

# Clatsop CASA Program Annual Report

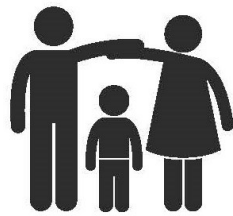
# 2015-16

## Working Toward a Voice for Every Child: Court Appointed Special Advocates

### 2015-16 by the numbers



Clatsop CASA  
advocated for  
123 children



70 children were  
placed into safe  
permanent homes  
when their cases  
closed



57 CASAs  
advocated for  
children's best  
interests



4674 hours  
volunteered, a  
savings of  
\$106,334 in paid  
staff

## Mission

The mission of the Clatsop CASA Program, Inc. is to provide trained volunteers to speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in Clatsop County's court and child welfare systems. Clatsop CASA promotes and supports quality volunteer representation for children, and assists CASA volunteers as they advocate for children to achieve permanency in safe, nurturing homes.

Clatsop CASA is also dedicated to participating in community collaborations to enhance service delivery systems and strengthen family functioning in order to encourage permanent homes for every child in our community.





**Thirteen new CASAs were sworn in during the last year**

## Becoming a CASA

CASA volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary things; each one of them dedicates a few hours a month to be an advocate for a child in foster care, willing to evaluate needs, investigate solutions, and be a voice for a child.

To become a CASA, our volunteers train for over 30 hours. They learn about child welfare law, community resources, and the many circumstances that lead to children entering foster care.

At the end of training, CASAs are sworn in at the Clatsop County Circuit Court, before accepting their first case.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Jody grew up in the suburbs of Chicago before her family moved to Iowa, a wonderful place to raise children. While visiting, they discovered the Oregon Coast and fell in love with the area. Jody and her husband decided to retire early and they found just the right spot on the North Coast to call home.

Reading, walking on the beach, volunteering at the food pantry in Gearhart, and working on helping women with scholarship opportunities are just a few of the things Jody does in her spare time. She was a teacher for 27 years and has taught students from every continent except for Antarctica.

While Jody's daughter was in law school in Portland she heard a presentation from CASA and thought that her mom would be a perfect fit. She encouraged Jody to become a volunteer. Jody kept CASA on her radar for some time and eventually did the training and made the commitment to become a CASA volunteer.

Jody has found the CASA work to be rewarding, and she likes to challenge herself by stepping outside of her comfort zone. The biggest highlight for Jody has been the chance to get to know the children and to understand their needs so that she can advocate on their behalf. She says that her biggest struggle as a CASA is "feeling that children are unhappy and struggling with decisions made by adults that may or may not be in their best interest." Her role as a CASA allows for her to be a voice for children in the foster care system and to speak on their behalf.

We are grateful for Jody and all our volunteers whose service to children continues to make a big difference in their lives!

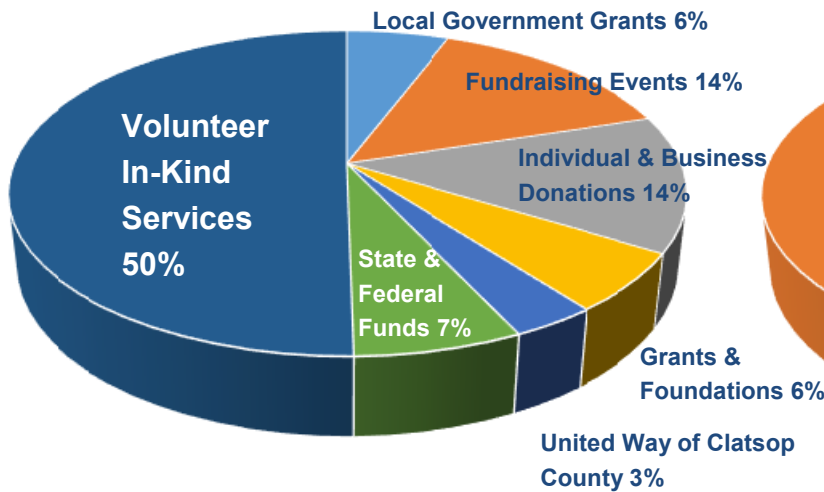


**Jody Heverly**  
**CASA Volunteer since 2014**

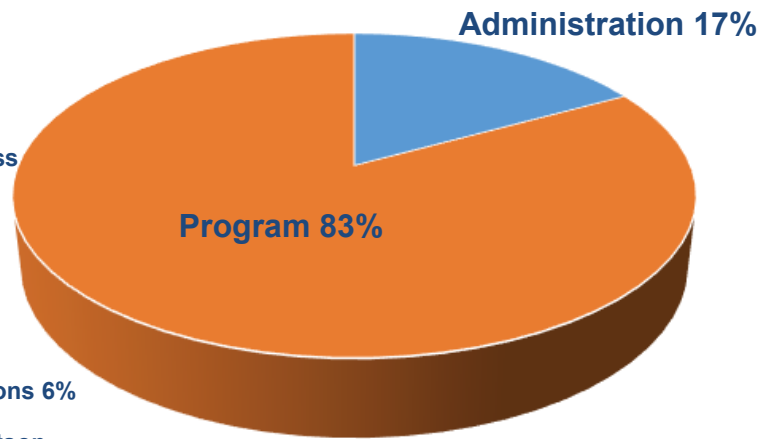
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JULY 2015-JUNE 16

**Income \$224,773**



**Expenses \$241,348**



## From The Executive Director

It is truly an honor to take on a leadership role at Clatsop CASA, a program that has been earning the respect of the community for nearly 20 years. Since January 2016, I have had the opportunity to meet with our community partners, work with our Board of Directors, and continue to achieve positive outcomes for children with our fabulous staff, Program Managers Ann Lederer and Chelsea Bergman, and Office Manager Cassie Bruccheri.

We are so grateful to our volunteers and donors who provide time and dollars to advocate for youth in foster care. Our volunteers, who carve out a few hours of their free time every month, come from all walks of life. They are not only willing to learn the often heartbreaking stories of the lives of the children we serve, but they then step up to change those lives for the better.

What unites our diverse donors and volunteers is what unites all of us in this community: we want our children to be happy. I look forward to another year of working toward that goal.

With kind regards,

Julia Mabry

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