



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

LONE STAR CASA

# 2022

# Annual Report

# Message from Leadership

Lone Star CASA celebrated our 30 anniversary in 2022, having advocated for more than 1,250 children and families in Rockwall and Kaufman County since our founding in 1992.

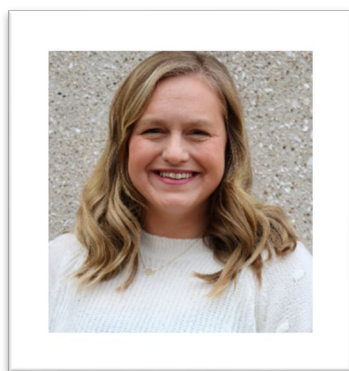
While we've provided consistent care for children in crisis, we also navigated many challenges in 2022, including the death of beloved former board member Carl Stapp. As we honored his dedication, Lone Star CASA continued to press forward, being the first CASA in Texas to offer in-home supportive interventions to families who are being investigated by CPS, even when children have not yet been removed by Child Protective Services. We are proud to be leading the work in Texas to increase the likelihood that families can stay together by helping parents identify barriers to completing their CPS plan. We believe this new approach, working in homes with families whose children are still at home, can benefit the families, children, the state, and taxpayers.

We are thrilled that our new mission statement better reflects our passion for child advocacy: "Lone Star CASA elevates the voices of children in Kaufman and Rockwall County who have experienced abuse and neglect by providing trained volunteer advocates to work alongside children and families so they can achieve safety and stability to fulfill their potential."

In December, the Dallas Morning News reported that Kaufman County is the fastest-growing county in the nation, with Rockwall County growing nearly as fast. As the sole agency in the two-county area dedicated to advocating for children who experience child abuse and neglect, Lone Star CASA is working hard to stay ahead of our area's needs, with plans to expand our staff and office space just two doors down in the coming year.

Thanks to our trusted relationship with you and so many others in our community, we are optimistic about our vision of a safe and positive future for all our children and families.

With gratitude,



Ashley Holman  
Board President



Lauren Rowe  
Executive Director



# Volunteer Highlights

When a family is in crisis and becomes involved in the child welfare system, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of the child. Lone Star CASA relies on the tremendous support and work of volunteers in our community who go the extra mile

not only to ensure children in crisis are in a safe environment but can rebuild trust, build a strong support system, and engage in activities that keep them healthy and happy. We were thrilled to swear in 13 new volunteers in FY2022 to serve as guardians ad litem.



Lone Star CASA hosted its first closed case luncheon in May to celebrate the volunteers who worked tirelessly to help their kiddos find a happy ending. We highlighted Volunteer of the Year, Shelly Hays, Sharon Chapman, who was selected as a representative on the National CASA Volunteer Council, and Board Member of Year Kellie Hohenshelt.



# Donor Highlights

Donors and supporters allow Lone Star CASA to serve the Kaufman and Rockwall Community. Many wonderful people, businesses and foundations support Lone Star CASA. There were several exciting developments in our 2022 fundraising efforts.

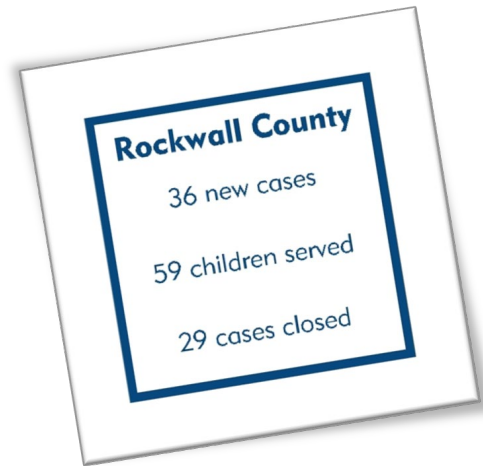
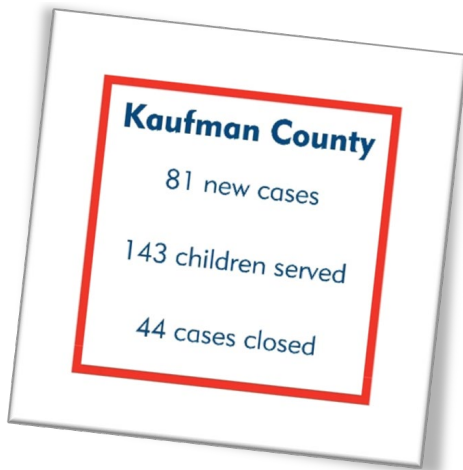
A generous \$100,000 two-year grant from the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas has allowed us to build capacity to serve the growing need in Rockwall and Kaufman Counties.

Additional donations included:

- Cars for CASA – Over \$70,000
- Clays for CASA – over \$90,000
- \$15,000 donation from Margot Perot
- \$15,000 donation from Leadership Kaufman County
- \$7,000 from North Texas Giving Day
- Independent Living by 100 Business Leaders of Rockwall County
- Cookies for CASA by Latham Bakery
- Compassion bags from Linda Lyon Elementary and confetti baskets from Rockwall-Heath High School students
- Celebrity Beertending hosted by Siren Rock



# Our 2022 Impact



## 2022 Outcomes

- 202 Children Served
- 120 Children Found Permanency
- 133 Court Appointed Volunteers
- 4,882 Hours of Service
- Donated 54,895 Miles Driven
- \$140,000 of In-Kind Donations



100% of children involved in the child welfare system due to abuse or neglect received compassionate support and advocacy from a volunteer CASA within 14 days of having become involved in the child welfare system.



100% of children received consistent advocacy throughout their case..



89% of children who met the criteria for our Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) program increased and/or strengthened their network of support with extended family or other fictive kin.



83% of families were reunified or placed with relatives.



Volunteer advocates averaged 4.83 out of 5 on being adequately trained to be an advocate.



Our community partners rated CASA staff professionalism 5 out of 5.

# 30 Year Impact

In November of 2022, Lone Star CASA celebrated 30 years of providing trained volunteers to serve the children in our community. We commemorated the occasion at our Anniversary celebration by displaying some of our organization's greatest milestones and achievements.



## Major Milestones Featured:

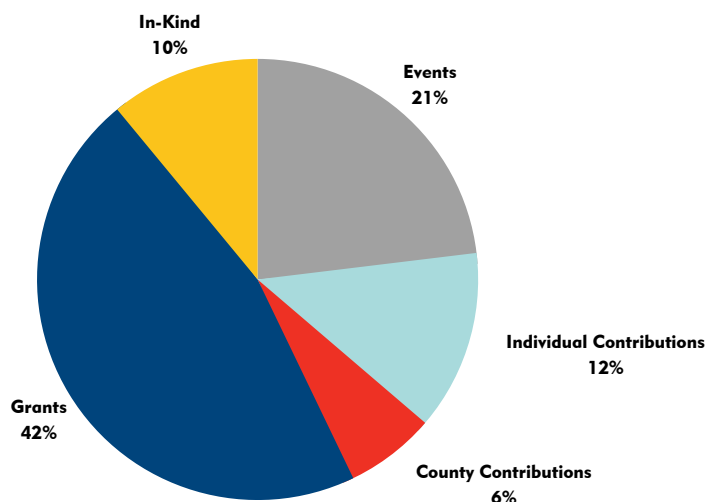
- 1992: Rockwall CASA is incorporated by: Tish Verde along with Lee Gilbert, Margo Nielson, Judy Edwards, and Rob Mehl
- 2000: Led by Executive Director, Lisa East, Rockwall CASA holds its first ever Child Abuse Prevention Month Vigil
- 2004: Rockwall CASA expands its reach into Kaufman County and is renamed to "Lone Star CASA"
- 2010: Lone Star CASA opens doors to their new office building on 108 Kenway St.

- 2012: Lone Star CASA opens doors to its first Kaufman office
- 2015: Lone Star CASA officially served 100% of children in care in Kaufman and Rockwall County
- 2019: Lone Star CASA begins Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) with families in Kaufman and Rockwall Counties
- 2022: Lone Star CASA formed a new mission statement and became the first CASA chapter to begin taking Order to Participate (OTP) Cases

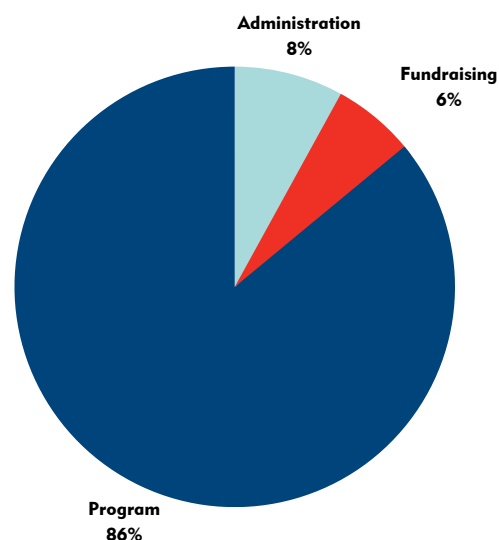


# Revenue and Expenses

## 2022 Revenue



## 2022 Expenses



### Income

Individual Contributions	\$123,750
County Contributions	\$60,210
Grants	\$436,736
Special events	\$215,219
Interest and other income	\$736
In-Kind donations	\$204,571
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,041,722</b>

### Program Expenses

Salary / Benefits	\$327,238
In-Kind donations	\$205,502
Program / Travel	\$63,620
Occupancy	\$42,784
Training	\$8,580
Insurance	\$12,677
Professional Fees	\$26,167
Allowances	\$57,567
Telephone/Internet/Supplies/Postage	\$17,736
Other	\$6,153
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$632,652</b>

## Financial Statement

Lone Star CASA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit agency organized on May 1, 1992 under the laws of the State of Texas. Financial support of Lone Star CASA supports programs that advocate for abused, neglected and/or abandoned children in Rockwall and Kaufman Counties. Lone Star CASA accomplishes our mission with six employees, a volunteer Board of Trustees, and the dedicated service of more than 100 volunteers. Lone Star CASA utilizes the professional services of a staff CPA who oversees formal controls and procedures to ensure the long term financial stability and integrity of the agency. Additional copies of this annual report and completed audited financial statements are available at [www.lonestarcasa.org](http://www.lonestarcasa.org).

# Thank You to Our Donors

## Corporate/Foundation Donors \$5,001 +

- Bright Funds
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