



CASA MINNESOTA ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2014—6/30/2015

Introduction

CASA Minnesota (CASA MN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in July, 1987 to support volunteer Guardians ad Litem (GALs) in Minnesota's 2nd and 4th judicial districts. GALs are everyday citizens who advocate for the safety and well-being of children who are in the court system as a result of abuse and/or neglect.

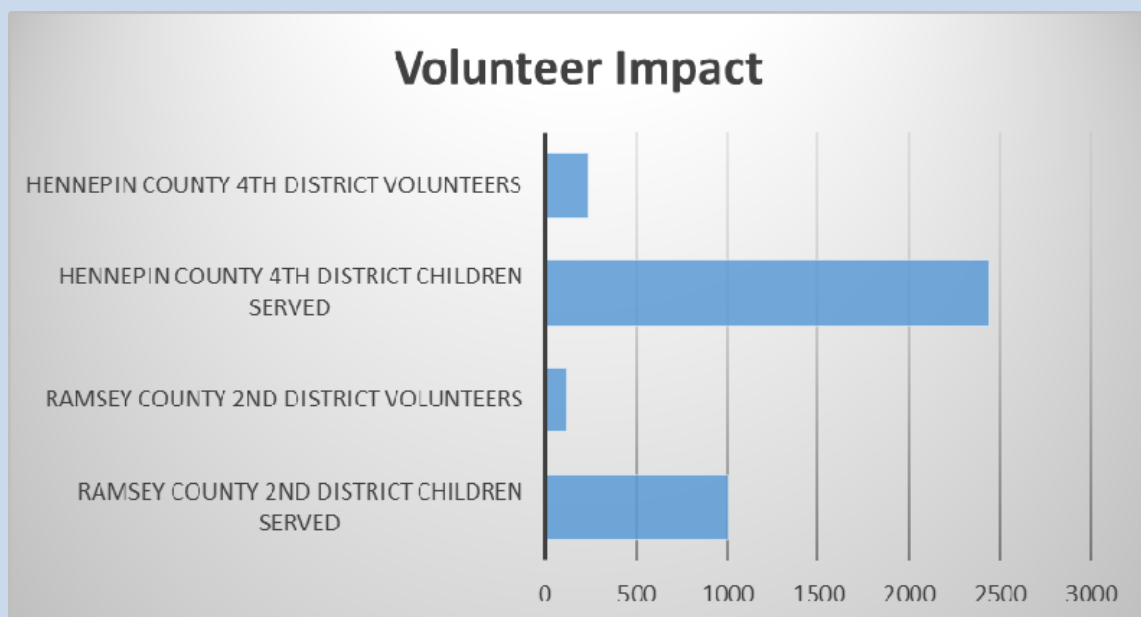
CASA MN focuses on the recruitment, training and support of volunteer GALs. These activities are funded through grants, donations and other fundraising activities administered by the CASA MN Board of Directors.

Our mission

To broadly support volunteer advocacy on behalf of the best interests of abused and neglected children.

Volunteers make a difference

Last year, Minnesota CASA volunteers helped over 3000 abused and neglected children find their way to a safe, stable and permanent family. Independent research has shown that children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care and less likely to re-enter care. The need for trained volunteer Guardians exceeds the supply, and there is a long and growing list of children waiting for Guardians to be assigned to their cases. CASA MN works to close this gap and provide volunteers.



Please visit our web site at www.casamn.org for more information about volunteering or donating to CASA MN.

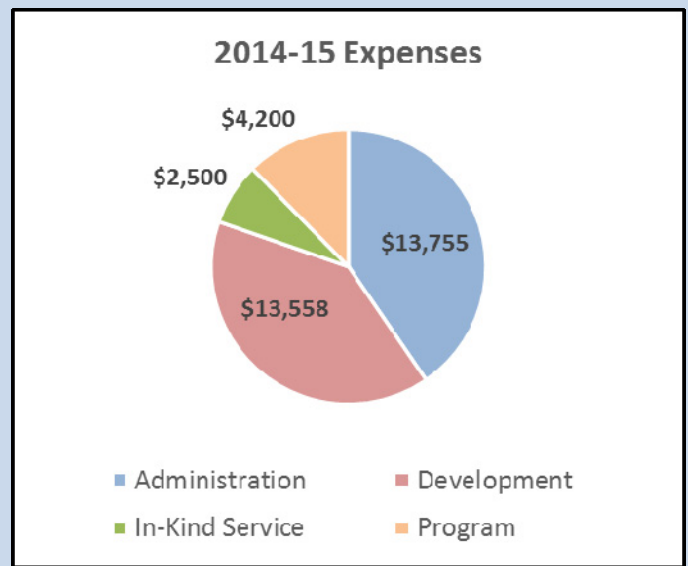
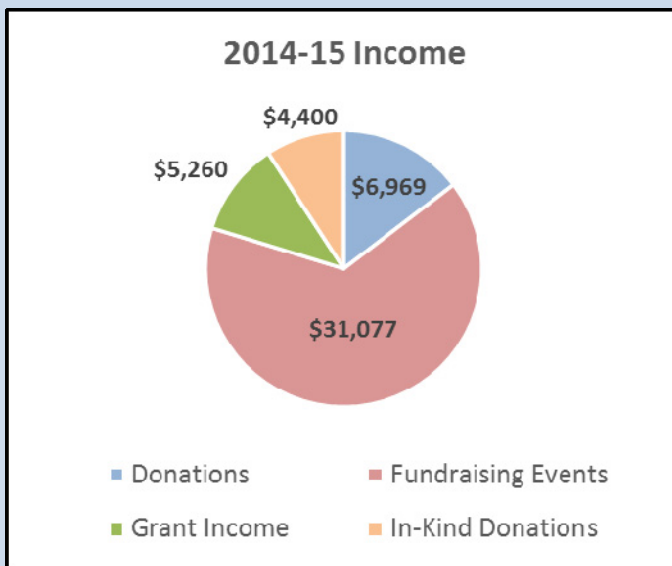
Fundraising

- “Brewing Hope” reception and silent/live auction at Surly Brewing Co.
- Give to the Max Day
- Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon charity program
- Annual appeal letter sent to approximately 100 prior donors / friends
- Grants received:
 - Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation
 - Minnesota State Bar Foundation
 - St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Foundation
 - The St. Paul Foundation

Volunteer Support

- Funded recruitment materials for 2nd District (Ramsey County)
- Created a diversity recruitment video
- Advertised through Facebook to recruit volunteers
- Hosted a volunteer appreciation event at the Children’s Museum in St. Paul
- Established a bi-monthly newsletter for volunteers
- Sent an official written response to the Governor’s Task Force in support of efforts to improve Minnesota’s Child Welfare System

Financial Results



CASA Minnesota Board of Directors (as of 6/30/2015)

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