

# Michigan CASA



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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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2023



# Annual Report

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Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on the past fiscal year, we are thrilled to share some of the remarkable achievements made possible by your unwavering support. Together, we have accomplished incredible feats that have positively impacted the lives of countless children in need.

One of our proudest accomplishments is the significant increase in the number of children served. Thanks to the dedication of 826 Court Appointed Advocates, we were able to provide support and advocacy to a total of 1325 children—a remarkable 9.3% increase over the previous year. This growth is a testament to the tireless efforts of our volunteers and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth.

In addition to expanding our reach, we also focused on enhancing the quality of our services through the introduction of CASA University. This innovative platform offers robust training opportunities to statewide board members, staff, and volunteers, ensuring that everyone involved in our organization is equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to advocate effectively for children in the court system.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce the expansion of CASA of the Harbor. This program, which has been serving Allegan County with dedication and compassion, has now extended its reach into Van Buren County, marking a significant milestone in our mission to support more children in need.

Finally, we are excited to share that we have secured a one-time \$1.5 million dollar state grant from the State of Michigan. This grant will provide vital support for our marketing efforts over the next three years, enabling us to raise awareness about the important work we do and attract additional support for our cause.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without you. Your commitment to our organization and the children we serve fuels our efforts and inspires us to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we remain committed to our mission and grateful for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue to create positive change and build a brighter future for the children in our communities.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Michigan CASA  
President/CEO

# About Michigan CASA

Michigan CASA is a nonprofit organization which establishes and supports the 29 affiliate programs across the state that recruit, screen, train, and supervise CASA volunteers. Michigan CASA is committed to maintaining a network of well-administered, affiliate programs that operate independently with mutual accountability, resulting in the highest level of advocacy for all of Michigan's abused and neglected children.

A Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a specially trained community volunteer appointed by a judge to speak up for the best interests of an abused or neglected child. Bringing urgency to a child's needs both in and out of a courtroom, CASA volunteers advocate for safety, permanence, and well-being for children through independent recommendations based on their relationship and understanding of the child.



# Our 2023 Board

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**Pete Scudder, Treasurer**

**Amy D'Aprile, Secretary**

**Kathleen Brach, Board Emeritus**

**Randi Alberich**

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**Zenell Brown**

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**Kelli Gierz**



# Meet Our Team



**Patty Sabin**  
**President/CEO**



**Jennifer Collins**  
**Director of Operations**



**Carolyn Frank**  
**Program Administrator**



**Janice Fonger**  
**Director of Training**



**Joane VanLuven**  
**HR Consultant**

# Vision And Mission



## Mission

### Why We Exist.

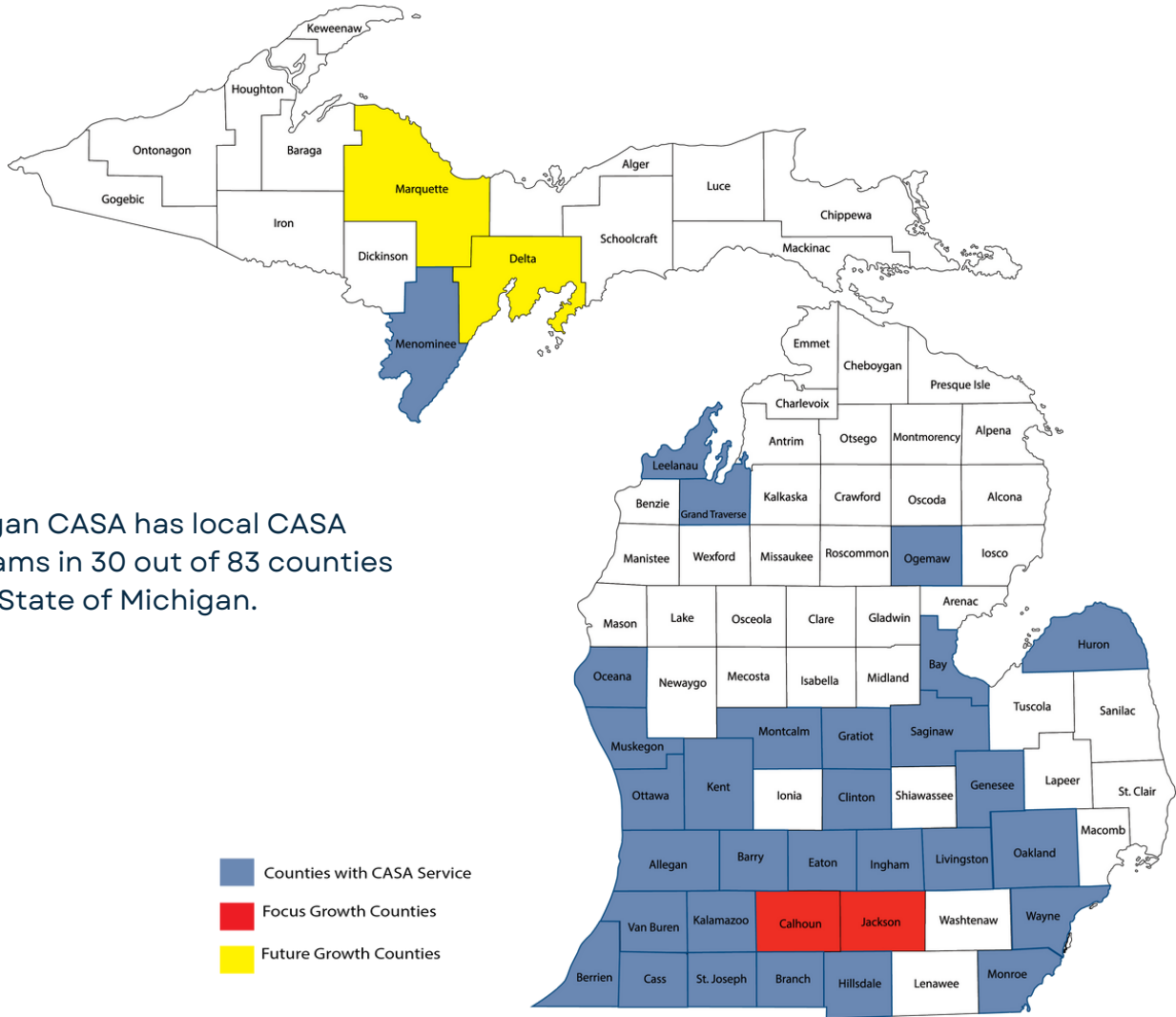
Michigan CASA, Inc. is dedicated to changing the lives of abused and neglected children by advocating for their best interests through establishing, supporting, and expanding quality CASA programs throughout the state of Michigan to ensure every child that needs a volunteer, has one.

## Vision



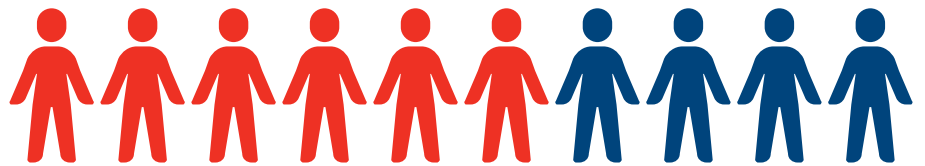
Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect, one child at a time.

# Growth Goals



Michigan CASA has local CASA programs in 30 out of 83 counties in the State of Michigan.

Michigan CASA needs **3,513** additional volunteers to meet the needs of unserved children in Michigan's foster care system.



Michigan CASA volunteers contributed **54,853 hours** of advocacy for children in the foster care system.



Michigan CASA's annual economic impact in 2022 was **\$1,744,325**



# Program Highlights

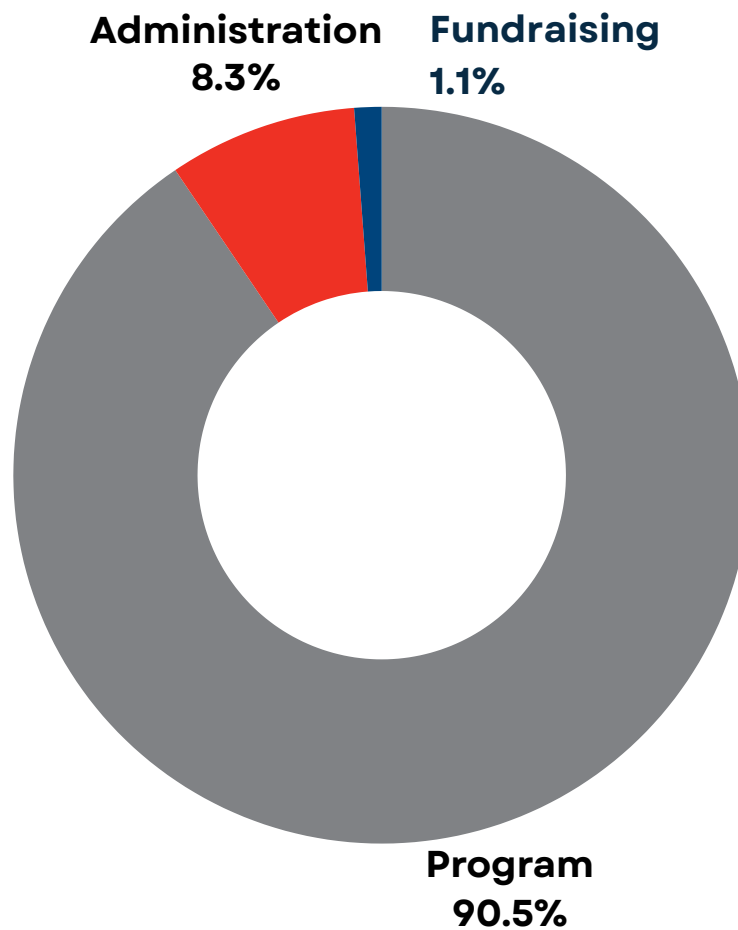
*A few photo highlights from 2023*





# Financial Statement

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,111,916</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>1,149,420</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>15,200</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>105,003</b>



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