

TULSA CASA ANNUAL REPORT 2024



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

TULSA CASA, INC.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

If there is one word that defines this past year at Tulsa CASA, it is resiliency.

Resiliency in the face of uncertainty. Resiliency in our children who continue to rise above adversity. Resiliency in our volunteers who show up, again and again, no matter how difficult. And resiliency in our entire CASA community; board members, staff, partners, and supporters; who remained steadfast in their belief that every child deserves a voice and a chance at a better future.

This year, we saw the child welfare system stretched, as families continued to recover from instability, trauma, and systemic hurdles. But through it all, our CASA advocates were there listening, encouraging, and most importantly, standing firm in the lives of vulnerable children. Because of them, we were able to serve 267 children, providing consistent, individualized advocacy during the times they needed it most.

At the heart of our work are the children we serve who all have a story of survival, strength, and hope. We've witnessed young people reunite with family, transition into loving homes, and overcome emotional hurdles with the support of their CASA volunteer walking beside them. Their resiliency is an inspiration to us daily.

As we look ahead, we know the path won't always be easy. But we also know our community is strong, and our mission is clear. We will continue to stand up for children who've experienced abuse and neglect. We will continue to grow our team of advocates. And we will continue to highlight the power of resilience in all we do.

Thank you for believing in our work, for standing beside us, and most of all, for standing beside the children who need us most.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Fisher".

ELIZABETH FISHER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





Program Impact

Tulsa CASA continues to strive to provide quality advocacy to every child in foster care in our community. In 2024, Tulsa County Juvenile Deprived Court saw over 1,500 abused and/or neglected children. Tulsa CASA was able to advocate for 267 of those children, an increase of 36% over the prior year.



2024 saw incredible growth in our organization as we welcomed 51 new volunteer advocates into the program. Having a CASA volunteer means having a consistent, stable adult for a child during a difficult and unfamiliar time. In 2024, the 267 children served by Tulsa CASA saw 874 professional changes. Of those changes, 469 were caseworker changes, 134 were attorney changes, and only 35 were CASA changes.

In addition to consistency, CASA provides valuable insight and recommendations on behalf of the best interests of children. Out of the 867 recommendations CASA volunteers presented to the court in 2024, more than 98% were accepted.

2024 SNAPSHOT

102

CASA Volunteers

128

Cases assigned

267

Children served

5,010

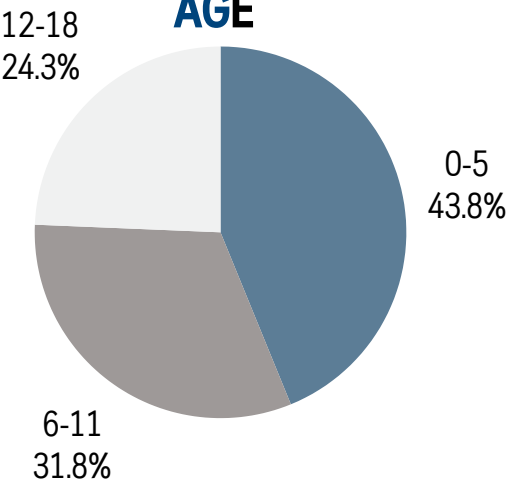
Hours CASA
Volunteers
Advocated

40,115

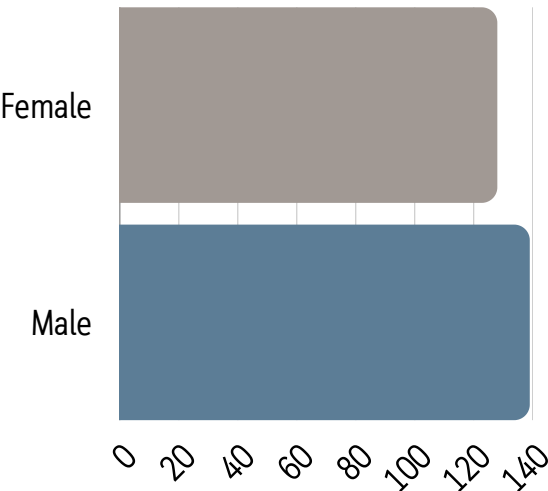
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CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS

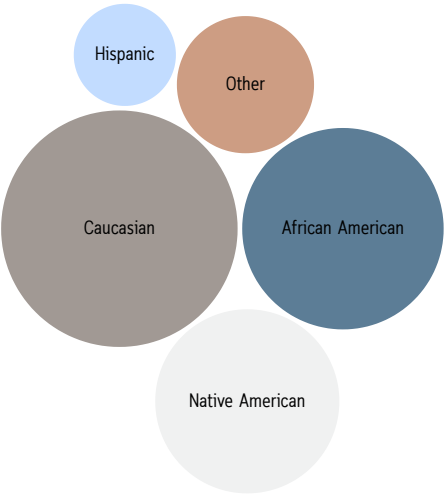
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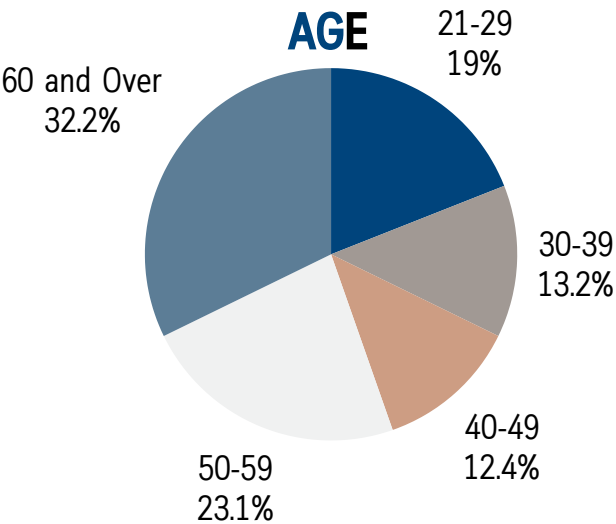


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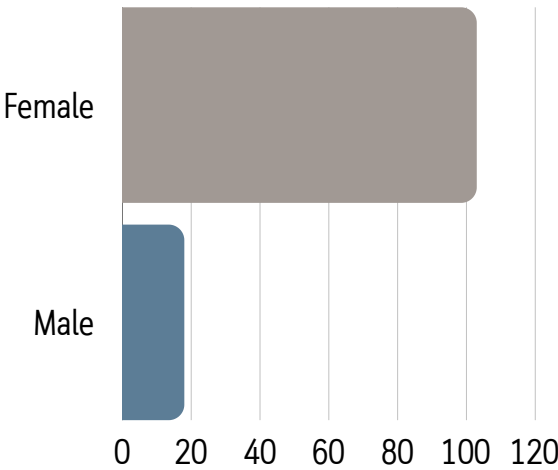


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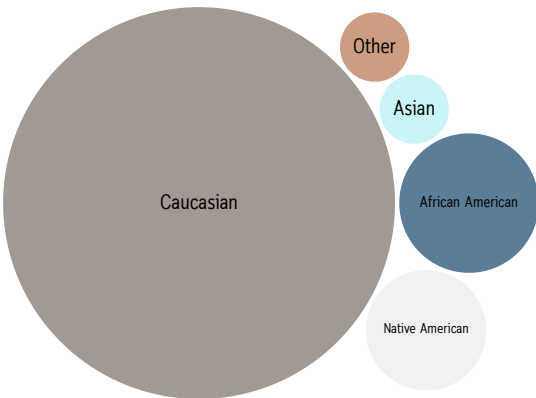
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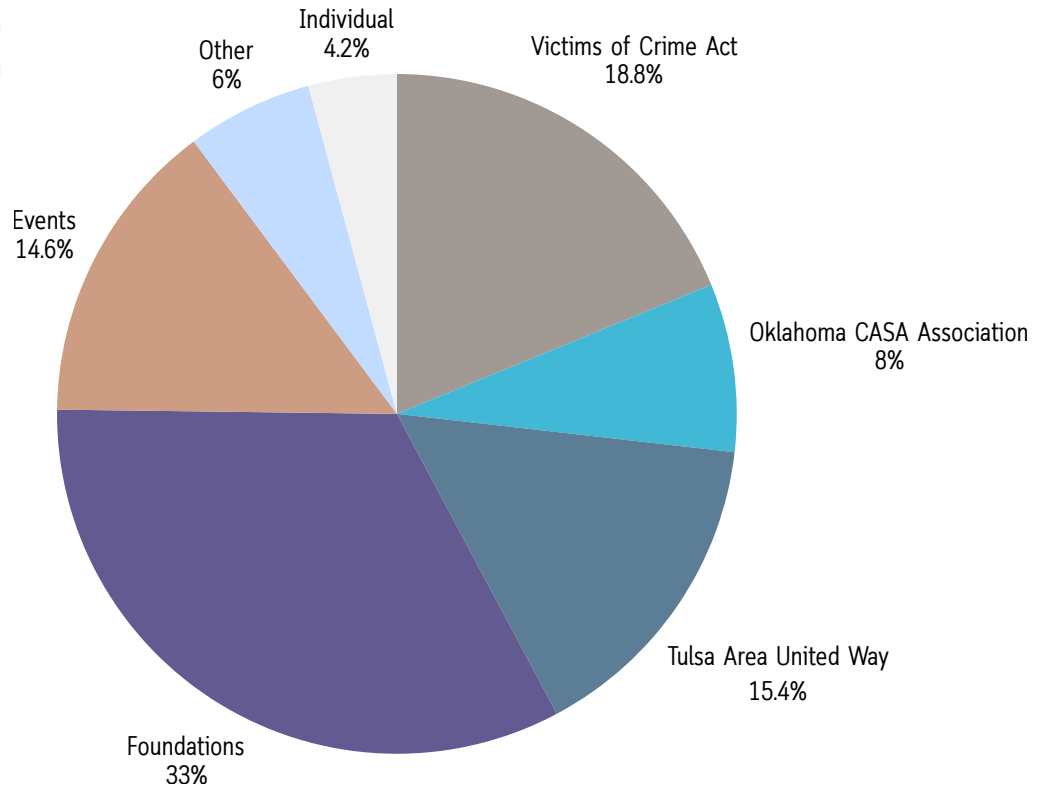


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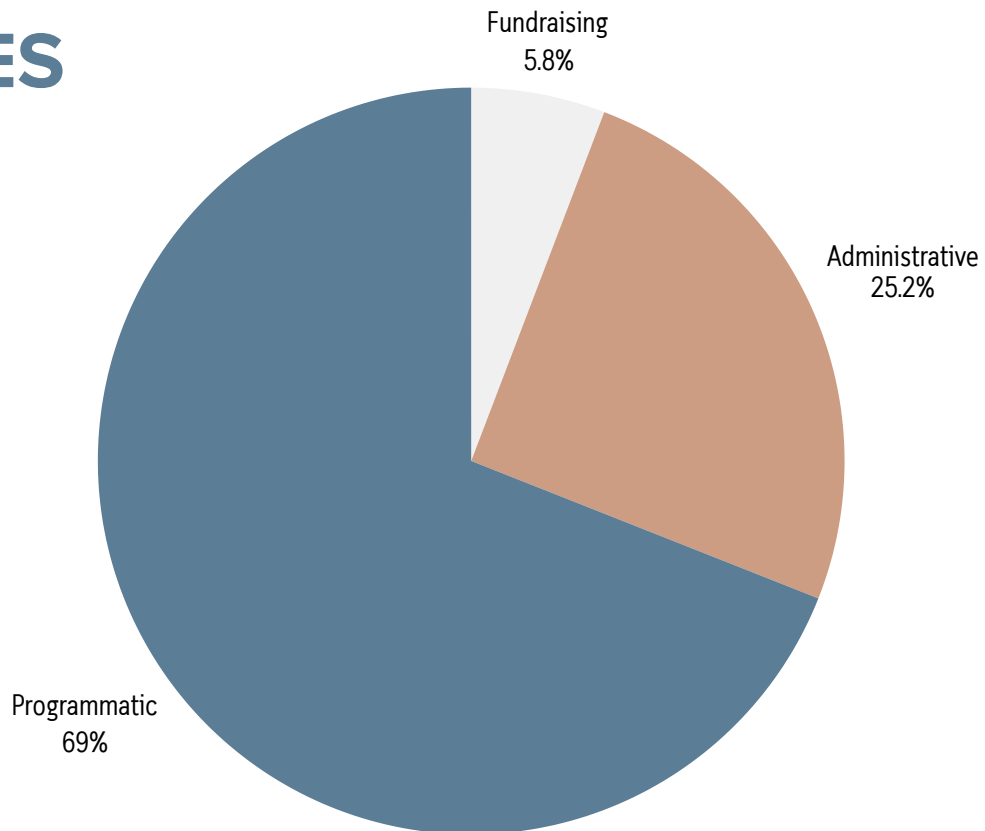


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2024 Volunteer of the Year: Marianne Stambaugh

Marianne is a dedicated, compassionate, and tireless advocate who has made a profound difference in the lives of the children she serves.

Since becoming a CASA advocate in 2016, Marianne has served on three separate cases and helped seven children reach permanency. Her commitment has taken her far, both literally and figuratively, as she has logged nearly 900 volunteer hours and driven more than 9,345 miles to visit and support her CASA children. Her visits have spanned across Oklahoma and even into Arkansas, including Hominy, Glenpool, Claremore, Cleveland, Roland, Norman, Mustang, Broken Arrow, Muskogee, Tahlequah, Midwest City, Oklahoma City, and Barling, AR.

Currently, Marianne is working on a case she has served on since 2019 and is one of the most complex and heartbreaking cases we've seen. The child had experienced extreme trauma and instability, and the path forward was uncertain.

What remained certain, however, was Marianne's unwavering dedication.

Throughout the life of the case, she has fought fiercely to keep siblings together, often standing alone in her advocacy. When placements changed, Marianne followed. Her consistent presence offered stability, trust, and a sense of safety to the children during a time it was needed the most.

Marianne is truly the kind of advocate every child deserves!



“NO PERSON WAS EVER HONORED FOR
WHAT HE RECEIVED. HONOR HAS BEEN
THE REWARD FOR WHAT HE GAVE.”

CALVIN COOLIDGE

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