Dear Supporters,

Thank you for your investment in the mission work of Georgia CASA! We are in this work together as we improve the well-being of children currently experiencing foster care in Georgia through the powerful, best-interests advocacy of CASA volunteers across the state. Your support is vital to the provision of a vast array of high quality support services to local affiliates, enabling the recruitment, screening, training, and supervision of CASA volunteers who provide children the highest quality advocacy.

Please take a moment to read over our 2018 – 2019 annual report, which includes pertinent information and highlights from our most recent fiscal year.

We are pleased to report that in fiscal year 2019, over 11,000 children were served by over 2,700 CASA volunteers in the state. Successes from our first generation three-year statewide growth plan continue to inspire and drive progress as we tackle new endeavors and strengthen advocacy efforts statewide.

Thank you again for your investment in Georgia CASA and the children in foster care in our state. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you!

Sincerely,

Kip Lynch    Jen King
Board Chair                                              Executive Director

As of June 30, 2019
150,000 children served over 30 years
33,000 CASA volunteers over 30 years

• **1989:** First official swearing-in of CASA volunteers

• **1990:** First CASA state legislative appropriation

• **1993:** First Georgia CASA state conference

• **1995:** First CASA Volunteer of the Year award

• **1998:** First CASA Day at the Capitol event

• **2005:** First Luncheon & Fashion Show signature fundraiser

• **2007:** House Bill 270 passed to include CASA roles and duties in state law

• **2013:** Comprehensive rewrite of the juvenile code passed with further clarification of the GAL/CASA role

• **2018:** First 3-year statewide growth plan completed

Pictures from Cheers to 30 Years Celebration, September 2018
Financial Information
June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS

Current assets
Cash & cash equivalents $ 720,731 $ 956,251
Receivables from grants & contracts 927,216 861,250
Prepays 4,262 4,259
Total current assets 1,652,209 1,821,760

Long term grants receivable 15,000 ---

Furniture & equipment, less accumulated depreciation of $28,832 and $18,103 respectively 28,091 30,563

Security deposit 4,938 4,938

Total assets $ 1,700,238 $ 1,857,261

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities
Accounts payable $ 782,515 $ 837,489
Accrued expenses 9,014 20,089
Deferred revenue 3,350 80
Deferred rent, current 331 ---
Total current liabilities 795,210 857,658
Long-term deferred rent 16,921 16,046
Total liabilities 812,131 873,704

Net assets
Without donor restrictions 729,800 854,278
With donor restrictions
Purpose restrictions 128,307 129,279
Time restrictions 30,000 ---
Total net assets 158,307 129,279

Total liabilities and net assets $ 1,700,238 $ 1,857,261

Expenses

Revenues

Program Services 93%
Management 5%
Fundraising 2%

Grants and Donations 18%
Georgia State Grant 79%
Other 1%
Interest & National CASA Grant <1%

Conferences 1%
Interest & National CASA Grant 1%
Other 1%
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**Note:** Statistics for new assignments, closed cases, and active cases include total number of children.

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*16,477 children served were in the legal custody of the state

**Reflects highest number of CASA volunteers assigned for a quarter
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 or 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.

2018 CASA Volunteer of the Year
Pamela Curley of Enotah CASA Selected as State Volunteer of the Year

Pamela “Pam” Curley has been chosen as the 2018 CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia. Pam, a resident of Blairsville, has been a CASA volunteer advocate with Enotah CASA for nearly a decade. She previously served as an advocate in Florida and North Carolina. Pam has advocated for nearly 50 children in Towns and Union counties, while giving over 5,000 hours and driving more than 30,000 miles. Pam is a CASA volunteer who never gives up, stands her ground, and doesn’t assume “no” means the end.

Pam possesses an uncanny ability to work with everyone involved in child welfare, from attorneys to community partners to foster parents to case managers and beyond. She helps other CASA volunteers troubleshoot their cases and is always eager to enhance her child advocacy skills, regularly participating in CASA volunteer peer groups and trainings. Additionally, each December, she works with the foster child enrichment program in Towns and Union counties to ensure children in foster care have joyful holiday celebrations.

With tenacity, Pam successfully helped to ensure that two 17-year old youths would not age out of foster care. One youth was adopted, just weeks before she turned 18, due to Pam’s unwavering advocacy over a five-year period. Due to Pam’s attention to detail, the other youth reached permanency in a relative guardianship. By having trusted adults in their lives, these young people have bright futures.
Highlights From the Year

Legislative

*CASA Day at the Capitol* was held on February 14, 2019. About 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. CASA was recognized for 30 years of advocacy for children. The event concluded with an appreciation luncheon for legislators.

The General Assembly *increased CASA’s state funding* by $250,000.

Communications, General Awareness & Volunteer Recruitment

Our first three-year growth plan (2015-2018) concluded with an 18% increase in children served annually, a 24% increase in CASA volunteers in the state, and a 45% increase in CASA volunteers trained annually.

Highlights also included:

- Nearly 60% of local affiliates now have designated staff positions leading local recruitment efforts, compared to 10% prior to the growth plan.
- An increase from $10 million in funding in 2015 for the entire state network to *almost $15 million* at the end of 2018.
- *More than $900,000* raised through foundations, donors, and supporters, allowing local affiliates to advocate for more of Georgia’s children in foster care.

Georgia CASA’s *Facebook* page has over 5,300 ‘likes’ to date.

Georgia CASA began an *Instagram* page with nearly 500 followers to date.

Georgia CASA’s *Twitter* page (@GeorgiaCASA) has over 2,000 followers to date.

Georgia CASA’s *YouTube* channel has over 50 subscribers to date.

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

The CASA network *e-newsletter* was sent to our affiliates.

Affiliates

*47 affiliates* were present in *48 judicial circuits*, serving *151 counties* in the state.

Coweta CASA expanded service to *Merrinwether County*. 
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
- Using data in program planning and evaluation
- Strengthening courtroom advocacy
- Enhancing the educational advocacy provided to children served by CASA volunteers

Affiliate site visits and courtroom observations were conducted in conjunction with affiliates to strengthen and improve volunteer advocacy and program operations.

Technical assistance was provided in 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

Volunteer Supervisor Training, June 2019

Affiliate Leadership Meeting (Council of Programs) ‘go blue’ for National Child Abuse Awareness Month, April 2019

Training of the Facilitator, November 2018

Georgia CASA Staff at All-Volunteer Coordinator Meeting, January 2019

Volunteer Supervisor Training, June 2019
Events and Fundraising

Preview Party and Luncheon & Fashion Show
February 27 and March 27, 2019

The 15th annual Luncheon & Fashion Show fundraiser raised over $80,000! The event, held at a private club in Buckhead, honored Roya Irvani. Keynote speaker was Jennifer King. Prior to the event, a Preview Party was held, hosted by the Preview Committee.

Geography

Georgia CASA State Conference
August 4, 2018

The state conference, held in Atlanta, had over 600 attendees - the largest audience to date - who participated in dynamic workshops and heard inspiring speakers. A special tribute and video was shown for outgoing Executive Director Duaine Hathaway.

Awards of Excellence Winners: CASA Kids (Thomasville) for Established Affiliate, CASA of the Augusta Judicial Circuit (Augusta) and Rockdale CASA (Conyers) for Innovative Affiliates

Charm McCall of Piedmont CASA (Winder) receives the Board Leadership Award; pictured with Georgia CASA representatives (l-r): Jennifer King, Mandira Mehra (board) and Duaine Hathaway

Rod Walker, Immediate Past Board Chair; Michaela Pereira, Keynote Speaker; Jennifer King, Incoming Executive Director

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Arby’s Foundation Inc.
Chick-fil-A Inc.
Bobbie Bailey Foundation Inc.
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Sartain Lanier Family Foundation Inc.
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