Dear Supporters,

Thank you so much for your support of the mission work of Georgia CASA! We are in this work together as we improve the well-being of children currently in foster care in Georgia through the advocacy of CASA volunteers all across the state. Your support is critical in helping us to provide high-quality, comprehensive support services to our affiliates. In turn, our affiliates are able to recruit, screen, train and supervise CASA volunteers who provide the highest quality of advocacy to the dependent children they serve.

Please take a moment to peruse our 2016 – 2017 annual report, which includes highlights from the fiscal year.

We are pleased to report that in fiscal year 2017, more children in Georgia had a CASA volunteer than ever before – 11,243! Nearly 2,500 CASA volunteers provided advocacy focused on the well-being of these children. As we began to wrap up year two of our three-year statewide growth plan, we saw an increase in the number of CASA volunteers, enabling us to provide additional CASA volunteers for children in foster care in the state. We look forward to reporting the final results of the growth plan when it concludes at the end of 2018, with the goal of 13,000 children being served with 2,800 CASA volunteers. In the financial area, we are pleased to report that 93% of Georgia CASA’s expenses went towards providing comprehensive support services to our affiliates.

Thank you again for your support of Georgia CASA and Georgia’s dependent children! We look forward to continuing our partnership with you!

Rod Walker
Board Chair

Duaine Hathaway
Executive Director
“Being an advocate for children in foster care can really make a difference. CASA volunteers change children’s lives. Is there a better job than that?”

Olga Phillips, CASA Volunteer
CASA Cherokee, Canton, GA
# Financial Information
## June 30, 2017 and 2016

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Furniture & equipment, less accumulated depreciation of
$9,101 and $104,606 respectively 39,565 18,893

Security deposit 4,928 3,655

**Total assets** $ 1,756,278 $ 1,426,109

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**Total liabilities and net assets** $ 1,756,278 $ 1,426,109
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### Comparison of FY17 to FY16

From last fiscal year, an increase of 10% in children served and over 7% in CASA volunteers

*10,218 children were served who were in the legal custody of the state; pie charts include statistics for active children in DFCS custody only
**Not a cumulative total; reflects highest number of CASA volunteers assigned for a quarter
Georgia CASA

Through individualized attention, CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect in Georgia. Bringing urgency to a child’s needs, both in and out of the courtroom, CASA volunteers promote safety, permanency and well-being through independent recommendations.

As community partners in the child welfare system, CASA volunteers increase abused and neglected children’s access to services (including educational and health needs), promote safety, and advocate for timeliness and permanency for children involved in juvenile court proceedings. CASA volunteers are independent advocates and provide individualized attention for children in a massive state system.

Our Vision

Each abused or neglected child involved in juvenile court proceedings shall have a safe and permanent home.

Our Mission

Georgia CASA develops and supports court-sanctioned, community-based affiliate programs that provide trained and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile court dependency proceedings.

Our Purpose

Georgia CASA is committed to maintaining a network of well-administered affiliate programs that operate independently with mutual accountability, resulting in the highest level of advocacy for all of Georgia’s dependent children.

2016 CASA Volunteer of the Year

Diana Smith of Enotah CASA Selected as State and National Volunteer of the Year

Diana Smith has been chosen for the 2016 CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia Award as well as the G.F. Bettineski Child Advocate of the Year Award from National CASA.

Diana, a resident of Blairsville, has been a CASA volunteer with Enotah CASA since 1999. She has helped over 47 children find permanent, stable homes during her tenure. Diana often takes the most challenging and devastating cases, and she does it with determination and compassion. A former special education teacher, she previously volunteered as a GAL (Guardian ad LITEM) when she lived in Florida.

Diana goes above and beyond what is expected as a CASA volunteer, attending all court dates, medical appointments, visitations, family treatment courts, school events and other out of court activities for the children she serves. Her past education experience and tenure as a CASA volunteer have given her the ability to connect with and comfort anyone. The children she serves know they can trust her to advocate for them, both in the community and in court. She is the stable presence in their lives.

In addition to serving as a CASA volunteer, Diana helps to recruit and motivate her fellow CASA volunteers with Enotah CASA. Diana truly has one of the biggest hearts for children that can be found in a CASA volunteer. As she has said, “If you don’t stand up for a child, you don’t stand up for much.”
Highlights From the Year

Legislative

CASA Day at the Capitol was held on February 7, 2017. Nearly 300 CASA staff, board members and volunteers met with state legislators to thank them for their support of the CASA network in Georgia and to ask for their continued support for CASA and child welfare issues. The event concluded with an appreciation luncheon for legislators.

The CASA network in Georgia received a $500,000 increase in the state allocation.

Communications, General Awareness & Volunteer Recruitment

Year two of our three-year statewide growth plan included volunteer recruitment campaigns in four new regions of the state - Coastal, East, Greater Atlanta and West - and continued in three regions (from year one) - Northwest, Central and South Central.

Additional staff positions were added at six affiliates, helping to increase their capacity to recruit, screen, train and supervise additional CASA volunteers.

Recruitment tools and trainings, including a new Everyday Heroes campaign and speakers’ trainings, were provided to all affiliates.

The growth plan aims to serve 13,000 dependent children in the state with 2,800 CASA volunteers at the end of 2018.

Georgia CASA’s Facebook page has over 3,700 ‘likes’ to date.

Georgia CASA’s Twitter page (@GeorgiaCASA) has over 1,900 followers to date.

Georgia CASA has a YouTube channel.

Quarterly e-newsletters and e-news tidbits were circulated to all our supporters.

Targeted e-newsletters were sent to our affiliates, including the CASA network e-newsletter and e-news recruitment tips, which provided recruitment tips and tools.

Affiliates

46 affiliates were present in 48 judicial circuits, serving 144 counties in the state.

CASA Kids expanded to serve Colquitt County.
Lookout Mountain CASA expanded to serve Chattooga County.
Camden County moved under CASA Glynn.
Affiliate Program Operations and Training

A variety of trainings, both in-person and online, were offered throughout the year to enhance staff skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Managing a CASA program
- Training and supervising volunteers
- Managing program statistical reports
- Strengthening courtroom advocacy
- Enhancing the educational advocacy provided to children served by CASA volunteers

Site visits were conducted with affiliates to help ensure high quality advocacy for children.

Technical assistance was given on all aspects of affiliate program management, including advocacy assistance on various child welfare topics, via phone consultation and in-person trainings, as requested.
Highlights From the Year

Events and Fundraising

Preview Party and Luncheon & Fashion Show
March 14 and 22, 2017
The 13th annual Luncheon & Fashion Show fundraiser raised nearly $70,000! The event, held at a private club in Buckhead, honored Marie Hannon. Keynote speaker was The Honorable Cliff Jolliff (retired). Prior to the event, a Preview Party was held, hosted by the Preview Committee.

Carnival for CASA
February 25, 2017
The Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia’s annual signature fundraiser benefitted Georgia CASA, raising nearly $30,000! The evening event featured a carnival theme with games, food and an auction.

Georgia CASA State Conference
April 22, 2017
The state conference, held in Stone Mountain, had over 450 attendees. CASA volunteers, staff, board members and others in child welfare across the state networked, enjoyed the Opening Session and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, and chose from over 25 available workshops to increase their knowledge and skills in child advocacy.

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Keynote Speaker, with Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director

Awards of Excellence Winners: (top) CASA Glynn for Established Affiliate and (bottom) CASA of Paulding County for Established Affiliate

Stacy Garmon of Children’s Voice: CASA (Douglas County) receives the Board Leadership Award from Charmagne Helton, Georgia CASA Board Member

Female Models at Event
Honoree Marie Hannon (center), with Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director, and Bernadette Hartfield, Board Member
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