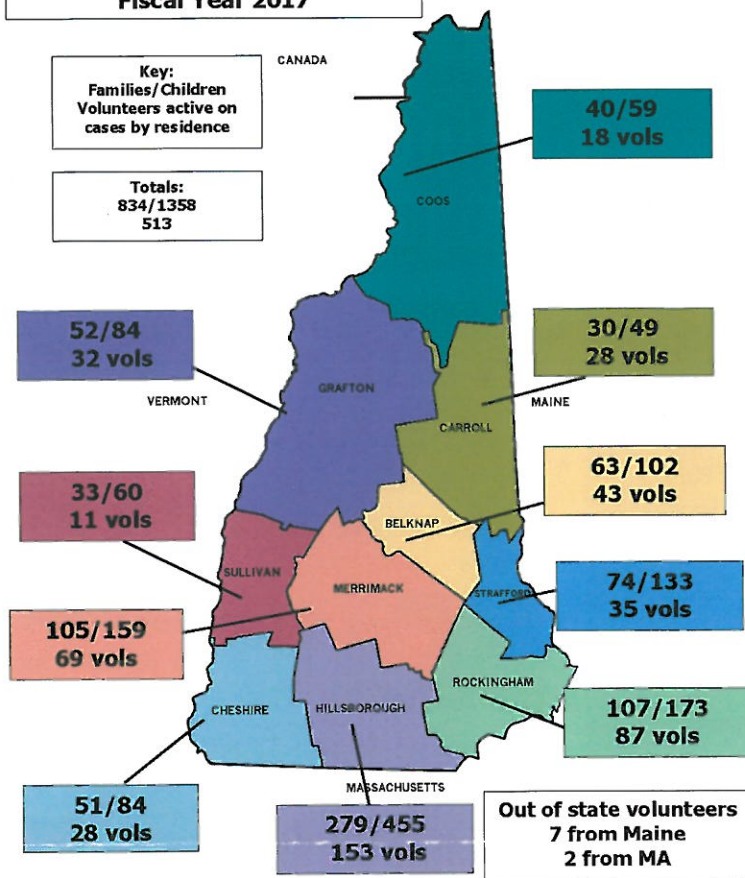


Our Mission

To protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained volunteer advocates speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's family courts through no fault of their own.

FY 2017: ACTIVE CASES AND VOLUNTEERS

Active Cases and Volunteers for Fiscal Year 2017



Bound and Determined

When a young CASA teen found herself in the NH family court system for a second time due to a neglectful adoptive parent, she knew she would have at least one person she could count on.

Adopted as a toddler from a foreign country, this young girl was placed in the state's care at 10 years old when her adoptive mother's mental illness triggered a neglect finding. She met her CASA volunteer for the first time at the court house. Less than a year later the case was closed, but that's not where her story would end. Two years later she was removed from her home again and placed in a group home.

There was no question her CASA would take her case again. **He knew her history and more importantly, he knew her dreams.** For six years, her CASA has been her champion and her voice in court. He proudly attended her high school graduation this spring. She says if ever she needed someone to talk to, she knew just who to call, and she credits her CASA for being a strong and consistent support as she prepares for her next chapter: College this fall.

FUNDING SOURCES



FUNDING USES

CASA of NH strives to maintain frugal financial practices, a balanced budget, and funding diversity.



* All costs related to administering the program, including recruiting, training and supervising volunteers.

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