

Tulsa CASA

Annual Report

2021



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

TULSA CASA, INC.

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tulsa CASA Friends and Supporters,

2021 was a year of changes for Tulsa CASA. We wished several of our team well as they moved out of the area due to partner relocation, to be closer to family, to pursue a graduate degree or fulfil a lifelong dream of living in Alaska. We welcomed new team members who brought with them fresh perspectives and continued passion for the mission. We moved from virtual advocacy, training and support to in-person and back again as we created and shaped a new normal. We learned and we adapted.

Last year, Tulsa CASA supported 177 volunteers who drove over 52,000 miles and spent more than 7,000 hours advocating for 343 children on 183 deprived cases. We provided over 250 hours of training for new and active volunteers to ensure they had the tools to advocate effectively for the children they served. Tulsa CASA volunteers made 748 recommendations to the court on behalf of the best interests of abused and neglected children and 99% of those recommendations were accepted.

The Board of Directors and Staff also spent 2021 focusing on the future of our organization. We surveyed our team, board, volunteers, donors and community partners, for a holistic view of Tulsa CASA and our impact in the community. We looked at years of our data and the data of Tulsa County to gauge the past and present need of quality advocacy for children in state custody. We looked at who we are today and what we want to accomplish tomorrow. Our Strategic Planning Committee took all the information gathered throughout the year and created a set of strategic goals that will serve as our touchstone through 2024.

Over the next three years, we are committed to bringing a diverse group of Board members, staff and volunteers together to fulfil the mission of Tulsa CASA. We will continue to avidly recruit, thoroughly train and provide unwavering support to volunteers in our community who will use their voices to advocate for the best interest of children in state custody. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, the CASA volunteers, and the children and families we serve: thank you for your continued support of our mission as we work to provide quality advocacy to abused and neglected children in our community.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" at the beginning.

FROM AN ADVOCATE



My name is Jasmine Ball and I've lived in Tulsa for about 18 months and I've been a CASA for 12 of those months. I'm a business owner in the financial sector but my educational background is in education, psychology and social work. In addition to that background, I feel like the training from CASA, the community of volunteers, and my advocate manager helped to prepare me and continues to encourage me in my role. I chose to be a CASA for a number of reasons and it's one of the best decisions I've made so far. First off, I believe in giving back—whatever that looks like, we should all be giving back to others around us. Secondly, it's so important to be a voice for those whose voice isn't recognized, is being taken or is being silenced. We have many marginalized and vulnerable groups in the United States and children are a part of those. Though there's been a lot of legislation changes around the rights of children, there are still thousands of children who fall through the cracks. I believe so much in this country that I want to make sure we uphold our ideals which include ensuring life & liberty to all our citizens—children included. Thirdly—being a CASA is personal to me. My father was raised in a very poor family with a physically abusive father and a mother struggling to raise 5 children and work. He and his siblings could've used a CASA to advocate for them. Life was not easy for my mother either, she was in and out of foster homes until the age of 5, when eventually her mother's rights were terminated and she was adopted. However, she was then adopted into a mentally and physically abusive home—she could've used a CASA. I don't want children to go without a voice, I don't want them to believe themselves to be so far "damaged" that they can't have a better situation. I want them to know their voice matters, we care, and we'll fight for them. I want them to know that we'll be the support system they may have never had, the protector they didn't know they needed, and the advocate that they've always wanted. Being a CASA has been the most challenging and rewarding experience I've had in my life so far. There have been times I've laughed so hard my sides ache and there have been times I've been so frustrated with the system or circumstances that it breaks my heart and I'm in tears. But ultimately, if my being present made a difference one day, for one child—it's all worth it. So be a CASA—I promise you're needed & I promise it matters.

--Jasmine Renae Ball

2021 PROGRAM STATISTICS

177

Active Volunteers

343

Children Served

183

Active Cases

7,094

Volunteer Hours

52,190

Miles

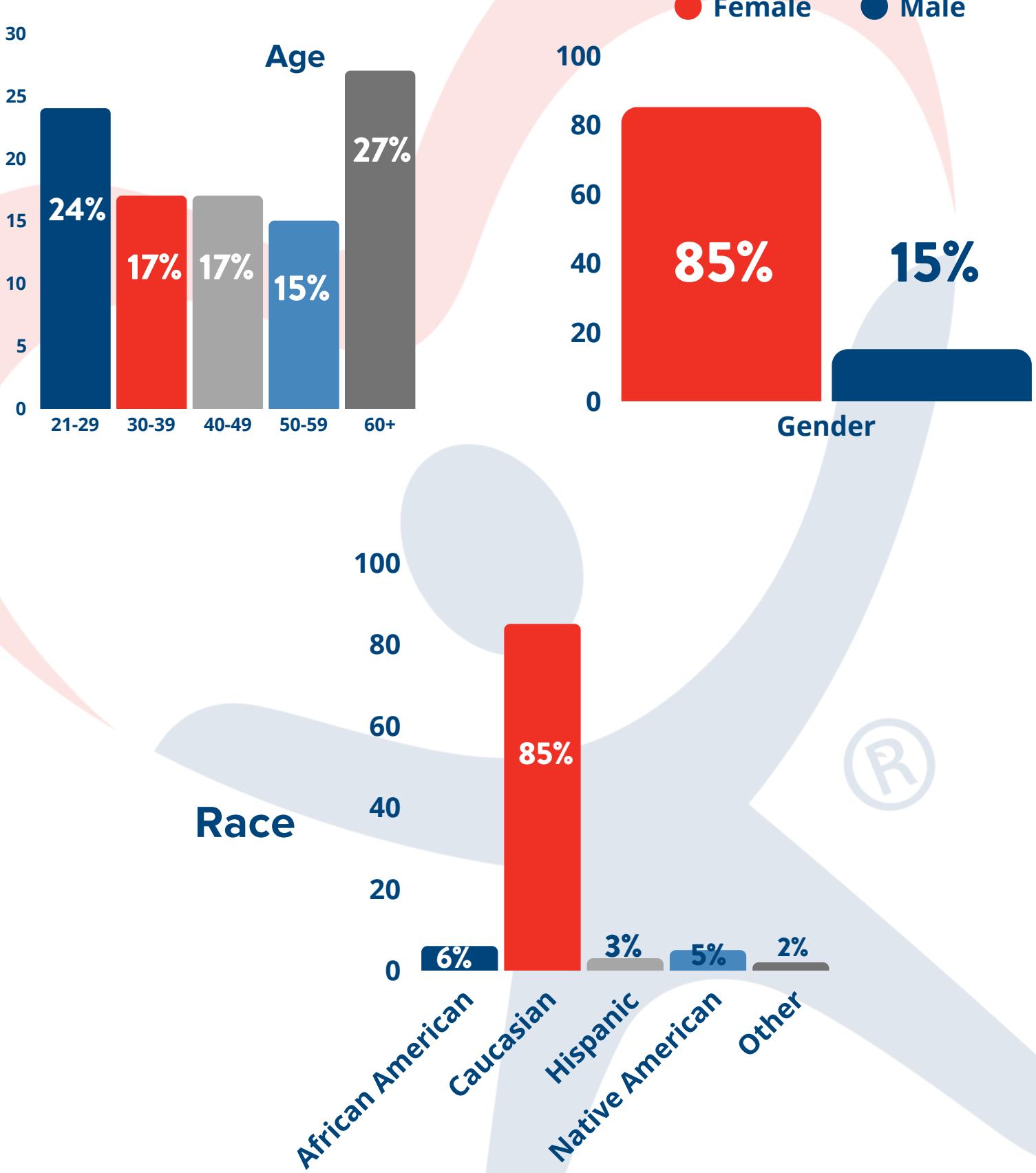
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Volunteers Trained

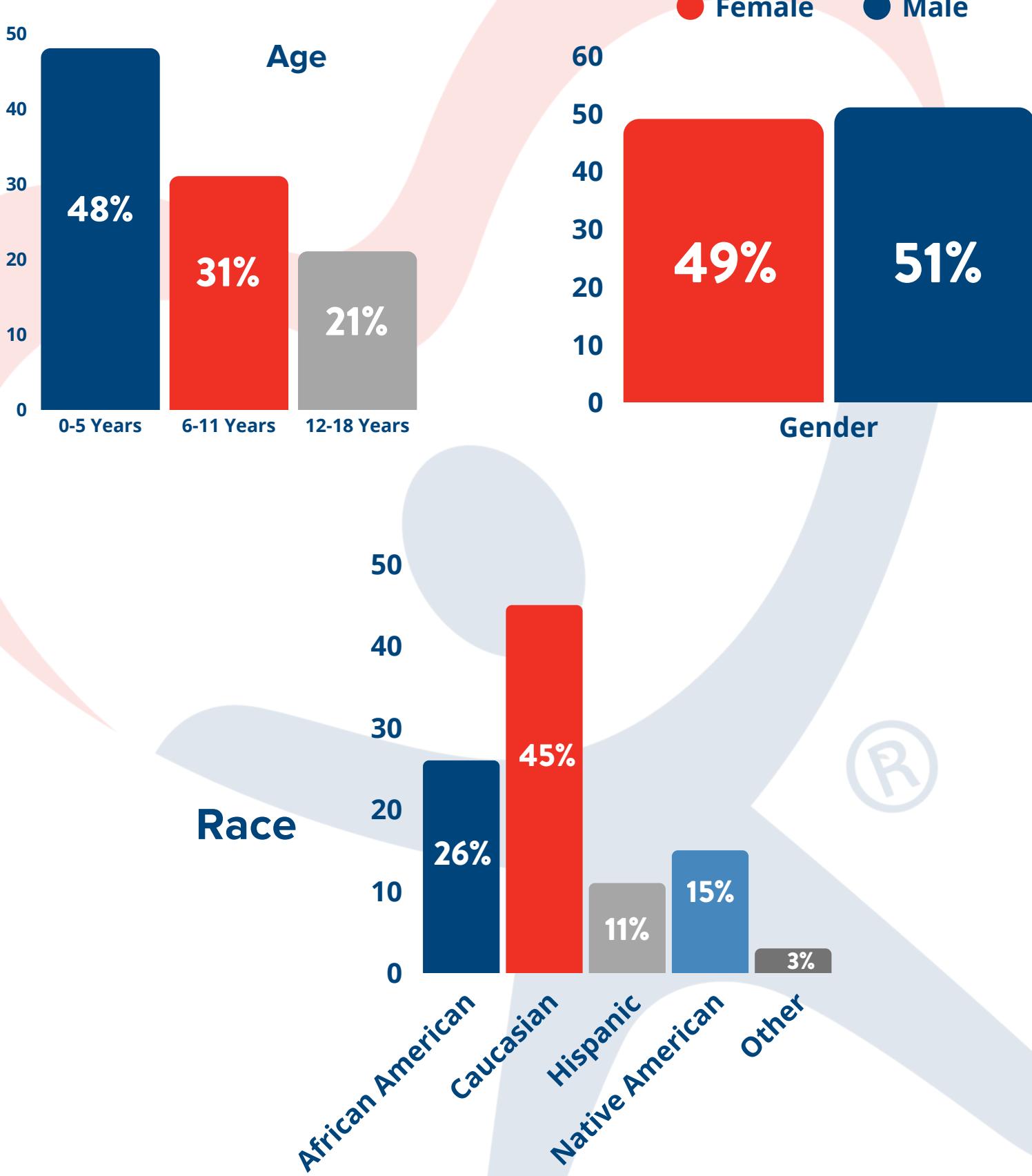
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Savings to the community*

VOLUNTEER DEMOGRAPHICS



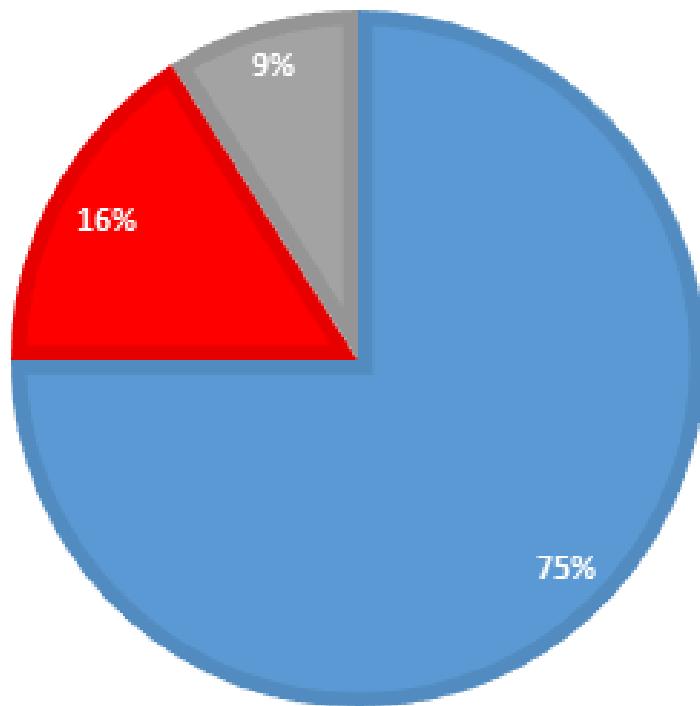
CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS



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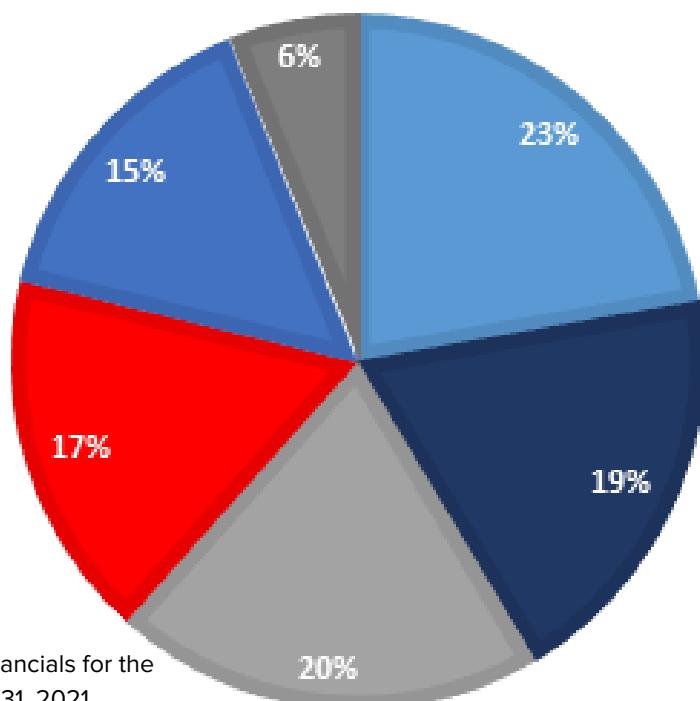
EXPENSES

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REVENUE

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