

# 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION

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A Brothers' Story



**CASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

THE NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED  
SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION

## LETTER FROM THE CEO AND THE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CASA

Welcome to the 2006 National CASA annual report. In it, you will get a picture of the many innovative ideas and resources our staff developed over the past year to support the important work of CASA and guardian ad litem programs and volunteers. And, with this annual report, we would like to introduce you to just two of the children our volunteers serve: brothers Johnathan and Scott Williams.

Johnathan and Scott's father tried hard to be both father and mother to his young boys, while working at the Port of Miami-Dade ten hours a day. Tragedy struck in 2002. A gunman walked into an auto parts shop and, in the ensuing gunfire, fatally wounded the boys' father. Scott and Johnathan learned of the death while watching the evening news.

Sterling Marshall, a newly trained Miami volunteer guardian ad litem, was assigned to advocate for Scott and Johnathan. Sterling soon discovered that their grandmother, Jessie Williams, could provide the safe, caring home the boys needed so badly. He advocated strongly for placement with the grandmother, and Jessie worked hard to prove her commitment to the boys, traveling across town by bus to take parenting classes. In August 2004, the boys were placed in her permanent care. She says, "I do not know what I would have done without Sterling. They probably would still be in foster care."

As you will see in the pages of this book, the boys are doing well in their grandmother's care. She has ensured that they remain in close touch with their younger sister, Clarissa (now in their aunt's custody) because "that is what their father would have wanted."

But while bereavement gets easier with time, the boys still struggle with their father's death. As Scott said, sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, "Yeah, I miss my father. Basically, we keep him in our heart."

In 2006, nearly 58,000 CASA and guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteers helped more than 220,000 children like Scott and Johnathan. Once a CASA or GAL volunteer is assigned to a case, the prospects for such children improve considerably. A 2006 audit of the National CASA



National CASA CEO Michael S. Piraino and Board President Mimi Feller

Association, conducted by the US Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, demonstrates that:

- ★ **Children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend more than 3 years in foster care: 13.3% for CASA cases versus 27.0% of all children in foster care.**
- ★ **Cases involving a CASA volunteer are more likely to be “permanently closed” (i.e., the children are less likely to reenter the child welfare system) than cases where a CASA volunteer is not involved. 91% of CASA children do not reenter the system.**
- ★ **When a CASA volunteer was involved, both children and their parents received more services. The audit concluded that this was an indication that “CASA is effective in identifying the needs of children and parents.”**

In addition, the report states that the National CASA Association is highly efficient and targeted in its use of the funds invested by our federal government, our donors and our corporate and foundation supporters. The audit reports that National CASA expended only 6.8% of grant money on general and administrative activities—significantly less than the 16.3% average administrative costs for human services nonprofit organizations.

National CASA is deeply committed to supporting our network’s advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children. For example, in 2006 our staff responded to over 56,000 requests from local and state CASA and GAL programs for technical assistance, consultation and training.

As an organization, we believe abused and neglected children deserve the highest quality advocacy. In 2006, we worked closely with our member organizations to complete a four-year assessment of local CASA and GAL program compliance with agreed-upon quality assurance standards.

The vision of National CASA’s strategic plan is to provide volunteer advocacy for every child in the court system as a result of abuse and


neglect. National CASA worked hard in 2006 to recruit volunteers for the children who need them. Through a variety of outreach efforts, such as children’s art projects in large cities and national placement of public service announcements, we reached more than 40 million individuals with CASA messages. These efforts produced over 10,000 inquiries from potential volunteers to National CASA alone and many more requests to our local programs.

We are grateful for the support of our corporate, foundation and individual donors who have enabled National CASA to help our local organizations and the children they serve. Jewelers for Children continued to generously support our work with an annual gift of \$1 million to fund supervision and training of volunteers at the local level. CBS, through their CBS Cares program, provided in-kind support of over \$5.7 million in network advertising in 2006, allowing us to bring a CASA message to a large audience. And in 2006, we achieved a record level of donations from individuals.

We would finally like to thank our volunteers, dedicated board members, staff and other supporters who have made the commitment to join us and to help us succeed for children. Working together, we are a powerful partnership with a shared goal of providing what Scott and Johnathan have achieved and what every child deserves—a safe, permanent home and hope for a decent childhood. With your help, we can make that happen.



Michael S. Piraino  
CEO



Mimi Feller  
President

## OVERVIEW

*The National CASA Association, together with its state and local members, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.*

Each year, more than half a million children are thrust into the foster care system. Unable to live safely at home due to some form of parental abuse or neglect, they are at risk of languishing in inappropriate group or foster homes, their futures dependent on the overburdened legal system.

That is where the CASA or guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteer comes in. Appointed by the court, CASA and GAL volunteers work diligently to first determine what is in the best interest of the child and then ensure that positive outcomes are achieved. The volunteer stays with each case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

It is estimated that children who suffer abuse and neglect are 53% more likely to become violent criminals as adults. A major factor in avoiding bad outcomes for an abused child is the presence of a concerned adult in that child's life. In 2006, more than 57,000 CASA volunteers served as a caring adult in the lives of 220,000 children.

The National CASA Association is an organization of 946 local and state member program offices in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Though known by many different names—including Guardian ad Litem, Child Advocates and Voices for Children—all programs share the mission of placing caring adult advocates in the lives of abused and neglected children.

National CASA, headquartered in Seattle, WA, functions as a resource to support and increase the capacities of local programs. We provide

staff with training and assistance in areas including program development; volunteer recruitment and training; best practices; quality assurance; and resource development. National CASA also engages in public policy and makes grants that foster program quality and growth, enabling state and local programs to better meet the needs of abused children.

### CASA Network Services

In 2006, 220,129 abused and neglected children had a CASA or GAL volunteer advancing their best interests. CASA programs across the country recruited, trained, supervised and supported a total of 57,938 volunteers to carry out this important work.

### National CASA Services

The following numbers help to quantify the services provided by National CASA to our member programs nationwide in 2006.

Local programs' requests for technical assistance completed by phone/email . . . . .	39,427
Technical assistance publications/documents distributed . . . . .	16,632
In-person technical assistance or on-site consultations (in addition to trainings) . . . . .	111
Number of grants awarded to local and state CASA programs . . . . .	321
Dollar amount of grants disbursed to local and state CASA programs . . . . .	\$7,204,097
Training sessions sponsored or presented . . . . .	105
Persons trained . . . . .	4,768
Number of visitor sessions on casanet.org and nationalcasa.org websites . . . . .	1,881,201

Children's photographs in National CASA publications are normally not from actual abuse and neglect cases. The story and photos of Scott and Johnathan are published with their permission and that of their grandmother.

# *My Grandsons*



# *Scott and Johnathan*

When my son was killed, different people had different ideas about where Scott and Johnathan should live. I thought they should live with me—should be with their family. Sterling, their volunteer guardian ad litem, agreed and helped me work hard to bring the boys home. I don't have a lot, but I'm from a large family and I know how to pull together to make things work. We are a happy family.

Scott is the oldest, he's just turning 13. He is the outgoing one—he wants to talk to everyone. He's a bookworm, too, loves that Harry Potter. Scott graduates from seventh grade this year.

Johnathan is a year younger. He's more reserved. He takes such pride in his room and in his things—he keeps everything just so, and don't you dare mess it up!

Scott and Johnathan are typical boys—they play all of the sports and video games whenever they get a chance. Oh, and do they love to eat!

They are a beautiful set of boys. Every moment I spend with them is precious.

*Miss Jessie Williams  
Grandmother*





## PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE TO CASA PROGRAMS

The National CASA Association provides technical assistance, consultation and training to 946 program offices throughout the country. In 2006, National CASA staff members responded to more than 56,000 requests for support from local programs.

In an increasingly wired world, much of this work can be done remotely—but not all of it. Several National CASA Program Services staff members are housed throughout the country to offer direct support to programs in their geographic regions. In 2006, members of the Program Services team visited programs in 46 states and the District of Columbia. They provided high-quality technical assistance and training on topics including program and volunteer management, board development, capacity building, cultural awareness, diversity initiatives and volunteer training.

### Strengthening Local Programs' Effectiveness Through National Standards

National standards enhance the quality of services delivered by state and local programs. Working together, National CASA and member organizations promoted program excellence with the following initiatives:

- ★ To ensure that children across the country benefit from the support of well trained and supported volunteer advocates, all local programs completed a quality-assurance process that measured their compliance with National CASA standards.
- ★ State organizations identified their strengths and areas in which they require additional growth by undergoing a quality-assurance process.
- ★ National CASA released a new version of our *Standards for Local CASA/GAL Programs* after a three-year review and revision process. Standards provide a framework for the creation of new programs and guidelines for managing existing programs.
- ★ We revamped our local program membership process to help build stronger local programs and facilitate collaboration in program development.

### Nurturing Volunteer Success

National CASA training staff build the capacity of state and local program staff to train and support CASA volunteers so that they have the knowledge and tools to advocate successfully for abused and neglected children.

In 2006, National CASA:

- ★ Offered five Training of Facilitators workshops, teaching 170 participants best practices in adult learning and facilitation skills for delivering the National CASA/GAL Volunteer Training Curriculum.
- ★ Held five Strategic Volunteer Retention trainings for 117 local and state organization staff members.
- ★ Hosted four diversity trainings as part of the National CASA Association's longstanding commitment to increasing cultural competency and diversity within our network.



*Thank you to the National CASA Association for the education you have given me. At our recent state summit, I was shocked by how much I know! Whatever the issue—model courts, expedited parental termination appeals, program funding, attachment and bonding issues and others—I am familiar with them from National CASA trainings and communications.*

*I am really grateful to all of you at National CASA for educating me so well, for your ongoing, unwavering support and for your commitment to this mission.*

—Georgie Scurfield, CASA Coordinator  
Sarpy County Juvenile Court  
Papillion, Nebraska

## Leveling the Playing Field for Our Children

Children of color are disproportionately represented in child welfare and foster care systems across the country. For example, African-American children remain in the child welfare system for longer periods, are less likely to be adopted and are at higher risk of suffering the effects of long-term foster care. These include poorer educational outcomes, juvenile delinquency and dependence on the welfare system as adults.

National CASA recognizes that part of the solution to improving and expanding advocacy for children of color lies in building culturally competent staff and volunteers as well as increasing the number of volunteers of color. We are undertaking strategies that engage community members and increase public awareness, with the ultimate goal of recruiting additional volunteers who reflect the children we serve. These initiatives—fueled by National CASA grant funding, consultation and training—will enhance our ability to serve African-American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American children.



*hot wheels!*

## IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

### Government Research Documents Effectiveness of CASA Volunteers and Efficiency of National CASA

In 2006, the US Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an extensive audit of the National CASA Association and its member programs. The OIG collected data directly from CASA programs on activities and outcomes as well as from a nationwide survey of programs and several existing research studies. The officials also conducted site visits to gain a greater understanding of how CASA programs operate.

The audit reported the following positive outcomes for children:

- ★ Once a CASA volunteer has been assigned to a child, that child is substantially less likely to languish in long-term foster care.
- ★ When a CASA volunteer is involved, both children and their parents receive more support services, “an indication that CASA is effective in identifying the needs of children and parents.”
- ★ The percentage of children who reenter the foster care system because of subsequent abuse is lower when a CASA volunteer is assigned to the case.
- ★ Judges appoint CASA volunteers to their most complex cases with the most risk factors.

The report also found that National CASA’s administrative expenses during the more than eight-year period reviewed averaged just 6.8% of revenue received, significantly less than the 16.3% average for other human services nonprofit organizations. Auditors noted that more than 93% of National CASA’s federally funded expenditures provide direct support to CASA/GAL programs.

The report’s findings demonstrate that the National CASA Association efficiently targets federal and private dollars to serving children.



*US Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) met with Bob Arias, CASA of Polk County, Oregon and a member of National CASA’s Hispanic/Latino Advisory Committee. Arias joined National CASA in a series of outreach meetings with government and agency officials in March to assist with recruitment of Hispanic and Latino volunteers.*

### Partnership Promotes Education Reform

There is no shortage of evidence revealing the bleak academic prospects facing children who spend time in out-of-home care. Competing demands placed on their time by court dates and therapeutic appointments as well as the potential for frequent moves and subsequent school transfers present formidable challenges to children.

It is not surprising that when compared with the general population, children in foster care are more likely to repeat one or more grades and are twice as likely to drop out of high school. A recent study of foster care alumni revealed that fewer than 50% receive any education beyond high school.

Improving educational outcomes has long been a focus of National CASA’s policy efforts. We participate in the National Working Group on Foster Care and Education, a partnership of nine national organizations committed to increasing awareness of children’s educational needs and



promoting promising practices and reforms across education, child welfare and court systems. Partners in this effort include leaders from the legal, judicial, child welfare, foster parent and advocacy fields.

The goals of the working group are:

- ★ Educational stability for children and youth in foster care
- ★ Seamless educational transitions for children and youth when education changes do occur
- ★ High-quality educational experiences, expectations and aspirations for young people in foster care
- ★ Greater national attention to the disparate educational outcomes for young people in foster care, particularly youth of color

Success in school contributes to children's well-being and positive self-image as well as increasing their chances of making a smooth transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. Through this working group and other ongoing efforts, National CASA is promoting policies that improve the future for abused and neglected children.

## Family Time



**After school, we go to my aunty's house—and we have fun. I do my homework and play with my little sister and with my Game Boy®.**

**Scott**



The best thing about having a brother is that you get to take care of him and make sure that he is doing good.

...The worst thing about having a brother is the aggravation.



## INCREASING AWARENESS OF OUR CAUSE FOR CHILDREN

National CASA communicated about volunteer advocacy to more than 40 million individuals. We accomplished this record level of awareness building through a combination of network television public service announcements (PSAs), public relations and local events. As a result, National CASA received over 10,000 volunteer inquiries, which were then forwarded to our local community CASA and GAL programs. Inquiries to National CASA represent only a fraction of total public response to National CASA awareness activities because the vast majority of new volunteer and donor inquiries go directly to local programs.

Below are a few highlights of the 2006 National CASA awareness campaign.

### CBS Cares Network TV Campaign for CASA



Danny Pino spoke with a group of CASA supporters at a December donor reception in New York City.

National CASA continues to benefit from the support of the CBS television network, which has made our cause one of their selected CBS Cares charities. Beginning in February 2006, the network aired a CBS Cares CASA volunteer recruitment PSA featuring Danny Pino of the primetime show *Cold Case*. In addition to daytime and evening TV segments, CBS generously aired the CASA PSA in valuable prime time, within highly rated programs such as *CSI*, *Cold Case*, *48 Hours* and *NCAA Primetime*. This support—valued at \$5,755,493—put a CASA volunteer recruitment message in front of an

estimated 38,005,600 viewers. In addition, copies of the PSA were distributed to the CASA network and placed with local CBS affiliates.

To show further support of the CASA cause, CBS launched a National CASA “micro-site” on its CBS Cares website. This site includes a call to become a CASA volunteer and a link to [nationalcasa.org](http://nationalcasa.org).

### Portraits of Hope Awareness Projects



In the spring of 2006, the National CASA Association sponsored foster youth art workshops called *My Voice, My Life, My Future* in Los Angeles and Atlanta. These workshops gave foster youth between the ages of 11 and 18 an opportunity to participate in skill-building sessions led by professional artists. Both events received significant local media attention.

In Los Angeles, *My Voice, My Life, My Future*

was targeted to support Latino volunteer recruitment. A total of 76 publications picked up the story, including several national publications: *Hispanic Business*, *Latina Style*, *Revista Fama*, *La Ola* and *El Latino*. These publications brought a CASA message to more than 1.7 million Spanish-speaking readers.

In Atlanta, National CASA spokesperson Judge Glenda Hatchett appeared on the May 12 *Good Day Atlanta* show on WAGA-TV (326,000 viewers), and an article featuring a foster youth artist appeared in the Sunday edition of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* (circulation: 615,000 readers).

## National CASA in the News

National CASA's efforts to place CASA volunteer and donor recruitment messages in national and regional media achieved significant success in 2006:



- ★ Judge Glenda Hatchett discussed the need for more CASA volunteers when she co-anchored *The View*, a national TV talk show co-hosted by Rosie O'Donnell. *The View* is watched by 3.3 million people each day.
- ★ *The Wall Street Journal* featured an article discussing CASA volunteer advocacy as a solution for endangered children. The newspaper has a circulation of more than 2.1 million readers.
- ★ Judge Glenda Hatchett promoted the need for volunteers during an appearance on *Wake Up with Whoopi*, a syndicated radio show hosted by Whoopi Goldberg. An average of 507,000 people listen to *Wake Up with Whoopi* each quarter-hour.
- ★ Judge Glenda Hatchett spoke about CASA programs and the need for volunteers during an interview on the *Bev Smith* radio show. An average of 361,200 people tune into the *Bev Smith* radio show each hour.
- ★ The "CASA Rose" was featured twice in *Sunset* magazine. With a circulation of more than 1.5 million readers, *Sunset* is the leading western US lifestyle magazine.



## TV PSA Wins National Recognition

Generous financial support from Jewelers for Children enabled National CASA to produce and distribute *Tired*. This innovative volunteer recruitment TV PSA received a 2006 Telly Award for best local and regional nonprofit PSA. The Telly is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs, receiving over 12,000 entries annually from all 50 states and many foreign countries.

## National CASA Selected as *Essence* Cares! Partner

In 2006, *Essence* magazine, the preeminent lifestyle magazine for today's African-American woman, designated the National CASA Association as a member charity of their *Essence Cares!* program. *Essence Cares!* is a call-to-action to every able African-American adult to become a mentor to a young person. National CASA joins other prominent organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the National Urban League and the 100 Black Men.

As a partner with the *Essence Cares!* initiative, *Essence* magazine gave National CASA a full-page, four-color volunteer recruitment ad that ran in the December 2006 issue. The ad, which was valued at \$69,000, generated over 600 volunteer inquiries for local CASA programs throughout the country.



"We are overjoyed that National CASA is a partner and supporter of the *Essence Cares!* mentoring movement," says Susan L. Taylor, Editorial Director for *Essence*. "So many of our children in foster care are crying out for our help, love and support. National CASA matches these youngsters with a caring adult, who can advocate for their best interests and well-being. We are so proud to partner and motivate our community to become CASA volunteers."



## YOUR SUPPORT HELPS CHILDREN THRIVE IN SAFE, PERMANENT HOMES

In 2006, donors responded enthusiastically to National CASA's goal of providing a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one. Individuals, foundations and corporations supported our development efforts through financial gifts and contributions of goods and services. More than 90% of all funds were directly applied to program costs, with less than 10% dedicated to administrative and fundraising expenses.

### Jewelers for Children Leads the Way

Jewelers for Children (JFC)—the industry organization of jewelry manufacturers, retailers and trade groups—was the leading private supporter of National CASA in 2006. The majority of JFC's \$1 million gift funded supervision and training of volunteers who provided direct advocacy services to 960 children through 72 CASA programs. The remainder supported recruitment efforts to increase the number of African-American CASA volunteers serving in CASA programs in targeted urban areas.

Since 2003, JFC has awarded National CASA more than \$3 million to help change the lives of abused and neglected children.

### Individual Giving Sets Record

Several major gifts, along with a highly successful match campaign during our year-end holiday appeal, helped raise individual donation figures to a record-setting level in 2006. The total amount of donations made by individuals via the internet almost doubled over the previous year, reflecting national trends of increased online giving to nonprofits.

Thank you for your investment in National CASA's efforts to put caring adults in the lives of foster children.

### Corporate Partnerships and Support Strengthen the CASA Network

National CASA partnered with Fred Meyer Jewelers on the promotion of a special pendant, partial proceeds from which benefited National CASA. A second CASA pendant will be produced in 2007. Support from organizations including Newmont Mining, Coca-Cola, CBS, All-State Legal, Wendy's and NBC Universal helped strengthen and expand the CASA network.

At the local level, Office Depot donated more than 15,000 "back-to-school" backpacks to CASA programs around the country in 2006. Relationships with organizations including Hewitt Associates, Outback Steakhouse and Town & Country Foods yielded financial support and new volunteers for many CASA programs.

### Kappa Alpha Theta Invests in CASA Network

National CASA's longstanding relationship with the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation continues to thrive. In 2006, fraternity chapters contributed financial and volunteer support to CASA programs around the country. Kappa Alpha Theta's investment in the CASA network has provided invaluable support to both National CASA and local and state CASA programs for nearly 20 years.

### Government Funding Provides Continuing Support

Longstanding congressional and federal support of National CASA's mission continued in 2006, with significant funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Funds from OJJDP support National CASA's technical assistance and training activities—including our national conference—and provide grants to local and state CASA programs. OVC supports training and consultation to develop tribal CASA programs.



National CASA CEO Michael Piraino thanks David Rocha, executive director of Jewelers for Children, for his organization's generous support.

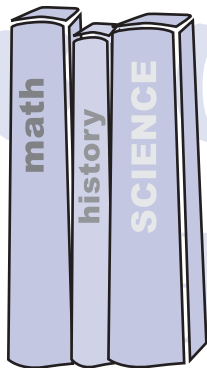


# **SCOTT** read **PLAY!** friendly

Life with my grandmother is excellent. Now I don't have to worry about the kind of things that I used to. I have everything that I need—food, shelter and people who care about me.



I'd say that my brother and I have advanced from poor opportunities to good-life opportunities.



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GRIDIRON

# JOHNATHAN

fast



I like to play sports—football, soccer, basketball. I'm on the football team in school—my position is running back, because I'm fast.

If people could know just one thing about me, I'd want them to know that I am a good person.



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## *Thank you, Sterling!*

Where would I be without Sterling? It is like we have known him all of our lives—like he is a part of our family...He has been a true role model for my boys, and he's pulled me through a lot. I'd be lost without him there.

When we met Sterling we were in a foster home. My first thought was that he was going to be nice and real good, which he is. He helped us get a home with my grandmother. Without him, I think that we would still be in foster care.

If I could say one thing to Mr. Sterling, I would say thank you for everything that you have done for us.



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*The odds are very much against boys like Scott and Johnathan. That is one reason why it is so important for them to have positive African-American male role models. Being there for these boys, I know I have provided something that otherwise would have been absent in their lives.*

*Every time I drive up and I see Scott and Johnathan in their home, I almost cry. I am so happy to see them reunified with their grandmother, who really loves them. For me, there is no greater reward than having that kind of positive impact on the life of a child.*

*Sterling Marshall, GAL volunteer*

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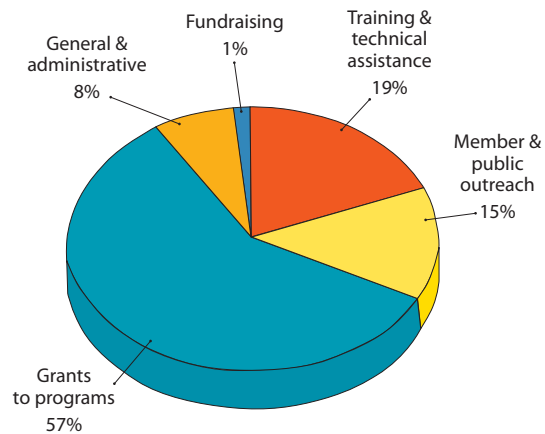
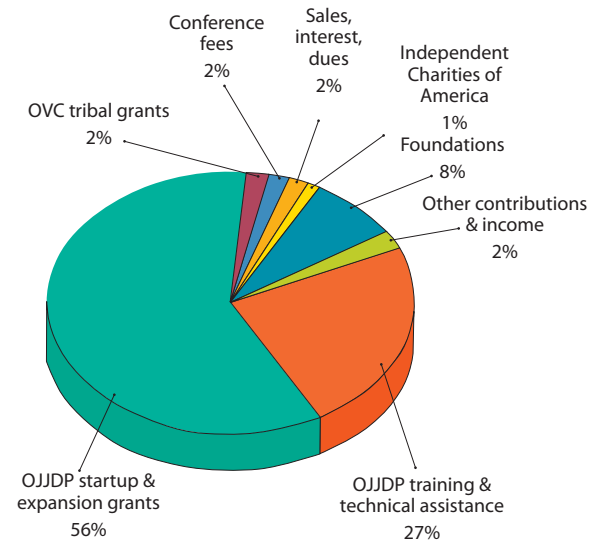
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Department of Justice for training and technical assistance	\$3,565,325		\$3,565,325
Department of Justice for startup and expansion grants	7,497,816		7,497,816
Department of Justice for Native American Tribal Courts	238,889		238,889
Conference fees	285,036		285,036
Membership dues	107,015		107,015
Promotional sales, net of cost of sales of \$123,743	89,578		89,578
Interest and investment income	44,082		44,082
Foundation contributions	51,019	1,022,275	1,073,294
Independent Charities of America	144,626		144,626
Other contributions and income	305,817		305,817
Net assets released from restrictions	1,141,612	(1,141,612)	
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$13,470,815</b>	<b>(\$119,337)</b>	<b>\$13,351,478</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Training and technical assistance	\$2,505,501		\$2,505,501
Member and public outreach	1,980,602		1,980,602
Startup and expansion grants	7,582,445		7,582,445
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>\$12,068,548</b>		<b>\$12,068,548</b>
General and administrative	1,111,149		1,111,149
Fundraising	168,010		168,010
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>1,279,159</b>		<b>1,279,159</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$13,347,707</b>		<b>\$13,347,707</b>
Change in net assets	\$123,108	(\$119,337)	\$3,771
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$1,238,508</b>	<b>\$854,895</b>	<b>\$2,093,403</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$1,361,616</b>	<b>\$735,558</b>	<b>\$2,097,174</b>

## Summary of Revenue and Expense For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

### Support and Revenue

OJJDP training and technical assistance	\$3,565,325
OJJDP startup and expansion grants	7,497,816
OVC tribal grants	238,889
Conference fees	285,036
Sales, interest, dues	240,675
Independent Charities of America	144,626
Foundations	1,073,294
Other contributions and income	305,817
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,351,478</b>



### Expenses

Training and technical assistance	\$2,505,501
Member and public outreach	1,980,602
Grants to programs	7,582,445
General and administrative	1,111,149
Fundraising	168,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,347,707</b>

## Financial Information (continued)

### Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2006 and 2005

ASSETS	2006	2005
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$1,250,406	\$1,233,888
Investments	91,947	84,725
Receivable from Department of Justice	225,428	226,352
Contributions receivable	600,286	595,769
Other receivables	72,753	39,172
Inventory	53,051	61,981
Prepaid expenses	36,096	29,421
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$2,329,967</b>	<b>\$2,271,308</b>
<b>Furniture and Equipment</b>		
Office furniture	\$27,016	\$38,604
Office equipment	86,796	86,796
Computer equipment	396,263	397,004
Leasehold improvements		42,336
Total furniture and equipment	510,075	564,740
Less accumulated depreciation	(464,396)	(490,392)
Net furniture and equipment	45,679	74,348
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$2,375,646</b>	<b>\$2,345,656</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$178,935	\$137,630
Accrued vacation payable	98,037	95,208
Deferred conference revenue	1,500	19,415
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$278,472</b>	<b>\$252,253</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	\$1,361,616	\$1,238,508
Temporarily restricted	735,558	854,895
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$2,097,174</b>	<b>\$2,093,403</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$2,375,646</b>	<b>\$2,345,656</b>

### 2006 Grant Awards For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Grant Type	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Diversity	12	\$100,000
Expansion	73	2,436,680
Jewelers for Children	110	1,168,500
New program development	19	738,000
Special project	16	259,917
State organizations	48	2,375,000
Other	43	126,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>\$7,204,097</b>





# Bright Futures

# save



I'm still thinking about it. I'd like to play basketball for the Heat, that or be a doctor. Doctors get to help people from dying and that makes their families happy.



When I'm a grown up I want to be a person who enforces the law. Maybe a policeman, who stops violence and gets bad people off of the street, or maybe a lawyer because you can defend good people.



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### Organizations Awarded Grants in 2006

Alaska CASA Program, Anchorage, AK	CASA Inc. of Larimer County, Fort Collins, CO	Illinois CASA, Peoria, IL	Genesee County CASA, Flint, MI
CASA of Florence/Lauderdale County, Florence, AL	A Kid's Place, Greeley, CO	CASA of McHenry County, Woodstock, IL	CASA of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
Court Appointed Juvenile Advocates, Huntsville, AL	CASA of the 7th Judicial District, Montrose, CO	Greene County CASA Program, Bloomfield, IN	CASA for Kids, Hastings, MI
Alabama CASA Network, Irondale, AL	CASA of Pueblo, Pueblo, CO	Advocates for Children, Columbus, IN	CASA of Ottawa County, Holland, MI
CASA Mobile, Mobile, AL	CASA of New Haven, New Haven, CT	Child Advocates, Indianapolis, IN	Michigan Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Lansing, MI
Blount County CASA Association, Oneonta, AL	CASA Program/Family Court of Delaware, Wilmington, DE	Indiana State Office of GAL/CASA, Indianapolis, IN	CASA—Program of Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County, Saginaw, MI
20th Judicial District CASA, Conway, AR	Florida GAL Association, Glen St. Mary, FL	CASA of Fulton County, Rochester, IN	Montcalm CASA, Stanton, MI
13th Judicial District CASA, El Dorado, AR	Voices for Children of North Central Florida, Ocala, FL	North Central Kansas CASA, Concordia, KS	CASA Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Arkansas State CASA Association, Little Rock, AR	Voices for Children of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL	Spirit of the Plains CASA, Garden City, KS	Heart of Missouri CASA, Columbia, MO
CASA of the Ouachita Region, Mena, AR	GSW CASA (formerly Sowega CASA), Americus, GA	Kansas CASA Association, Hays, KS	Missouri CASA Association, Columbia, MO
CASA of the 5th Judicial District, Russellville, AR	Georgia CASA, Atlanta, GA	CASA of the 31st Judicial District, Iola, KS	Mid—Ozark CASA Program, Cuba, MO
CASA of Northwest Arkansas, Springdale, AR	DeKalb County CASA Program, Avondale Estates, GA	Sunflower CASA Project, Manhattan, KS	Douglough Community Services—CASA Program, Hannibal, MO
Arizona CASA Program/Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ	CASA for Children, Canton, GA	CASA of Sedgwick County, Wichita, KS	Jackson County CASA, Kansas City, MO
Yavapai CASA for Kids, Prescott, AZ	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Cartersville, GA	CASA of Northeast Kentucky, Ashland, KY	15th Judicial Circuit CASA, Lexington, MO
CASA of Kern County, Bakersfield, CA	South Central CASA, Cordele, GA	CASA at Woodlawn, Danville, KY	CASA of South Central Missouri—25th Judicial District, Rolla, MO
Pit River Tribal CASA Project, Burney, CA	Enotah CASA, Dahlonega, GA	CASA Project of Lexington, Lexington, KY	CASA of Southwest Missouri—31st Judicial Circuit, Springfield, MO
CASA of Mariposa County, Mariposa, CA	The Laurens County CASA Program, Dublin, GA	CASA Project of Jefferson County, Louisville, KY	CASA of St. Louis County, St. Louis, MO
Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, Milpitas, CA	Atlantic Area CASA Program, Hinesville, GA	Kentucky CASA, Louisville, KY	Voices for Children, St. Louis, MO
CASA—A Voice for Children, Napa, CA	Central Georgia CASA, Macon, GA	CASA Program of Hopkins County, Madisonville, KY	Franklin County CASA, Union, MO
CalCASA Association, Oakland, CA	Coweta CASA, Newnan, GA	Mayfield—Graves County Child Advocacy Program, Mayfield, KY	CASA Mississippi, Diamondhead, MS
CASA of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA	The CASA Program for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, Statesboro, GA	CASA Program for Bracken, Maysville, KY	CASA – Pike County, McComb, MS
CASA of Monterey County, Salinas, CA	Iowa CASA Program, Des Moines, IA	28th Judicial Circuit CASA, Stanford, KY	Warren County CASA, Vicksburg, MS
Child Advocates of San Bernardino County, San Bernardino, CA	IV Judicial District CASA—Family Advocate Program, Boise, ID	Louisiana CASA Association, Baton Rouge, LA	GAL Program, Anaconda, MT
Voices for Children, San Diego, CA	First Judicial District CASA Program, Coeur D'Alene, ID	Youth Service Bureau CASA Program, Covington, LA	Yellowstone CASA, Billings, MT
San Francisco CASA Program, San Francisco, CA	Judicial District VII CASA Program, Idaho Falls, ID	CASA of West Central Louisiana, DeRidder, LA	Fifth Judicial District Voice for Children, Dillon, MT
Advocates for Children, San Mateo, CA	Fifth Judicial District CASA Program, Jerome, ID	CASA of Northeast Louisiana, Monroe, LA	CASA CAN Children's Advocate Network, Great Falls, MT
CASA of Orange County, Santa Ana, CA	Idaho CASA Association, Jerome, ID	CASA of Natchitoches, Natchitoches, LA	CASA of Montana, Helena, MT
CASA of Mendocino County, Ukiah, CA	Second Judicial District CASA Program, Lewiston, ID	CASA New Orleans, New Orleans, LA	CASA for Kids, Kalispell, MT
CASA of Santa Cruz County, Watsonville, CA	St. Clair/Monroe County CASA, Belleville, IL	Massachusetts CASA, Newton, MA	Sixth Judicial District CASA/GAL Program, Livingston, MT
CASA of Siskiyou County, Yreka, CA	CASA of Lake County, Deerfield, IL	Berkshire County CASA, Pittsfield, MA	Eastern Montana CASA/GAL, Miles City, MT
Karuk Tribe of California—Tribal CASA Program, Yreka, CA	CASA of Knox County, Galesburg, IL	Anne Arundel County CASA, Annapolis, MD	Guardian ad Litem—District 19B, Asheboro, NC
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CASA of the Four Corners, Cortez, CO	CASA of Peoria County, Peoria, IL	CASA Prince George's County, Hyattsville, MD	Guardian ad Litem—District 26, Charlotte, NC
Colorado CASA, Denver, CO		CASA of Baltimore County, Towson, MD	Guardian ad Litem—District 8, Goldsboro, NC
Denver CASA, Denver, CO		Maryland CASA Association, Towson, MD	
CASA of the Continental Divide, Dillon, CO		Maine CASA Program, Augusta, ME	
		Washtenaw County CASA Program, Ann Arbor, MI	

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*There's no place like home.*



Now I'm back home and I'm just right... I'm happy.

Home is where you come from. Where you come from is where you don't want to leave.

*There's no place like*

*home. There's no place like home.*



## Organizations Awarded Grants in 2006 (continued)

North Carolina State GAL Program, Raleigh, NC  
Guardian ad Litem Program 23rd Judicial District, Wilkesboro, NC  
CASA Connection for Platte and Butler Counties, Columbus, NE  
Heartland CASA Program (Hall Hamilton & Merrick Counties), Grand Island, NE  
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CASA for Lancaster County, Lincoln, NE  
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CASA for York County, York, NE  
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CASA of Cumberland Gloucester & Salem Counties, Bridgeton, NJ  
CASA of Monmouth County, Eatontown, NJ  
CASA of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ  
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County, Ewing, NJ  
Bergen County CASA, Hackensack, NJ  
CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties, Morristown, NJ  
Essex County CASA, Newark, NJ  
CASA of Somerset Hunterdon and Warren Counties, Somerville, NJ  
CASA of Ocean County, Toms River, NJ  
CASA of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ  
CASA of Camden County, Westmont, NJ  
CASA of Lea County, Hobbs, NM  
Cibola County CASA, Los Lunas, NM  
New Mexico CASA Network, Red River, NM  
CASA First Judicial District, Santa Fe, NM  
Tri-County Children's Advocates, Taos, NM  
Nevada CASA, Carson City, NV  
Capital District CASA, Albany, NY  
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Voices For Children/CASA Program, Binghamton, NY  
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Athens County CASA/GAL Program, Athens, OH  
ProKids, Cincinnati, OH  
CASA of Franklin County, Columbus, OH  
Ohio CASA/GAL Association, Columbus, OH  
Parachute: Butler County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Hamilton, OH  
22nd Judicial District CASA, Ada, OK  
Little Dixie Community Action Agency CASA Program, Antlers, OK  
2nd District CASA, Clinton, OK  
Fourth Judicial District CASA, Enid, OK  
CASA of Southeast Oklahoma, McAlester, OK  
Oklahoma CASA Association, Oklahoma City, OK  
Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA, Okmulgee, OK  
Pawnee CASA Program, Pawnee, OK  
CASA of Cherokee Country, Tahlequah, OK  
Clatsop County CASA, Astoria, OR  
CASA of Central Oregon, Bend, OR  
Columbia Gorge CASA, Hood River, OR  
CASA for Children of Klamath County, Klamath Falls, OR  
CASA of Lincoln County, Newport, OR  
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Child Advocates, Oregon City, OR  
CASA for Children, Portland, OR  
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CASA of the Coastal Bend, Corpus Christi, TX  
CASA of El Paso, El Paso, TX  
Child Advocates of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX  
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CASA of Brown County, Green Bay, WI  
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YWCA-CASA for Kids Program, La Crosse, WI  
Manitowoc County CASA Program, Manitowoc, WI  
Milwaukee CASA, Milwaukee, WI  
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CASA of the 11th Judicial Circuit, Lewisburg, WV  
CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Martinsburg, WV  
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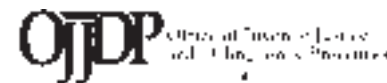
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*The way volunteers like Sterling help kids is to give them information and inspire them to believe they can be what they want to be. I have Sterling by my side, and now I have my family by my side. It feels kinda wonderful.*

—Scott

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where you  
come from.  
Where you  
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