

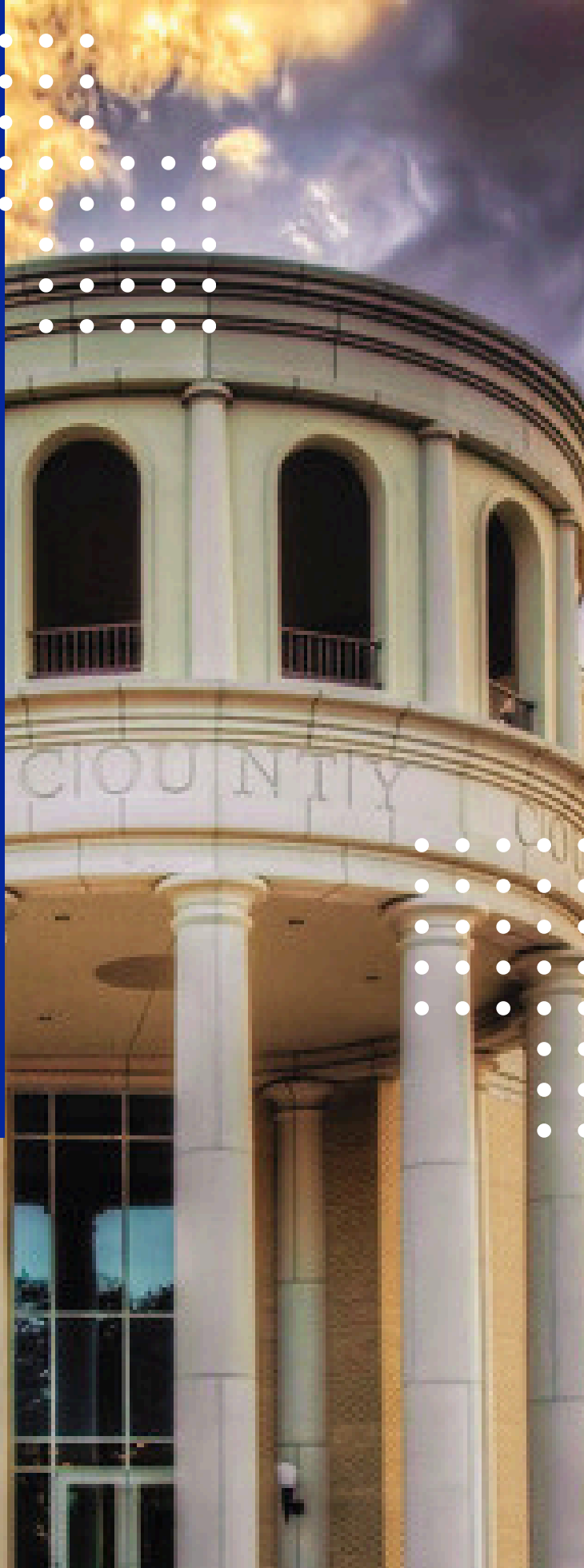
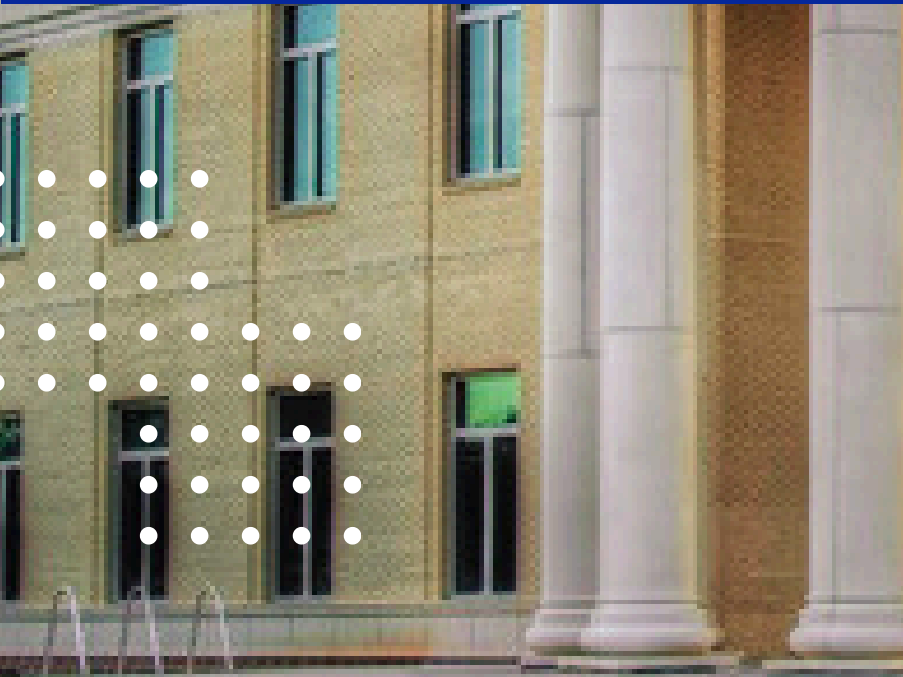


Northeast GA
CASA

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

Oct 1, 2023-Sep 30, 2024



Year in Review

Total Children Served	262
Active Volunteers	88
Court Reports	400+
Hours Spent	5,500
Miles Driven	67,000

The Mission of Northeast Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is to provide training, supervision, and resources for volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children within our communities.

Golf Tournament

Our 16th annual golf tournament at The Orchard Golf and Country Club was a huge success! We netted more than **\$24,000** and greatly increased our number of sponsors and golfers.



20th Anniversary

2024 marked 20 years of our program providing CASA volunteers for children experiencing foster care in Northeast Georgia! We celebrated with an appreciation event and celebration dinner in April. Our volunteers, their significant others, as well as board members, donors and other supporters were treated to a nice meal and presentation by a motivational speaker/professional magician who had grown up in foster care.



Year in Review

Lindy Harrell Initiatives

All five initiatives to help empower our CASAs were implemented. These initiatives were agreed upon in the previous fiscal year and consist of: counseling support, trauma training, a children's fund, mileage support and peer to peer gatherings. The initiatives were initially made possible and named after the generous legacy gift we received from former CASA Lindy Harrell. Midway through the year we were fortunate to be awarded a significant gift from the Episcopal Community Foundation to help us kickstart the implementation of all five initiatives.

Assessments

Our program spent a great deal of time strategically analyzing our service and what might enable us to close the gap between the number of children we serve and the number of children in our area in need of CASA volunteers. Part of this analysis was researching how best to recruit and retain our CASAs, as well as how to further create a Board culture of engagement and accountability. A recurring theme was that our large geographic footprint causes real challenges for PR, volunteer recruitment/training and fundraising.

Looking Forward- 2025

On September 5th our Board of Directors voted unanimously to change our program's service area from the Northern and Mountain Judicial Circuits to the Mountain Judicial Circuit. This decision opened the door for the Northern Circuit to establish its own CASA program.

Throughout the year we will continue to assess the impact of the Lindy Harrell initiatives and how we can best support and empower our CASA volunteers.

With federal grant funding cuts and the provision of a portion of our agency resources to ensure firm establishment of a sustainable CASA program in the Northern Circuit, we will be focused on growing individual gifts and fundraising event revenues.



CASA Spotlight:



Doug and Karen Conkle **2024 Volunteer of the Year**

Northeast Georgia CASA awarded Doug and Karen Conkle with the 2024 Jeff Sprinkle Volunteer of the Year Award. Doug and Karen Conkle have been dedicated CASA volunteers for over two and a half years, during which they have positively impacted the lives of 14 children from seven different families.

The Conkles also inspire and support their fellow CASA volunteers by facilitating quarterly peer-to-peer support groups and actively sharing CASA's mission within their community and church.



Sam Johnson **Board Member Leadership Award Nominee**

Sam Johnson is currently in his 6th year of service on the Board. Immediately upon his becoming a director, he assumed leadership roles. He served as Board Treasurer for nearly 3 years. In 2022, he led a taskforce which explored options for utilizing a significant legacy gift Northeast Georgia CASA received. After serving as treasurer, he became Board Vice Chair. He was the golf tournament committee chair for two years, and this fiscal year he served as Board Chair until mid-May.

Through all his roles, it is his leadership, his grasp of the CASA mission, and his focus on delegation that has led him to excel and obtain results. As Chair, Sam went well above and beyond what is required of any Board member. Northeast Georgia CASA has never had a board member who has dedicated as much time and energy in a six-month period as Sam. One of our judges recently mentioned that they have never seen a board so engaged, and this is a direct result of Sam's leadership.



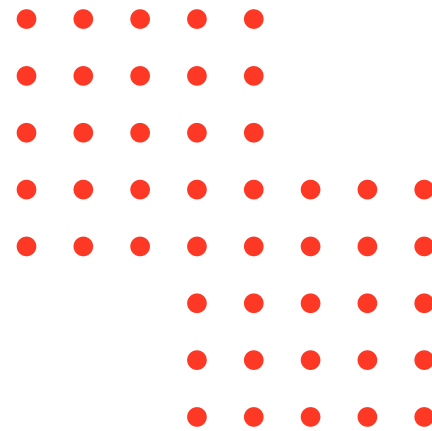
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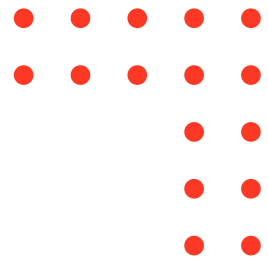
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Statement of Activities

Statement of Activities for year ended September 30th Unaudited
October 1, 2023-September 30th, 2024

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Lindy Harrell Fund</u>	<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Income</u>			
20th Anniversary	0.00	3000.00	3,000.00
ECF Grant for LH Initiative	0.00	21, 532.00	21, 532.00
Events	0.00	32, 603.25	32, 603.25
FOC	0.00	65, 629.19	65, 629.19
Foundations/Small Grants	0.00	2, 500	2, 500.00
Georgia CASA Annual Grant	0.00	92, 311.20	92, 311.20
Grants- Federal	0.00	225, 581.00	225, 581.00
Interest/Other/Reserve Transfer			
L.H. Fund Interest	34, 576.00	0.00	34, 576.00
-Other	0.00	8, 930.85	8, 930.85
Total Interest/Other/Reserve Transfer	34, 576.00	8, 930.85	43, 506
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	241.76	241.76
United Way	0.00	39, 500.00	39, 500.00
Victim Assistance	0.00	47, 382.48	47, 382.48
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	34, 576.00	539, 211.73	573, 787.73
<u>Expense</u>			
20th Anniversary Celebration	0.00	12, 299.81	12, 299.81
Advertising	0.00	1, 470.11	1, 470.11
Children's Funds	0.00	1, 020.00	1, 020.00
Copier Maintenance	0.00	151.66	151.66
Credit Card Charges	0.00	478.81	478.81
Equipment	0.00	5, 853.41	5, 853.41
Fundraising	0.00	10, 057.04	10, 057.04
Furniture	0.00	250.06	250.06
Insurance	0.00	7, 206.00	7, 206.00
L.H. Initiatives	7, 598.27	12, 089.06	19, 687.33
Membership Fees	0.00	1, 038.00	1, 038.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	269.53	269.53
Occupancy	0.00	21, 550.00	21, 550.00
Office Supplies	0.00	2, 527.70	2, 527.70
Payroll Expenses	0.00	337, 853.37	337, 853.37
Phone/FAX/Internet	0.00	2, 948.08	2, 948.08
Postage	0.00	1, 013.28	1, 013.28
Printing/Copying	0.00	1, 039.17	1, 039.17
Professional Services	0.00	2, 500.00	2, 500.00
Registration Fees	0.00	50.00	50.00
Staff Benefits	0.00	48, 863.19	48, 863.19
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	15, 156.20	15, 156.20
Strategic Planning	0.00	4, 000.00	4, 000.00
Training	0.00	8, 218.02	8, 218.02
Volunteer Recognition	0.00	9, 911.48	9, 911.48
Website Creation	0.00	20.99	20.99
<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	7, 598.27	507, 834.97	515, 433.24
Net Ordinary Income	26, 977.73	31, 376.76	58, 354.49
NET INCOME	26, 977.73	31, 376.76	58, 354.49