

# CASA of the Pikes Peak Region



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

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# Child Abuse Overview

Every year in the United States, 3.6 million referrals of child abuse are made.

- Physical
- Psychological
- Behavioral difficulties
- Society costs are great

# Why the need for CASA is so great in the Pikes Peak Region



- The Pikes Peak Region gets the MOST calls to the child abuse and neglect hotline every year.
- According to Colorado DHS, there were over 14,500 calls in El Paso County alone last year.
- Hundreds of these children are placed in foster care or another form of out-of-home placement each year.



# Dependency & Neglect

- CASA is appointed to open Dependency & Neglect cases by the court when there is an element of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or a child in out of home placement.
- Volunteers complete 30 hours of training before being sworn in as officers of the court.
- Once appointed to a case, the volunteer acts as the “eyes and ears” of the court, making recommendations to the judge on what is in the best interest of the child.



# Dependency & Neglect

## The Impact of the Volunteer Advocate:

- Studies have shown that children with CASA volunteers find permanent homes more quickly than children without CASA volunteers.
- Children with CASA volunteers do better in school and are more likely to graduate from high school.
- Children with CASA volunteers are less likely to age out of foster care at 18 without a permanent home.

***Last year, we served 607 children with volunteer advocates and 99% of the children did NOT experience re-abuse or re-neglect.***



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# Supervised Exchange & Parenting Time

- SEPT volunteer facilitators make it possible for parents and children to visit when there is a court order in place for supervised visits.
- Volunteer facilitators document visits or exchanges for the court and ensure safety by intervening when necessary.
- CASA has SEPT visitation rooms in both El Paso and Teller counties.

***Last year, we served 100 families and 155 children in our SEPT program through 1,445 visits and 66 exchanges.***





# Milton Foster Children's Fund

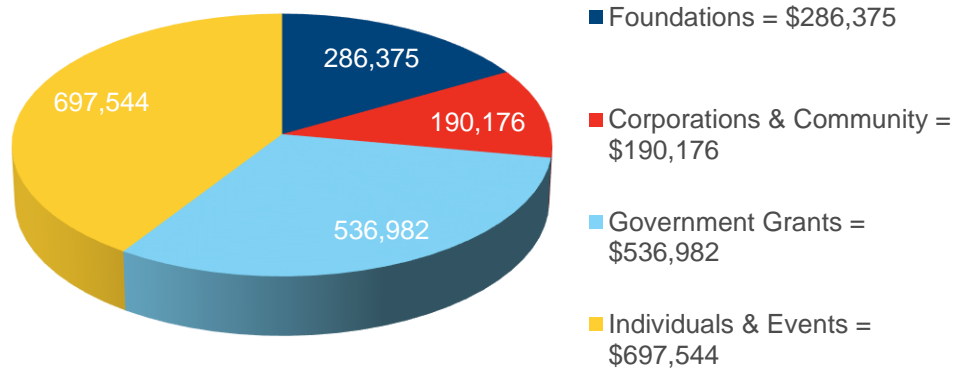
- Funding for normalizing experiences that build confidence and resiliency
- Teen life skills classes to prepare foster teens for the transition to adulthood
- The Hanger, a store where foster teens can shop for free and also gain work experience

***Last year, in this program, 68 children received grant funding, 223 teens took part in our teen programs, and 190 teens shopped at The Hanger.***

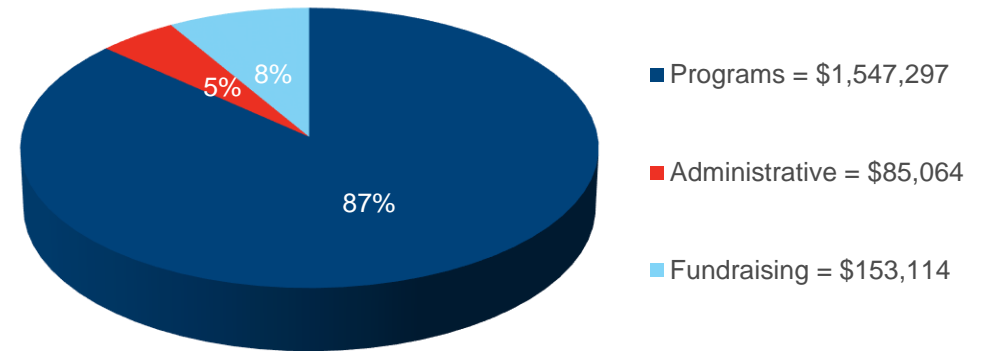


# 2019-2020 Financials

## Operating Revenue



## Operating Expenses





# QUESTIONS?

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