

The Impact of Your Support CASA of NH 2020



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

REBUILDING A FAMILY BOND

When CASA Volunteer Advocate Erica met Caleb, his mother was addicted to drugs and he'd been bounced back and forth living with his mother and grandparents for years. His father was rarely in the picture. Caleb was placed with his grandparents when the state intervened, but they were aging and it wasn't long before they were no longer able to care for him. Caleb spent the next couple of years in multiple residential homes and attending different schools with each placement. Stability was lacking in his life, except for the constant of Erica. When it became clear that Caleb's only option to return to one of his parents rested in his mother, DCYF and CASA encouraged her on her path to sobriety.



Caleb's mother worked hard, not only on herself, but on rebuilding her relationship with her son. She drove two hours every week to spend time with him at his group home. When the time came for Caleb, now 16, to return home to live with his mother, she was able to provide the stability and safety he and his younger half brother needed.

Erica says it's been hard to not see Caleb since the case closed and with the challenges from COVID, but she is grateful to know his family is in a good place.

"We were really nervous about the reunification when COVID hit – but Caleb has been an amazing brother and has made it possible for all 3 of them to function during this crazy time," Erica said.

"It truly has been a challenging year and we have wonderful volunteers doing extraordinary things for New Hampshire's children."

Marty Sink,
CASA of NH CEO & President

CY20 BY THE NUMBERS

1,431
children



881
families



614
volunteers



358,525
miles driven



86,013
hours given



\$5 million
advocacy services



CASA's Mission

CASA of NH provides a voice for abused and neglected children and youth by empowering a statewide network of trained volunteers to advocate on their behalf so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

Read online:
**FY 2020 Annual Report
& Our Pandemic Response**
casanh.org/annualreport

ADVOCACY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

In March, when COVID-19 struck, our first concern, as it always is, was for the kids. How would we continue our advocacy and keep everyone healthy? We knew it wouldn't be easy, but our work may be more critical than ever.

CASA advocates, staff and board responded immediately. Virtual technology was quickly adopted, allowing advocates to continue contact with their children through the use of video chat, phone calls, mail and later physically distanced visits. CASA staff has continued raising money through virtual fundraisers and recruitment and training new advocates has continued with virtual information sessions, reaching volunteers statewide, and a vibrant and engaging online training platform.



In 2020, we had **208 new applicants** and **trained 150 new advocates** in **10 in-person and virtual training sessions**. We held **23 virtual information sessions** with about **a third of the attendees applying** to become a volunteer.

“Amidst the pandemic, I’m still successfully connecting and interacting with the boys I advocate for.”

-Mike Davis,
CASA Volunteer Advocate



“The Couch Family Foundation and the Hypertherm HOPE Foundation are honored to support CASA of NH always, and especially during these uncertain times. We have extraordinary respect for CASA advocates and the critical role they play in the lives of NH’s abused and neglected children. We are grateful to CASA of NH for giving a voice to these children when they need it most.”

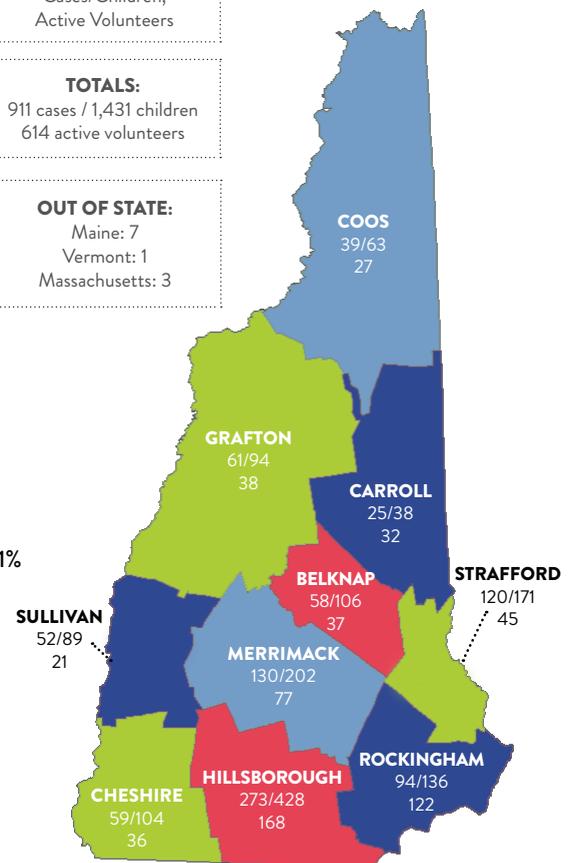
- Barbara Couch, Trustee of the Couch Family Foundation & President of the Hypertherm HOPE Foundation

2020 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS AND CASES

MAP KEY:
Cases/Children,
Active Volunteers

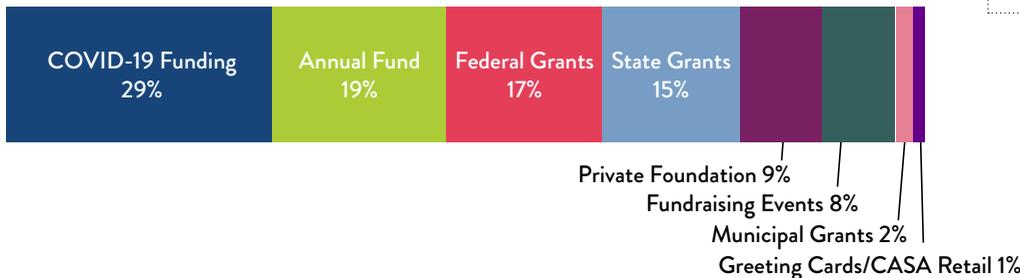
TOTALS:
911 cases / 1,431 children
614 active volunteers

OUT OF STATE:
Maine: 7
Vermont: 1
Massachusetts: 3



FUNDING SOURCES

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



FUNDING USES

* All costs related to administering the program, including recruiting, training and supervising volunteer advocates.



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