

CASA COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

It takes a community to stop domestic violence.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As our new fiscal year began on July 1, 2015, we paused for a breath. Together as an organization, we had just completed what had once seemed an insurmountable task. In less than two years we turned an ambitious grant proposal into a 100-bed sanctuary for women, children and men escaping a life of domestic violence.

CASA's new shelter more than triples our physical capacity to provide emergency services to survivors. Accomplishing this required years of building the community's trust in our abilities, educating the public about the severity of the crimes being committed and developing the infrastructure allowing us to meet the challenge of countering and preventing domestic violence.

With the new center and increased awareness of CASA's services, our entire organization is being called upon to meet the corresponding increase in requests for safety planning, job placement, support groups, courtroom advocacy, emergency shelter, children's services, anti-bullying & conflict resolution classes, community and media appearances and coordination with law enforcement.

The community has been generous with their time, talents and capital, and for that we are eternally grateful. We rely upon the community for your support, so that we can fully utilize our infrastructure and capacity to save lives.

Calls to our 24-hour domestic violence hotline are at an all-time high. Society is awakening to the pervasiveness of domestic violence and is beginning to take action. Most importantly, survivors are recognizing that help is available and that there are opportunities to create a better, safer life for themselves and their children.

To all the donors, community partners, volunteers and staff of CASA, thank you for all you have done in support of survivors. Stand tall and proud, and know that you are having an enormously positive impact. Your efforts are creating lasting changes in thousands of lives each year.



Nicholas McDevitt
President, CASA Board of Directors



Shandra L. Riffey
Acting Executive Director, CASA



Steel Signing Ceremony



18th Annual CASA Peace Breakfast



Wonderful Volunteers



MLK Day of Service Project



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INCOME

Government Grants

Federal	\$714,120
State	\$303,173
Local	\$876,844
Total Government Grants	\$1,894,137

Contributions

United Way	\$108,358
Special Events (net)	\$382,276
Thrift Shoppe Sales (net)	\$298,834
Contributions & Bequests	\$1,303,579
Investment Gain	\$18,674
Gifts in Kind	\$85,232
Program & Other Income	\$121,482
Total Contributions	\$2,318,435

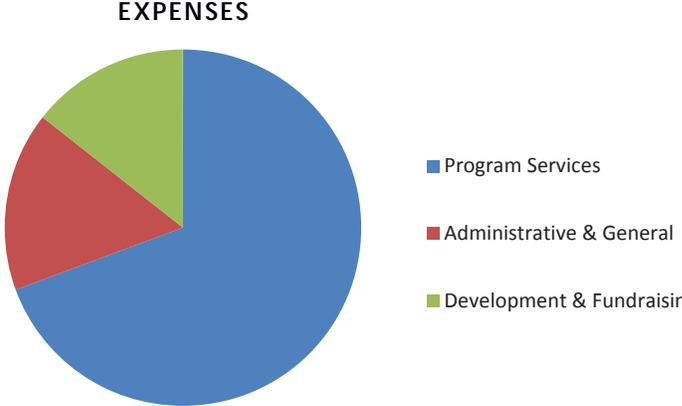
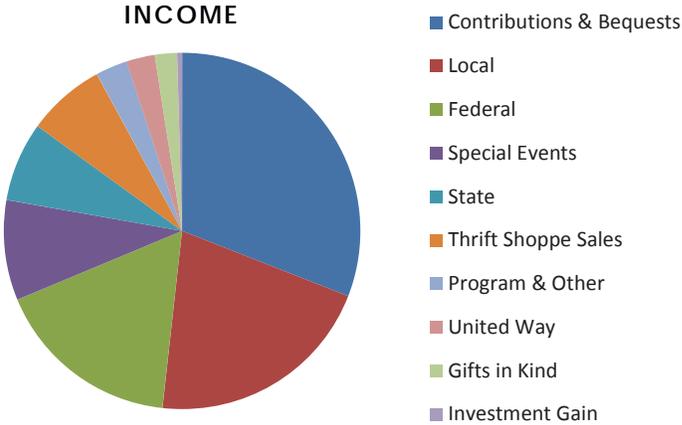
TOTAL INCOME **\$4,212,572**

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$2,862,333
Administrative & General	\$674,842
Development & Fundraising ...	\$593,821

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$4,127,996**

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS .. **\$84,982**



"A Good Night's Sleep" Speakers



MLK Day Parade



Inaugural CASA Gala

CASA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

From pouring concrete to painting drywall, CASA's new domestic violence center was built almost entirely during fiscal 2015. Now open, the facility has tripled our capacity to provide safety, hope and opportunity to survivors of domestic violence in the years to come! At the same time:

CASA's crisis hotline received 4,547 calls, each answered by a trained advocate who provided information, referrals, safety planning and crisis intervention.

219 adult survivors sought refuge in CASA's shelter, 87 children were able to live free of violence and fear in our residential programs and 24 families found support to rebuild their lives in our Gateway housing facility.

More than 3,400 children became Peacemakers through CASA's violence prevention programs and volunteers contributed 16,405 hours of service to the struggle against domestic violence.

CASA provided 367 domestic violence support groups strengthening survivors and empowering them to live a life free of violence. Legal advocates provided assistance with 1,491 injunctions for protection.

CASA'S PROGRAMS

Shelter provides refuge, crisis intervention and advocacy in a confidential location when home is not a safe place.

Gateway Housing apartments offer reduced rent & utilities as residents enhance job and life skills and participate in support groups.

Peacemaker Program teaches non-violence and conflict resolution courses to pre-k through middle school students.

Child Protection Advocacy including in-home services, referrals, relocation assistance, justice advocacy and crisis intervention to families identified through the Pinellas County Child Protection Investigation Department.

Family Works advocates help develop safety, treatment and case plans for families identified through the child welfare system, in order to keep families safe and intact.

Youth Center programs give kids a safe and fun place to be while parents participate in support groups or other CASA services, further their education or conduct a job search.

Primary Prevention provides youth in our shelter or community-based services with tools and resources they need to help end DV.

Justice Advocacy assists survivors applying for restraining orders and other court proceedings, and connects victims with legal services.

Individual & Group Counseling address DV and its impact on the family. Specialized groups are available for Spanish speakers, elders and persons struggling with substance abuse.

Cell Phone Program provides free phones to survivors for instant access to 911 emergency services.

CASA Collections Thrift Shoppe provides survivors gift certificates for clothing, personal care and other items needed while in crisis.

Professional Training staff teach law enforcement and other community members to be advocates for survivors of DV.

Community Education staff at community events and meetings spread awareness and make CASA's resources known to survivors.

Outreach to Special Communities such as the elderly, deaf and communities of color to bridge logistical and cultural issues in DV.