

# Reasons to Support CASA of New Hampshire

## A Clear Vision

- We aim to provide advocacy for 100% of New Hampshire's abused and neglected children.
- Children truly are our state's future.
- Every child deserves a loving family.
- Protecting children is one of society's most basic responsibilities.
- We must interrupt the cycle of child abuse.

## Better Outcomes for Children

- CASA volunteer advocates are often the only constant adult presence as the child navigates the complex and confusing court process.
- Our volunteer advocates become experts on the child's best interests.
- Volunteer advocates help ensure children receive the services they need in a timely manner.
- CASA volunteer advocates provide clear, unbiased information to help judges make better informed, timely decisions so children can reach permanency sooner.

## Value to New Hampshire

- CASA provides the state more than \$5 million worth of child advocacy services each year.
- CASA works with statewide child welfare organizations and task forces to ensure the child's voice is heard and to help end the cycle of abuse and trauma for children throughout New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire judges value CASA volunteer advocates for their consistent, unbiased perspective.

## Granite Solid Organization

- Since 1989, more than 10,000 children have benefitted from a CASA volunteer advocate.
- With seven offices across the state, CASA delivers consistent service in every New Hampshire community.
- CASA is supported by all sectors — federal and state government, private and public, individual and corporate with 80% of revenues toward direct program services.

## Victimized Children Need Our Help Now

In the wake of COVID-19, we anticipate the number of victimized children will rise sharply as more children are abused, neglected, traumatized, endangered, vulnerable, and scared; isolated inside their own homes.

### The Future is Critical

- Children are less visible to adults who are normally in positions to support them and report abuse, such as teachers, day care providers, neighbors and extended family.
- Despite our successful efforts recruiting more advocates, CASA was still unable to advocate for nearly 200 children last year largely due to the ongoing opioid epidemic.
- Because of the cancellation of our major fundraising events, we anticipate a significant decrease in revenue.

### The Solution

- A swift mobilization by increasing our volunteer advocate recruitment and training initiatives.
- Retain all staff and expand our capacity to meet the community crisis. Our statewide operation -- from communications, recruitment, and training staff to program managers who supervise hundreds of volunteers are a necessity for combating child victimization.
- Build the necessary infrastructure to meet the anticipated surge.

### Help How You Can Help

Your donation, at any level, will enable us to continue and expand our work on behalf of New Hampshire's most vulnerable children. Every child we serve costs \$1,600 per year. Please help us to help them.



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