CASA OF MISSOULA'S

FY2021 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021

2021 Was a Year of Impact!



93%

We served a higher ratio of children

Volunteers served 93% of children in Missoula and Mineral County's foster care system, up from 82% last year.

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We had more volunteer advocates

CASA of Missoula supported a total of 170 CASA volunteers this year, compared to 144 last year, and 123 in 2019.

262 Children

had a CASA volunteer in Missoula and Mineral County

118 children found a safe, permanent home*

with the help of a CASA volunteer.

*Permanency includes reunification with parents or relative and non-relative guardianship and adoption

170 CASA Volunteers

stayed active with CASA of Missoula

CASA volunteers donated over

4,800 hours of their own time



Volunteers complete 30+ hours of training prior to being sworn in by the courts and taking a case



Our Mission:

CASA of Missoula provides independent, trained advocates for the best interest of children within the judicial system who are at substantial risk or have experienced abuse and neglect. We provide consistent, long-term advocacy until every child resides in a safe, permanent home.

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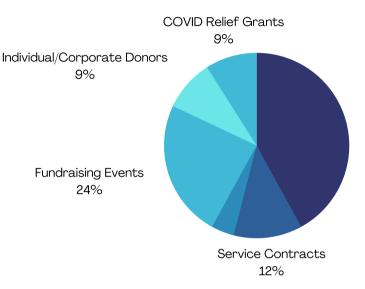
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2021 FISCAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021

Revenue and Community Support



Government Grants
42%

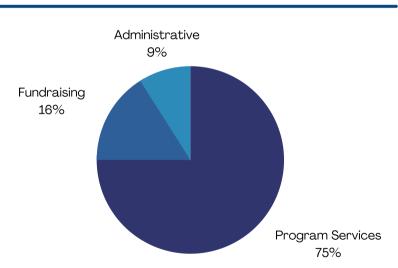
Total Revenue: \$404.593

- Government Grants*: \$169,795
- Service Contracts: \$50,549
- Foundation Grants: \$17,500
- Fundraising Events Net: \$95,244
- Individual/Corporate Donors: \$37,019
- COVID Relief Grants \$34,486

Expenses

Total Expenses: \$302,242

- Program Services: \$226.218
- **Fundraising:** \$47,628
- Administrative: \$28,396



*CASA of Missoula utilized unspent revenue to stabilize the long-term financial security of the program by increasing reserves to recommended levels. Additional revenue may be needed for an expected surge in cases with the return to school in fall 2021.



How You Can Help!

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Where Do Non-Profit Funds Go?

CASA of Missoula donations and funds go towards recruiting, training, and supporting our amazing CASA volunteers, who advocate for children with open abuse and neglect cases in Missoula and Mineral County courts until those children find a safe, permanent home.



CASA VOLUNTEER PAM COPLEY

Pam Copley has volunteered with CASA of Missoula since 2018. In that time, she has advocated for eight children in three families, and dedicated over 162 hours to their best interests. Pam has stood by the side of many children who've experienced darkness many of us could never imagine.

As her CASA supervisor Allie puts it, "Pam is the person who runs into the fire. There's no case too challenging for her." Pam's tireless efforts have changed young lives and our community for the better.

Pam's most recent dismissed case was "a success story of monumental proportion" as Pam, herself, puts it. The treatment team worked hard on behalf of two siblings that were deeply emotionally, physically, and educationally neglected and abused. Pam became very close to the children, and they shared a lot of time together. "They went from scared, confused children to confident, happy, silly kiddos," Pam said.

The children were placed in an exceptional foster home that hung in there with them while they worked through significant issues of trauma. The foster family recently took permanent guardianship of the children and their future looks bright. Although the case has closed, Pam says she will remain a part of their lives as a friend.

"We went Christmas shopping together and sincerely enjoy spending time together," Pam shared.

Pam says her primary objective with the children she serves is to "Become a trusted friend. Make sure they know I am on their side and will absolutely let the judge know exactly how they are doing and what they want him to know."

Pam quilts in her free time. Wanting to help even more foster children, she works with a project called Quilts 4 Kids in acquiring handmade quilts for children in foster care. There simply aren't enough words to convey the true treasure that Pam is, and how grateful we are to have her in our program!

CASA VOLUNTEER MATT MILL

Matt took his first case in the fall of 2016. Over the past five years, Matt has advocated for 11 children in three courts.

In one of his earlier cases, Matt advocated for five children for two years. The mother in this case was particularly resistant to working with any of the parties on the case. According to Matt's CASA supervisor at the time, Kirsten Pulito, "Matt did a great job working with mom and formed a relationship with her when she was reluctant to work with anyone. Matt has a calming effect on whatever case he's on."

Additionally, Matt frequently visited the children at all their different placements and schools, keeping the court informed of the children's needs. This case was ultimately a success story: the mother achieved sobriety and had her children returned to her care.

Matt is making a lasting impact on his current case as well. Laura Johnson, a Child Protection Specialist, reached out to our staff to commend Matt, saying, "I just wanted to let you know how instrumental Matt's work has been to moving the case forward. He is present at every meeting (two per week!) and has been extremely helpful in providing feedback to me about his opinion and always has an update ready for court."Laura continued, "I know it is sometimes more difficult for CASAs who are working to attend every meeting; however, Matt is always able to be flexible and participate. He is on top of the case and able to remind the court of issues they wanted to follow up on. I just wanted you to know how much his involvement is helping and appreciated in this case."

Matt's exceptional work is recognized by CASA staff, parties on his cases, and our District Court Judges. We truly appreciate everything Matt does for the children he serves.



THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR DONORS!

Thank you to the donors and funders whose generosity makes it possible for our volunteers to change children's stories in foster care every day.

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