

FY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

"...Champions of Hope,
Purpose,
and Family."



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Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray,
& San Miguel Counties



Mission

"Helping to break the cycle of abuse and neglect through prevention, advocacy and interaction"

Dear Friends & Partners

This past year we had an opportunity to put our entire team through Trauma Recovery Coaching provided by the International Association of Trauma Recovery Coaches. The training included a significant amount of time for reflection on our personal journey and the events that have impacted who we are and how we show up. For those we serve, life in a very short span, has brought far too much trauma and very little hope. The desire to survive leads to choices that mask the pain, deflect the rejection, and internalize the shame.

While we here at CASA of the 7th Judicial District strive to provide the best of services for:

- The child who experienced abuse or neglect,
 - The non-custodial parent,
 - Or the young person struggling with a transition to independence,
- perhaps the greatest gift we can offer comes from the act of listening.

Can we be present for one? Can we hear with thoughtful attention? Can we consider the words, thoughts, and perspectives of another without judgement? Can we hold a space where care and kindness are more sacred than ideology or affiliation? Can we allow our own thoughts and ideas to be challenged by the struggles of a different generation, a different gender, a different education, or a different lived experience?

Listening, that reflective consideration of the thoughts being shared, will hopefully move us from a place of fear or judgement to holding a space of safety and compassion; a space where a child can speak and know they are being heard, parents can learn to parent, and a youth can try, fail, and still be embraced.

At the core of our trauma recovery training were 4 simple statements:
I see you, I hear you, you matter, I care.

What a great foundation for an agency dedicated to serving those in need of a bit more compassion.

Thank you for your support as we continue to grow and serve,

On behalf of our team,

Thank you for your support and trust.

Carlton Mason
CEO

FY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

June 2023

The Village on San Juan is under construction!

"Colorado's first intergenerational supportive housing complex is a \$10 million bet that a community that feels like family will help ease foster kids' transition to adulthood."

Colorado Sun April 8, 2023

With a mix of Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing, and Affordable Housing (80%AMI), The Village on San Juan will serve young adults and seniors at risk for homelessness in a community that provides opportunities to share with, learn from, and support one another.

Track the Construction Progress

The
Village on San Juan
Live Stream
Camera



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Programs and Initiatives

- *CASA of the 7th Judicial District / Court Appointed Special Advocates*
- *Supervised Visitation / Dependency & Neglect, Domestic Relations*
- *Youth Services / Mental Health, Life Skills & Clinical Case Management*
- *YAC / Walk-in Youth Access Center*
- *Winston's Smoothie Bar / Employment Readiness*
- *1st Place on 2nd St. / 8 units of Supportive Housing - Montrose CO*
- *1st Place on Palmer St. / 6 units of Supportive Housing - Delta CO*

Vision

"A community where children and youth become tomorrow's champions of hope, purpose, and family."



You could be a CASA Volunteer

After significant training and thorough background checks, community members become skilled CASA volunteers who are appointed by the district court judge to advocate for children's best interests. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. We serve children from birth through the age of 18. Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.

CASA Advocates provide a caring, consistent, adult presence during a very uncertain time



**# of Children
Returned
Home**

16

**Number of
Hours
Volunteered**

788

**Active
CASA
Advocates**

20

**Number of
Children
Served**

79

**Number of
Cases
Served**

26

The need for CASA Advocacy

Court Appointed Special Advocate® volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children's best interests. This best-interest advocacy makes a life-changing difference for children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect, many of whom are in foster care. You Could be a CASA Volunteer!

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

SUPERVISED EXCHANGE & PARENTING TIME



Total Number of Visits & Exchanges **2,888**

Hours of Visitation **4,023**

Children Involved **323**

Families Served **178**

Children Returned Home **40**

The purpose of visitation is to maintain the parent-child attachment, reduce a child's sense of abandonment, and preserve their sense of belonging as part of a family and community. A child needs to see and have regular contact with their parent(s), as this relationship is the foundation of child development.

"Our first visit we had was very overwhelming. We had no idea what we were doing but Stasia and Daxton were very welcoming and accepting. They talked us through all our struggles and still continue to help us grow as a family and as parents. Big shout out to CASA for all that they do for our community. Thank you."

Parent

"Aixa is great! She opened my eyes and made class comfortable." There were "new thoughts I have never heard!"

Parent

PARENTING CLASSES

Total Number of Participants in Parenting Education **203**

Total Number of Parenting Classes **643**

Total Number of Hours of Class Time **1,445**

Dani,
"Thank you for all the work you put into scheduling and supervising these visits. I'm really grateful for the environment you guys provide to help make _____'s visits with his dad successful."

Parent

YOUTH SERVICES



Number of Individuals receiving Services **109**

Number of Youth receiving Mental Health Services **33**

Individual Contact Hours **1197**

Group Contact Hours Outings, LGBTQ+, etc. **954**

The Youth Access Center provides a safe place for young people to access Mental Health Services and assistance with Employment, Housing, Educational Goals, Healthy Socialization, and Permanency. Services are client directed and engagement is trauma informed.



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Number of Young Adults Housed **18**

Percentage of Tenants Reporting Employment **82%**

Average Number of Months Employed **5.1**



In fiscal year 2022–2023, 1st Place Supportive Housing: Service

166 combined months of supportive housing **\$ 334,766**
(Based on emergency shelter and service cost savings per tenant over 12 months)

Reduced the number of criminal charges to zero **\$ 71,500**
(State and national statistics show that 69% of youth coming out of foster care or homeless will have one criminal charge in a year)

Increased average employment rate **\$ 744,553**
(Reducing demands on social welfare)

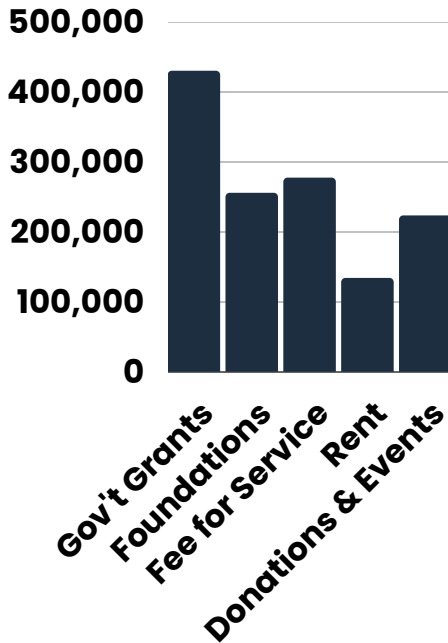
Improved Educational Outcomes **\$ 127,325**
(10 tenants complete HS/GED, Voc. Certificate, or enroll in college)

Reduction in Emergency Room Visits **\$ 41,250**

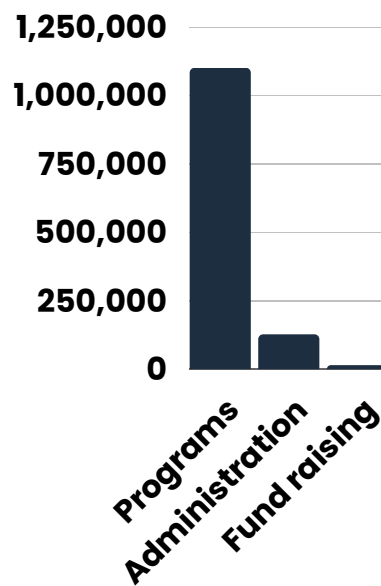
Reduction in State funded Rental Assistance **\$ 61,992**
(Represents a 30% increase in tenant earnings from baseline)

FINANCIAL POSITION

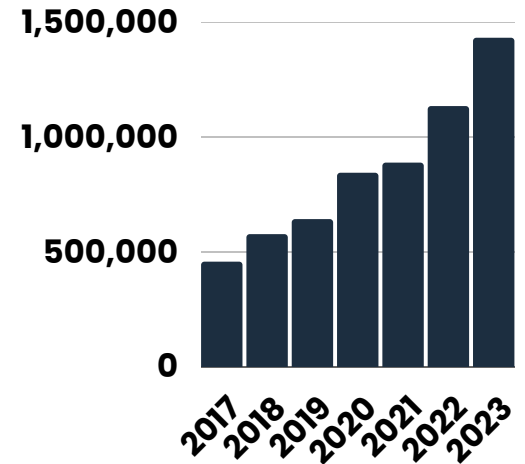
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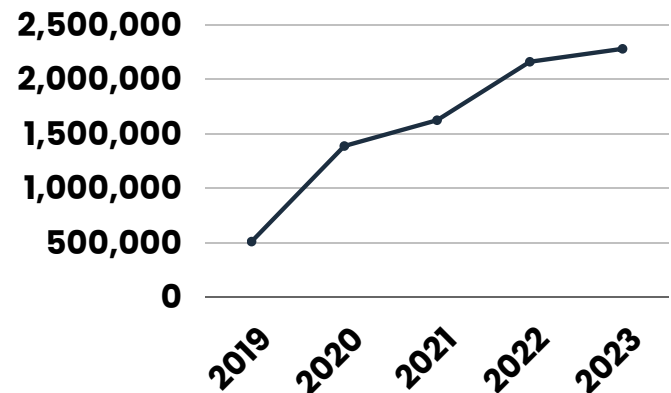
Expense



Budget Year to Year



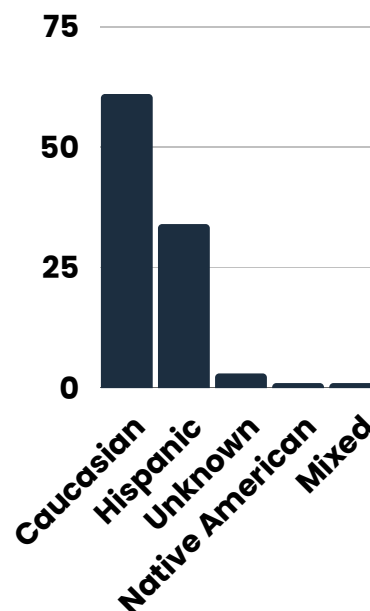
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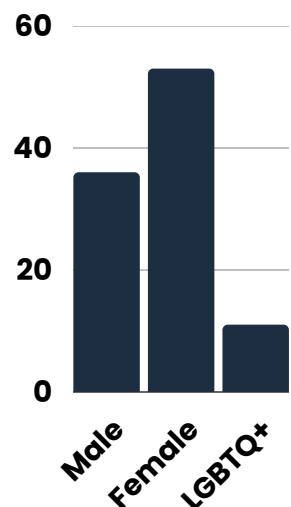
For Children and Youth within the Child Welfare System

- One third have a chronic health problem
- Up to 80 percent have a mental health issue
- Are three times more likely to use drugs
- The young women are more than twice as likely to become pregnant by age 19
- Of those emancipating from foster care, only 15.6 percent report part or full time employment

Race/Ethnicity (%)



Gender (%)





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