

**OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS ...  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2021**

The **2021 Speak Up For Children Challenge Appeal** that ran from October 1 through the end of December 2021 was a tremendous success. Thanks to our caring donors, this online appeal generated over \$65,000 in donations that will be used in support of CASA of Franklin County!

**Corporate Donations and  
Grants Awarded in 2021**

Friends is also grateful to the businesses, organizations and foundations who supported our mission – and ultimately, help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable Franklin County children every year. Grants that will help fund specialized training programs for GALs were awarded in 2021 from the following entities:

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| ADAMH                      | Nationwide            |
| Barbasol Cares             | Park National Bank    |
| Big Lots                   | Reinberger Foundation |
| Cardinal Health            | Safelite              |
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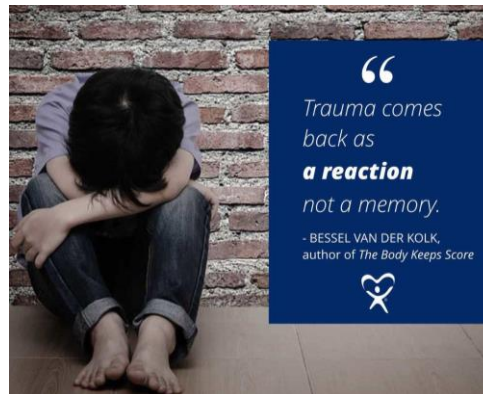


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**FRIENDS OF CASA ... WORKING TOGETHER WITH  
CASA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IN 2021**

Through advocacy and awareness, Friends continued to build financial resources that enable CASA to secure and provide training opportunities and educational experiences above and beyond the basic scope of CASA's operations under the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Through grants, fundraising efforts and general donations made throughout 2021, Friends helped CASA and its volunteer GALs serve hundreds of abused and neglected children and family units. Despite the unique and ongoing challenges in the second year of the coronavirus pandemic, there was no loss of commitment and effort from the volunteer GALs serving children from birth to 18 years old who were abused and neglected.



**Making a difference during the pandemic**

In 2021, CASA GALs spoke in court on behalf of 682 child victims of abuse and neglect, working with 326 family units.

The pandemic didn't stop new GALs from training either. An additional 84 volunteers were trained, sworn-in and ready to make a difference to a child in need – bringing the number of GALs to 335!



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Franklin County, Ohio  
2021 Annual Report**



Making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children in 2021 ... amid a second year of change and unexpected challenges from the pandemic.

## Specialty Training Programs Funded for 2022

**Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS)** ... a training program for the Peer Training Team specifically to help GALs further gain and maintain skills to help mitigate their exposure to STS. It is often compared to PTSD and is additionally defined as compassion fatigue.

*The essential act of listening to trauma stories may take an emotional toll that compromises professional functioning and diminishes quality of life for those working closely with children who have been abused and neglected.*

**NEW PROGRAM: Adolescent Suicide** ... A training program to identify and address the risk of adolescent suicide in abused and neglected youth.

*Youth within juvenile justice and child welfare systems can be more at risk, often exhibiting mental, emotional and behavioral disorders associated with suicide. A CDC study states Covid-19 has contributed to a significant rise in suicide attempts among adolescents, especially girls ages 12-17.*

**NEW PROGRAM: Pandemic-related Stressors** ... A training program to equip GALs with expertise to address and help resolve additional stressors brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, classified as a “natural disaster,” that can exacerbate the emotional turmoil already experienced by abused and neglected children.

*Those who are involved in the child welfare system are at particularly high risk for experiencing disaster-related traumatic stress and other mental health and behavioral challenges.*

**NEW PROGRAM: Serving children who identify as LGBTQ** ... A training program to help GALs better understand, identify and address issues and concerns facing LGBTQ youth and in particular, the children they serve.

*It is estimated that about 30% of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ. These youth face unique challenges, including family and peer rejection, other trauma related to abuse and neglect, parental substance abuse, bullying, discrimination and other painful experiences.*

## 2021 INTERNAL MANAGEMENT FINANCIALS Balance Sheet and Income/Expenses (Jan. 2021-Dec. 2021)

Operating Fund	\$136,059.68
Long Term Investment Fund	\$368,477.51
Other	\$ 1,385.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$505,922.19</b>
Gifts & Donations	\$125,111.66
Foundation Grants	\$97,250.00
Other (includes investment income)	\$13,291.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$236,152.71</b>
Grants to CASA	\$102,000.00
Expenses	\$ 46,882.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 148,882.04</b>

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## HELP CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

**VOLUNTEER.** Train to become a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) – and be a voice in court for abused and neglected children.

**DONATE.** Support recruitment, training and retention of volunteer Guardians ad Litem.

**TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE WORK WE DO.** Encourage them to volunteer and train to be a Guardian ad Litem.

Learn more about becoming a volunteer GAL [online](#).

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