



2014 Annual Report



National CASA & Toy Industry Foundation Visit KC —

One of three 2014 site cities, Kansas City was selected by National CASA and the Toy Industry Foundation as host of a Toy Drive to benefit more than 300 of the city's foster children. CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte



Counties, along with Jackson County CASA, gifted brand new toys to children whose lives have been disrupted due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Children enjoyed face-painting, crafts, balloon artists, a bounce house and other activities before selecting two new toys to keep as their own. An assortment

of toys, bubble blowers, scooters, puzzles, dolls and more were donated by toy manufacturers and retailers, making the event possible.

Michael Piraino, National CASA CEO, attended the Toy Drive event and was welcomed by CASA families, staff and board. Jean Butler, Executive Director of the Toy Industry Foundation, said, "The resilient children living in foster care face such grown-up problems at a very young age. It is our hope that these toys and games will give them a reason to smile... and will show them that there are many people out there who care for them."

CASA appreciates our national office and the Toy Industry Foundation for having selected us as a deserving program to carry out the project.

2014 Highlights:

- 178 volunteers served 409 children.
- 99% of children were kept safe from additional abuse or neglect.
- 95% of children had stability in CASA advocate.
- 98% of court hearings addressed information from CASA reports.
- 95% of kids experienced permanency in placement.



A CASA Story: Three year-old Emily was removed from her parents' care after police found heroin, marijuana and glass drug pipes in her home. Emily's parents had a long history with the Division of Children and Families; several mental health issues also disrupted the family. For her safety, Emily was placed in foster care and Rebecca was

appointed as her CASA advocate. Rebecca took delight in advocating for Emily. A bright and energetic child, the two bonded and enjoyed their visits together. Often they would play outdoors, do arts and crafts, or color in Emily's favorite princess coloring book. During the case, Rebecca made sure Emily's best interests were represented. When play therapy was ordered, Rebecca ensured this service was initiated quickly by professionals and reported Emily's progress to the court. Rebecca also worked closely with Emily's preschool to help her transition into a school setting, where she flourished. The many fun and educational experiences allowed Emily to make new friends.

Rebecca also connected with the foster family, helping them to understand Emily and her needs. Working together, they made the little girl feel safe and protected. When the court decided that Emily could not return to her parents and their rights were terminated, she was adopted by this family. Today, Emily is happy and thriving. She is growing quickly and learning more each day.



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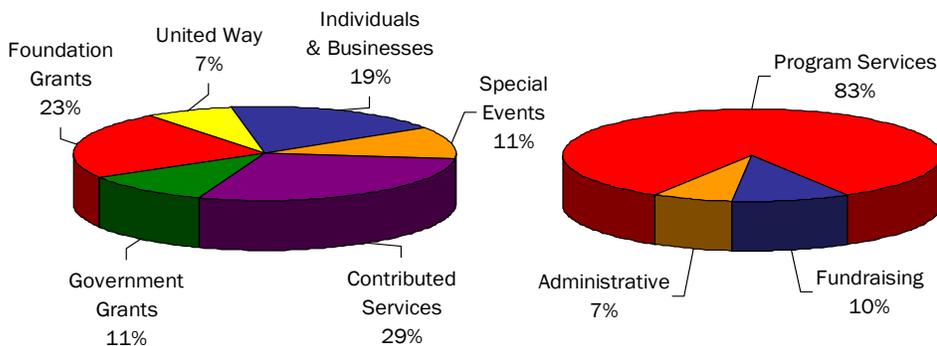
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Financial Statement Year-Ended 2014 (unaudited)

Revenues: \$1,058,044 • Expenses: \$976,459



The average cost to provide a CASA advocate to one child is \$1,500 per year. This amount covers recruitment, screening, training, supervision and support, as well as other operating costs. We are pleased that \$.83 of every dollar contributed is dedicated to direct program services.

Program Statistics

	2014	2013
CHILDREN SERVED	409	413
FAMILIES SERVED	225	207
VOLUNTEERS TRAINED	55	64
COURT REPORTS/HEARINGS	424/509	407/474
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS	17,407	14,282

