



# Our Children Your Impact

## Making a Difference in 2017

### No Place Like Home

For three young siblings, like hundreds of other children in New Hampshire, the opioid epidemic has resulted in serious and life-altering consequences. During a police raid, heroin was discovered in the bedroom where the 3-year-old slept, and their father was arrested and jailed on charges of possession with intent to deal.

Their mother's own run-in with police in the days following her husband's arrest forced the three siblings into foster care. Their CASA volunteer visited them every few weeks, and was pleasantly surprised at their adaptation to a new environment, but as she continued to get to know the children, she recognized how deeply they missed their mom. Seeing that mom was willing to put the work in to get her life back on track, the children's CASA began advocating for them to be reunified with their mother, if she could complete the court ordered checklist of becoming substance free, finding a stable home, and a steady income.

And she did.

She worked hard, giving everything she could to prove she was strong and capable of providing for her children again. Through it all, the CASA was there, making sure that when it came down to the final recommendation, home with mom was the best place for these three young children. The CASA volunteer calls this case **"truly a miracle"** and watched with joy as this family reunited.

As this mother and her children settled into their new life, they thanked their CASA volunteer for seeing past their prior problems, and helping them find a way back home.

### FY 2017: BY THE NUMBERS

**1,358 children had advocates by their side**



**513 volunteers served in NH family courts**

**Volunteers gave 73,750 hours of their time**



**533,424 miles were traveled by volunteers**

**Nearly 10,000 children with advocates since 1989**

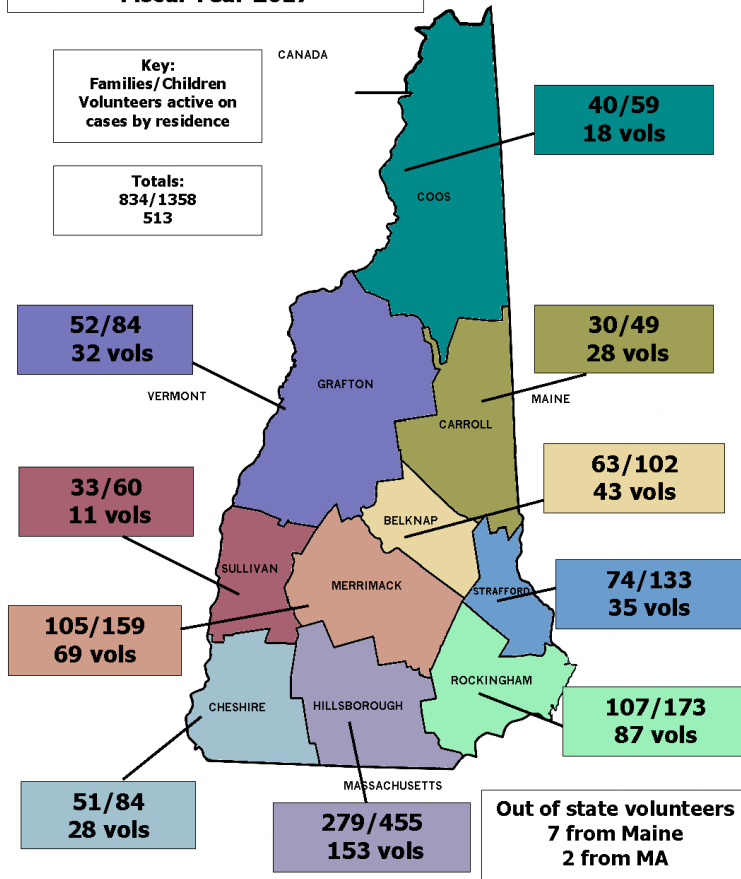


### Our Mission

To protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained volunteer advocates speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's family courts through no fault of their own.

# FY 2017: ACTIVE CASES AND VOLUNTEERS

## Active Cases and Volunteers for Fiscal Year 2017



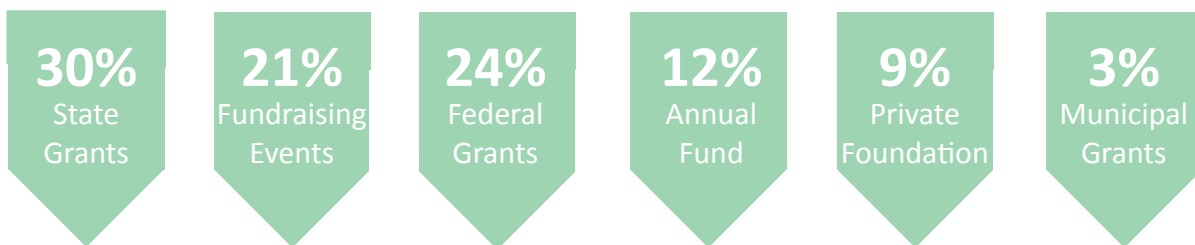
## Bound and Determined

When a young CASA teen found herself in the NH family court system for a second time due to a neglectful adoptive parent, she knew she would have at least one person she could count on.

Adopted as a toddler from a foreign country, this young girl was placed in the state's care at 10 years old when her adoptive mother's mental illness triggered a neglect finding. She met her CASA volunteer for the first time at the court house. Less than a year later the case was closed, but that's not where her story would end. Two years later she was removed from her home again and placed in a group home.

There was no question her CASA would take her case again. **He knew her history and more importantly, he knew her dreams.** For six years, her CASA has been her champion and her voice in court. He proudly attended her high school graduation this spring. She says if ever she needed someone to talk to, she knew just who to call, and she credits her CASA for being a strong and consistent support as she prepares for her next chapter: College this fall.

## FUNDING SOURCES



## FUNDING USES

CASA of NH strives to maintain frugal financial practices, a balanced budget, and funding diversity.

**83%**  
Direct Program Service\*

**11%**  
Fundraising

**6%**  
Administration & Overhead

\* All costs related to administering the program, including recruiting, training and supervising volunteers.

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