

**OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS ...  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2022**

Thanks to our caring donors, over \$78,000 in donations and \$107,000 in grant awards were received in 2022.

**Grants Awarded in 2022**

Friends is also grateful to the corporate funders who support our mission – and ultimately, help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable Franklin County children every year. This support further helps enhance skills and expertise of volunteer GALs as they are required to take 12 hours of continuing education each year. Grants that will help in the development and implementation of new and relevant training programs for CASA volunteers were awarded from the following:

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| AEP Foundation             | Nationwide Foundation    |
| Barbasol Cares             | Park National Bank       |
| Cardinal Health            | Reinberger Foundation    |
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Thank you to our 2022 grantors!



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**FRIENDS OF CASA ... WORKING TOGETHER WITH  
CASA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IN 2022**

Through advocacy and awareness, Friends continues to build financial resources that help enhance CASA’s ability to provide training opportunities and educational experiences above and beyond the initial 45 hours of new volunteer training. This support helps CASA and its volunteer GALs in their service to hundreds of abused and neglected children from birth to 18 years old each year.



**2022 CASA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY NUMBERS**

- CASA GALs advocated with the courts on behalf of 696 child victims of abuse and neglect, working with 351 family units.
- 354 of the children served lived in out-of-home care for the majority of 2022.
- On average, 3 children were assigned to a GAL at one time.
- 277 active volunteers collectively contributed 15,132 hours of service in 2022.



**Friends of CASA of  
Franklin County, Ohio**

**2022 Annual Report**



- Bill Payne, vice president of Friends Board of Trustees and a CASA volunteer

Continuing a commitment of support and assistance to Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County, Ohio – in their service to hundreds of child victims of abuse and neglect in 2022.

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN 2023

**NEW PROGRAM: The Impact of Alcohol or other Drug (AOD) Use ...** GALs will receive enhanced knowledge and skills to identify and address indicators that a child is suffering negative effects of parental AOD. This training will also help the volunteers gain further insight into relevant issues associated with AOD abuse in the home, including techniques to help prevent the child from turning to substance abuse themselves. *Data show that during 2020 in Franklin County, 23% of all children removed from the home were removed for parental substance abuse compared to 16% in 2018.*

**NEW PROGRAM: Identifying, Addressing and Overcoming Educational Setbacks of Children in Foster Care ...** GALs can help ensure positive progress in the school and learning environment for the children they serve, through support, guidance, empowerment and inclusion of the child in decisions and determinations to guide them into stronger educational and learning experiences and interactions.

*The Ohio Department of Higher Education reports that on average, youth in foster care attend five different high schools, and often fall behind academically.*

**NEW PROGRAM: Increased Complex Emotional Traumas Arising from the Pandemic ...** As a declared national disaster, the pandemic was often a causative factor to additional physical and emotional distress for children already in emotional turmoil from abuse and neglect. This program will further enhance skills and competencies of volunteer GALS to help identify emotional traumas exacerbated by the pandemic among children they serve.

*Children in the child welfare system are at particularly high risk for experiencing disaster-related traumatic stress and other mental health and behavioral challenges – and this can have a more significant impact on children who are already vulnerable.*

## 2022 INTERNAL MANAGEMENT FINANCIALS Balance Sheet and Income/Expenses (Jan. 2022-Dec. 2022)

Operating Fund	\$182,145.73
Long Term Investment Fund	336,460.48
Other	-0-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$518,606.21</b>
Gifts & Donations	\$ 78,330.87
Grants	107,000.00
Other (includes investment income)	12,300.18
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$197,631.05</b>
CASA Support including grants	\$89,837.02
Expenses	<u>52,294.53</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$142,131.55</b>

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
ONE CHILD  
AT A TIME



## 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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