



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

NASHVILLE

2019-2020

Annual Report

CASA NASHVILLE



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338

Babies,
Children and
Youth served
due to abuse
and neglect

98%

CASA
Recommendations
accepted by
the Courts

182

Active CASA
Advocates

100%

Children
remained in safe
placements at least
6 months after
CASA case
closure

35

New CASA
Volunteer
Advocates
trained
this year

2020. I'll be honest and admit that I struggled with this letter. To sit down and put pen to paper in recapping the previous fiscal year, most of which has been traumatic in many ways for so many people, just felt overwhelming. In addition to COVID, state-wide shutdowns, social justice unrest and national elections, our Nashville community also endured a major natural disaster. The March tornado hit close to home, as it affected our East Nashville office. A month later, we had to cancel our largest fundraiser that would have celebrated our 35th anniversary serving the Nashville Community.



As difficult as this has been to navigate as adults, leaders, parents and members of our community, I can't stop but also think how all of this has been experienced through the eyes of the children we serve who also suffered the pain of abuse and neglect. Despite all of the challenges, CASA Nashville's Volunteer Advocates were able to rally together to provide continued services for our children in foster care. Many of our volunteers got creative and created virtual video conference games, socially distanced walks and games so that our kids could see that we will continue to show up.

Even though permanency has been delayed due to court closures and social distancing, CASA and Juvenile Court have worked hard to ensure children are not languishing in the system. CASA's work certainly has not stopped or slowed down. In addition to the increase in children we are seeing come into foster care, we have also been busy at work training new Volunteer Advocates. In fact, we have received so many potential volunteer inquiries that we launched a virtual summer class and graduated 17 new Volunteer Advocates!

We would not have been able to navigate the March tornado, relocating our offices, COVID, maintaining important relationships with our children and training so many new Volunteer Advocates without your help. Because of our amazing donors, Board members and Volunteer Advocates we received support in times when it was needed the most. We have been able to continue to show up for our community's most vulnerable children because you choose to care about CASA Nashville.

The detrimental effects of COVID on the child welfare system will be felt for years to come, but I am confident that CASA can continue to rise to the challenge with the village we have rallied around us. Thank you on behalf of our Volunteer Advocates, our staff and Board of Directors, but most importantly, thank you on behalf of the children and families we serve.



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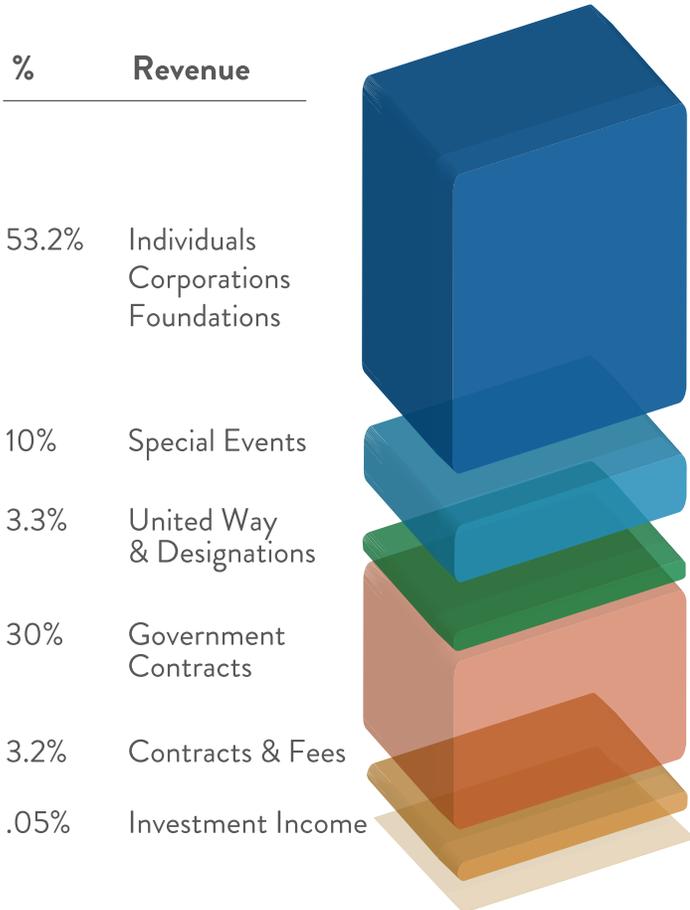
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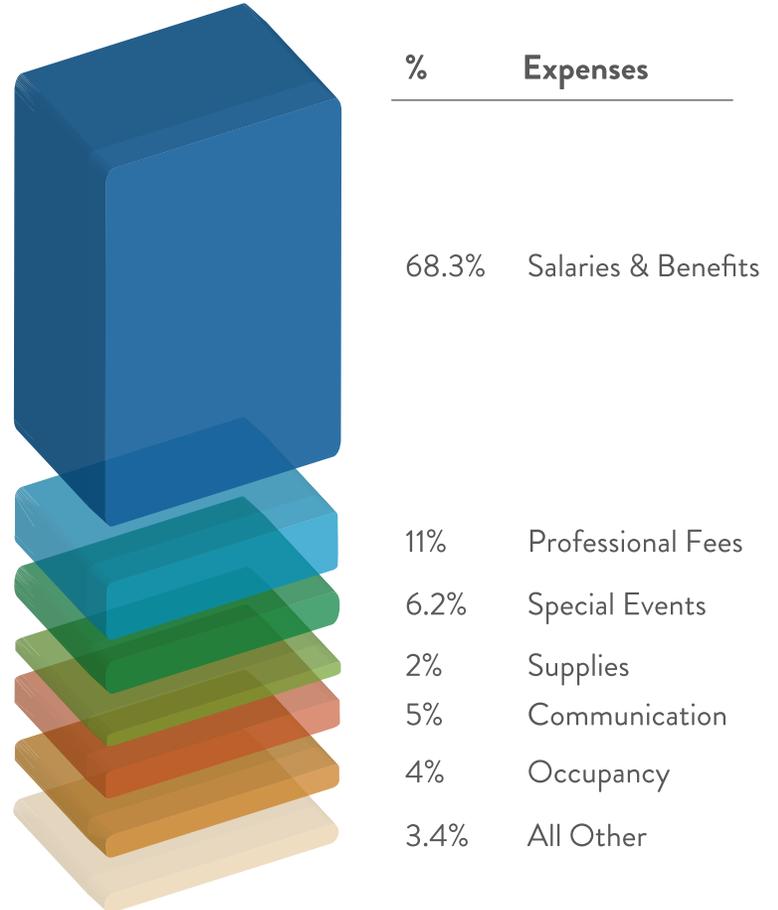
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2020 EXPENSES



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Total Expenses \$900,096.42

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