



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

MULTNOMAH, WASHINGTON,  
COLUMBIA & TILLAMOOK COUNTIES

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**FY 2022**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



**FY 2022**

*JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022*



# A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## ***Dear Supporters of CASA for Children,***

While I have been the CASA for Children Executive Director for nearly a decade, I have never felt more grateful for our community, as I have these past few years.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we had no idea how difficult it would be to make sure the children we serve would continue to be seen and heard. As we already knew, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) was the one person that children in care could count on to stay connected to them, and we were committed to making sure that did not change. Not only did most of our CASAs stay on their cases, but many of them chose to take on a second case, as due to Covid, fewer new recruits were volunteering to become CASAs.

Prior to the pandemic, our annual CASA for Children auction was one of the largest and most successful in Portland, but in 2020, we had to pivot to a virtual event.

We did not know how we would meet our full budget that year, but - thanks to the generous support from our community - we were not only able to keep all of our team members in place, but actually hire for positions that were vacant prior to the pandemic. The outpouring of support was incredible, and yet not surprising.

CASA for Children has been serving children in foster care for over 30 years. It should be no surprise that when things got difficult, our donors and friends stepped in and stepped up in support of our most vulnerable local children in need.

This has been a very humbling few years, for all of us. Far more than the struggle, what will truly be remembered by our team and our CASAs, is the amount of care and support we received from our community.

***Our deepest gratitude from all of us at  
CASA for Children,  
- Betsy Stark Miller***



## HELLO, MY NAME IS TOYE JONES.

I joined CASA for Children in March of 2022 as the Human Resources & Equity Director. It is an honor and privilege for me to work with such a dedicated team.

CASA For Children is committed to strengthening our relationships and building partnerships with people, organizations, and businesses that reflect the diverse identities and cultures of the children and families we serve. Our DEI committee, which has been active since 2015, developed short-term and long-term goals in an effort to provide more culturally responsive advocacy, diversify our staff, volunteers, and board members, and shift the culture of our organization at all levels by fully integrating the principles of DEI.

## DEI MISSION STATEMENT

**CASA for Children advocates to prioritize anti-racism, anti-oppression, justice, and healing at CASA for Children by acknowledging the inequities and trauma that exist both in our internal work community and in our broader community. CASA for Children provides input on how to create a staff, board and volunteer team that reflects the youth and families we serve so impacted communities feel their voices and lived experiences are considered in decision making.**

In my short tenure, CASA For Children returned to an in-office, post-pandemic hybrid workforce where we:

- Revamped a DEI Committee to include board members, community members & staff.
- Changed the monthly staff meeting to have a DEI focus.
- Added a second trainer position for the anti-bias/cultural competency Knowing Who You Are (KWYA) Training.
- Restarted our in-person KWYA training, consisting of staff, CASAs, community, and court officers.
- Reconfigured court reports to include a more detailed cultural competency section supporting children's racial/ethnic backgrounds.

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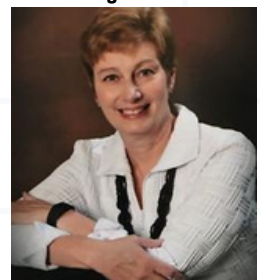
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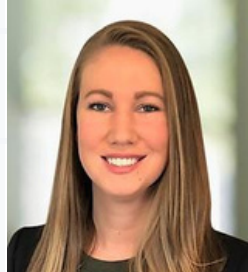
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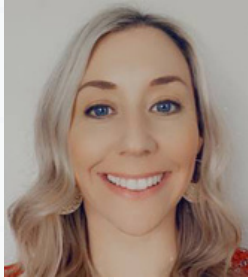


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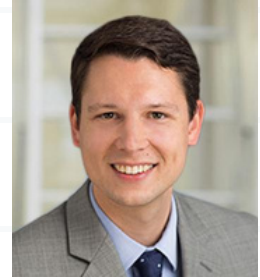
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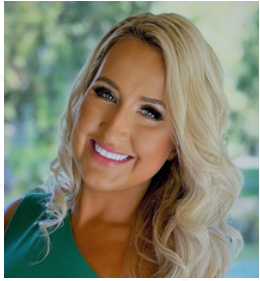
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Kathy Finney, Finance & Operations Director  
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Kristin Payne\*, Data Quality & Outcomes Manager

*\* Denotes a sworn Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)*

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<i>Bangs, Kristin</i>	<i>Colon, Alisa</i>	<i>Gilbert, Christina</i>	<i>Kay, Zoe</i>	<i>Ludwig, Anya</i>
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<i>Bauer, Tressa</i>	<i>Davenport, Kelly</i>	<i>Gonzalez, Susan</i>	<i>King-Goldberg, Katy</i>	<i>Machado, Brandy</i>
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<i>Boe, Danica</i>	<i>Easley, Patrick</i>	<i>Hatch, Sharon</i>	<i>Lance, Julie</i>	<i>Master, Christina</i>
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Miller, Chelsea  
Miller, Gayle  
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Mills, Janice  
Montamble, Sally Jo  
Moore, Emalee  
Moore, Rebecca  
Moore, Samantha  
Morrow, Melissa  
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Mytron, Kate  
Naishtat, Hillary  
Norman, Kate  
Novak, Elisabeth  
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O'Hagan, Bethany  
Ortiz, Nydelis  
Osornio, Maria  
Owens, Robin  
Paasch, Katherine  
Palacio, Samuel  
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Parsley, Danette  
Patel, Juhi  
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Polley, Mackenzie  
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Power, Betsy  
Quinn, Debra  
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Rennie-Hill, Leslie  
Rhys, Sally  
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Riley, Char  
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Romeo, Melissa  
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Savinar, Anna Maria  
Scharf, Susan  
Schinske, Britta  
Schlosser, Elizabeth  
Scott, Hannah  
Scott, Michelle  
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Smith, Emma  
Smith, Joshua  
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Spady, Richard  
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Spradlin, Janice

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Stambaugh, Kevin  
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Babcock, Abby  
Bacus, Sandra  
Baker, Shannon  
Balerrama, Heather  
Ballentine, Kathleen  
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Basham, Duane  
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Bocanegra, Lizet  
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Bowers, Sue  
Bradley, Dionne  
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Brotherton, Autumn  
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Crouse, Michael  
Cyr, Suzanne  
Davidson, Brooke  
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Downes, Kevin  
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*Harrington, Grace*

*Harrison, Laurie*

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Holbrook, Gillian

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Christensen, Kathryn  
Devlin, Shavaun

Minard, Donna  
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Church, Elizabeth  
Coburn, Janelle  
Cohen, Gregory  
Cook, Angel  
Craig, Carol  
Curry, Jacqueline  
Davis, Jan  
di Pietro, Linda  
Diaz, Jonathan

Diaz, Paige  
Dueck, Holly  
Dueck, Jordan  
Fortier, Pamela  
Garcia, Amanda  
Garman, Catherine  
Gildersleeve, Teresa  
Godsey, Byron  
Godsey, Jennifer  
Grimes, Jennifer  
Haffenreffer, Moriah  
Hamilton, Sandra  
Hanley, Paul  
Holcomb, Marian  
Holm, Arlee

Janie Spurgeon  
Jenkins, Amanda  
Jones, Katie  
Kent, Mary  
Kornienko, Illona  
Lacy, Cara  
Lay, Kevin  
Levin-Greenhaw, Naomi  
Mead, David  
Miller, Christia  
Moe, Jillanna  
Levin-Greenhaw, Naomi  
Penziol, Betsy  
Platt, Rosie  
Plummer, Shari

Poulard, Carley  
Redding, Barbara  
Redding, Daniel  
Reed, Douglas  
Reed, Pam  
Reed, Synova  
Ritchie, Emily  
Riverman, Kelly  
Platt, Rosie  
Rotter, Tabitha  
Schmoll, Joy  
Smith, Jaime  
Spurgeon, Janie  
Stewart, Christine  
Stipak, Brian

Payne, Susan  
Sykes, Gail  
Rotter, Tabitha  
Tack, Tami  
Thiessen, Cherish  
Tierney, Kim  
Widman, Gabrielle  
Wood, Tamara  
Wright, Janelle  
Zallis, Andrea

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# GET TO KNOW CASA FOR CHILDREN, BOARD PRESIDENT, JUSTIN PALFREYMAN



## ***What inspired you to join the board of directors for CASA for Children?***

As a CASA volunteer in Seattle over 20 years ago, I was able to experience firsthand the positive impact that a CASA can have on children's lives. I joined the board of CASA for children because of my understanding of the impact CASAs have, and I was particularly impressed with CASA for Children (serving Multnomah, Washington, Columbia, and now Tillamook counties) and the foresight, passion, and commitment of its staff and its volunteers.

## ***How have you seen CASA for Children make a difference in the lives of children in foster care?***

CASA for Children plays such a critical role as the "eyes and ears of the court" directly advocating for children in foster care. I have observed numerous situations where CASA for Children's advocacy has led to a safer home and temporary living environments for children, custody decisions that are better informed, and foster care transitions that are less disruptive for children due to CASA care and involvement.

## ***What have been some of the biggest challenges that you've seen during your time as board president?***

Some of our biggest challenges are familiar to many organizations, including retaining and recruiting staff in a tight and inflationary labor market, navigating the pandemic-related disruptions over the past couple of years, and ensuring stable funding that helps support our long-term plans. Other challenges are more specific to our work, including coordinating effectively with state agencies and the justice system to ensure appropriate CASA representation for foster children.

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# GET TO KNOW CASA FOR CHILDREN, BOARD PRESIDENT, JUSTIN PALFREYMAN

## *What are the current needs of the organization?*

We are seeking to get a larger portion of our funding from the State, with greater ongoing certainty so we can make long-term plans to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We are also seeking greater CASA volunteer and board member involvement from diverse and historically underrepresented communities as we strive to ensure a volunteer base and leadership team that closely aligns with the children we serve.

## *What are 3 words that come to mind when you think of CASA for Children?*

**COMMUNITY**  
**COMMITMENT**  
**FUTURE**



## *Is there anything else you want to share with the community?*

The last few years have been hard and disruptive for everyone, particularly for children in the foster care system. The long-term impacts the pandemic has had on these children are still not fully understood and will have significant ramifications on many of the key interrelated issues of our time, such as mental health, violence, housing security, and inequality. Our combined commitment to supporting these kids helps address all of these issues and is therefore one of the best investments we can make in the future of our communities.

# DATA SNAPSHOT

FY22 - Jul 1, 2021 - Jun 30, 2022

*\*Tillamook County was not part of CFC in 2022*



## 259 New Children FY22

103 - Multnomah

113 - Washington

43 - Columbia

## 875 Total Children FY22

417 - Multnomah - 27% of kids in care

344 - Washington - 61% of kids in care

114 - Columbia - 83% of kids in care

## 92 New CASA Volunteers FY22

42 - Multnomah

35 - Washington

15 - Columbia

## 476 Total CASA Volunteers FY22

234 - Multnomah

178 - Washington

64 - Columbia

## 35 Children on the WaitList

as of June 30, 2022

13 - Multco

18 - WACO

4 - ColCo

## Goals for FY22

1,000 children

510 CASAs



FY22

# FINANCIAL DASHBOARD



## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	---- \$1,541,121
Grants, contracts, and other receivables	---- \$448,686
Prepaid expenses and other assets	---- \$8,651
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Oregon Community Foundation	---- \$223,798
Property and equipment	---- \$13,376
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>----- \$2,235,632</b>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	---- \$173,748
Conditional sponsorships	---- \$44,000
PPP Loan payable	---- \$280,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>---- \$497,748</b>

## NET ASSETS

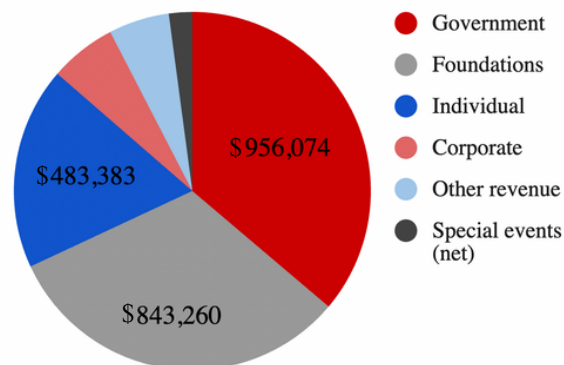
Net assets without donor restrictions	---- \$1,314,850
Net assets with donor restrictions	---- \$423,034
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>---- \$1,737,884</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>---- \$2,235,632</b>

\*In FY22 the organization had the following non-operating activities:  
PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$319,000  
Gain of the sale of a building of \$442,797

Financial information from audited statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Full financials are available at [casaehelpskids.org/News & Publications](http://casaehelpskids.org/News & Publications)

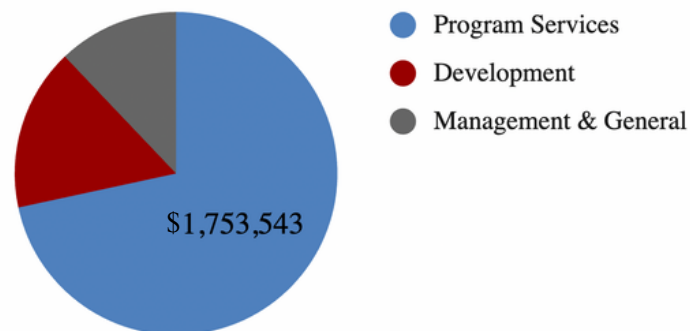
## OPERATING REVENUE WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS\*

Government	---- \$956,074	---- 36%
Foundations	---- \$843,260	---- 32%
Individual	---- \$483,383	---- 18%
Corporate	---- \$159,572	---- 6%
Other revenue	---- \$145,165	---- 5%
Special events (net)	---- \$55,965	---- 2%
<b>Total Revenue (without restrictions)</b>	<b>---- \$2,643,419</b>	<b>---- 100%</b>



## OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services	---- \$1,753,543	---- 72%
Development	---- \$398,407	---- 16%
Management & General	---- \$296,484	---- 12%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>----- \$2,448,434</b>	<b>----- 100%</b>



# THE POWER OF A CASA

## A TEEN STORY



In early 2020, 13-year-old Elliott came into foster care due to ongoing safety concerns in his family's home. The timing of this was weeks prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shutdown in Oregon. As a result, Elliott was placed in a group home due to the lack of placements available for teenagers. The CASA, Alex, was assigned shortly following the court appointing the case to our agency. Alex immediately started making calls to legal parties to introduce himself and his role in the case. He also connected with the first of many ODHS caseworkers assigned to the family's case, in order to help facilitate a placement for Elliott. Alex diligently worked to build rapport with him, primarily through virtual visits and phone calls due to the group home's pandemic visiting limitations. As a CASA, he knew the importance of getting to know Elliott well in order to best advocate on his behalf.



**Alex was particularly drawn to working with teenagers because he saw hope in encouraging a teen to find their voice and be able to advocate for themselves later in life.**

Elliott remained in the group home for about three months. During this time, Alex advocated for appropriate supports to help him process past trauma, including finding a therapist for Elliott. Alex also ensured he did not fall behind educationally while finishing his 8th-grade year remotely and preparing to enter high school in the fall. Near the end of the summer, Elliott moved into a non-relative's resource home and had a new caseworker take over his case prior to the start of his freshman year of high school. Unfortunately, in many situations, children in foster care have multiple caseworkers throughout their time in care. Elliott would remain in his placement for over a year while his family continued to engage in court-ordered services and participated in family visitations in order to repair and rebuild their relationships. However, given some ongoing concerns from the youth and service providers, including CASA for Children, it was determined that it was in Elliott's best interest to move placements.

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# THE POWER OF A CASA: A TEEN STORY



Through all of this, and with continued check-ins with his school counselor, Elliott was able to keep up with his classes and maintain a strong grade point average. A new placement was identified, and Elliott could transition seamlessly to his new placement. In addition, he could maintain all of his services, such as therapy, skills training, and tutoring. With the help of his CASA, these services, including transportation, continued without disruption. Around this time, Elliott was assigned yet another caseworker. Alex was able to connect with them and bring them up to speed with important background information, historical knowledge of the case, and her inclusive perspective as Elliott's court appointed special advocate.



Throughout this time, Elliott consistently increased his contact with his family, and eventually, with the support of CASA for Children, the Oregon Department of Health and Human Services, and the resource parents, Elliott was able to move to in-person visitation with his parents. Although there were times when it seemed like the team might need to explore alternative permanency plans, with Alex's ongoing connection with Elliott, he was able to understand that Elliott was ready and voicing his desire to return home. Alex suggested that ODHS take another look at the viability of this plan. Given the progress of his parents and the case, in addition to Elliott's continued success in school and with his therapist, ODHS and CASA for Children were able to support this reunification plan. It was official - Elliott was moving back home with his parents!

Following Elliott's return to the care of his parents, Alex was able to visit a few times to ensure that the services in place continued when he moved home, his school transfer was seamless, and he was feeling supported, safe, happy, and healthy. ***Alex, Elliott's CASA, supported him in his right to be heard, respected, and to have a say in the trajectory of his life. This goal was successfully reached and the case was closed late last year.***

**If this story resonates with you, consider becoming a CASA for a teen in foster care in our community!**

**Please contact: Paige Diaz, Teen Program Recruiter at: [PDiaz@casahelpskids.org](mailto:PDiaz@casahelpskids.org)**

# FY22 MAJOR GIVING

## GRANTS

(SUPPORT FROM FOUNDATIONS AND LOCAL GOV'T AGENCIES)

*\*= money came from a multi-year funding commitment*



**\$100,000+**

*Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation\**  
*James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation\**



**\$50,000- \$99,999**

*Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund\**  
*Spirit Mountain Community Fund*



**\$25,000- \$49,999**

*Edward & Romell Ackley Foundation*  
*Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation of OCF*  
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*Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation*  
*National CASA Association*  
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*Summer Lea Hillman Foundation\**  
*The Healy Foundation\**  
*The James R. Kuse Family Foundation*



**\$10,000- \$24,999**

*City of Hillsboro*  
*Clark Foundation\**  
*Duke Family Foundation*  
*RE/MAX Equity Group Foundation*  
*Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust*



**\$10,000- \$24,999**

*City of Beaverton CDBG*  
*Ford Family Foundation*  
*Herbert A. Templeton Foundation*  
*Juan Young Trust Eastern Division*  
*Robert D. and Marcia H. Randall Charitable Trust*  
*Schamp Family Fund*  
*The Swigert Foundation*



**\$5,000- \$9,999**

*BP, Lester & Regina John Foundation*  
*Campbell Family Foundation\**  
*City of Sherwood*  
*Juan Young Trust Western Division*  
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*Johnson Family Foundation*  
*Scott Corbett Jr. Memorial Fund of OCF*  
*The Holzman Foundation*  
*The Renaissance Foundation*  
*Thistle Giving Fund*  
*Thompson Street Charitable Fund*  
*Walker Family Foundation*



**\$2,500- \$4,999**

*City of Scappoose*  
*Foundation of OJCF*  
*H.W. and D.C.H. Irwin Foundation*  
*Jackson Foundation*  
*Leonard & Lois Schnitzer Charitable Supporting*  
*Willard L. & Ruth P. Eccles Foundation*



# FY22 MAJOR GIVING

## CORPORATE



**\$10,000+**

*Banneker Partners  
Fred Meyer Jewelers\*  
Genentech, Inc  
KeyBank  
Miller Nash, LLP  
NW Natural*



**\$5,000- \$9,999**

*Ernst & Young  
First Republic Bank  
KPMG, LLP  
Nike, Inc.  
The Savinar Group at UBS Financial Services*



**\$2,500- \$4,999**

*AlwaysOnIT  
Bristol Urban Apartments  
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Portland New Generations Rotary  
The Standard  
Vernier Software and Technology, LLC  
Washington Trust Bank*



**\$2,500- \$4,999**

*Apple, Inc.  
AT&T  
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**\* The Corporate Giving Alliance is a year-long or multi-year commitment that provides a meaningful, continuous relationship between CASA for Children and their corporate giving partners.**

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# FY22 MAJOR GIVING

## INDIVIDUALS

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**\$50,000+**

*Jan St. Michael Trust\**



**\$10,000- \$24,999**

*Bill & Colleen Gardner\**

*Glenn Dahl & Linda Illig\**

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*Kara Ford*

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*Tom & Anna Maria Savinar\**



**\$5,000- \$9,999**

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*Justin & Whitney Palfreyman\**

*Laura Belson*

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**\$2,500- \$4,999**

*Alice Herrell*

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*Doug Twitchell*

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**\$2,500- \$4,999**

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*Anish Savjani*

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*Ashley Churchill*

*Betsy & George Granger\**

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*Brennan O'Brien & Megan Viehmann*

*Carole & Theodore Orlyck*

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*Mary Turina & Randy Johnson\**

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*Sally & Robert (Bob) Auguston*

*Carly Carlson*

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*Susan Ong & David Norris*

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*Paul & Sandy Zimmerman*

*Murray Koodish*

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*Nathan Family Fund of OCF*

*Parsons Family Fund of OCF*

*Wallace & Judith Jones*

*Teresa Parent*

# RECRUITING & TRAINING UPDATE

## RECRUITMENT

The recruitment team's 2022 efforts have been very successful! CASA for Children was able to attend various community events, including PRIDE and the Columbia County Fair & Rodeo. As a result, the team has recruited and trained many new and qualified advocates in all four of our counties! Follow our Instagram (@casahelpskids) to see where in the community our team will be next!

If you're interested in helping spread the word in the community about our organization, please contact our recruitment team.

### Multnomah, Washington, & Tillamook Counties:

Jazmin Roque, Volunteer Recruiter,  
jroque@casahelpskids.org

### Columbia County:

Paige Diaz, Volunteer Recruiter,  
pdiaz@casahelpskids.org



## TRAINING

We always post the dates and times of our upcoming, new CASA trainings on our website and offer rotating options to accommodate different schedules. While all of our trainings are currently being held virtually, the option to sign up for daytime or evening training is available. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, join us for a virtual information session and check out the upcoming training dates on our website.

### UPCOMING TRAINING SCHEDULE:

#### May 2023: Daytime Training, Virtual

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Dates: May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25  
Graduation: Tuesday, May 30th at 12:30pm

#### June 2023: Evening Training, Virtual

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Dates: June 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29  
Graduation: Friday, June 30th at 5:30pm

[LEARN MORE](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Party for CASA:**  
*Ambassador Board Event*  
June 8, 2023



**CASA Cares: 2023 Auction**  
*Thursday, May 4, 2023*

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)





MULTNOMAH, WASHINGTON,  
COLUMBIA & TILLAMOOK COUNTIES

# THANK YOU



**Our work is inspired by the children we serve, but it is made possible by the generous support of our community. Thank you to each volunteer, donor, staff, and partner organization that has furthered our mission to serve our community's most vulnerable youth.**