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CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

2019 IMPACT REPORT

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CASA provides direct youth support through its volunteer program, generous donors and alignment with the Summit County Juvenile Courts.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE CASA BOARD VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

In 1993, the CASA Board Volunteer Association, Inc. was established to further the mission and support the work of the CASA/GAL Program of Summit County, Ohio. The Board partners with the Program by raising and administering funds for: enhanced programming, personnel support, promoting public awareness of the CASA Program, and recognizing the efforts of CASAs heroic volunteers

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Friends of Summit County CASA,

In May, you helped us celebrate our volunteers and brave CASA kids at the “Pasta for CASA” event at the Trailhead Event Space and the “I Am For the Child” breakfast and graduation in October. At both events, we shared with you the CASA Program’s mission and how we help the CASAs help the children.

The Board is continually faced with a rising level of new cases and a dwindling number of new volunteers. But thanks to your generosity, the Board continues to develop and execute volunteer recruitment and retention strategies to match the growing needs of the CASA Program of Summit County.

To raise community awareness, we continue to use social media marketing services. This serves multiple purposes to recruit volunteers, to advertise our fundraising efforts and to directly raise funds and awareness. Being a CASA is hard but rewarding work. To better retain volunteers, we increased correspondence and provided gift cards for volunteer birthdays and anniversaries as well as other times throughout the year. We offered a variety of trainings throughout the year to ensure the CASAs are knowledgeable about their job and current situation. These actions have set us on a course to help ensure a trained community volunteer is available for every child who enters the court system as a result of allegations of abuse, neglect, and dependency.

Currently we are in a very challenging time for our community and the country. We find ourselves in the grips of a pandemic that has caused us to act in new ways and to do things differently. At the time of this writing, we are still uncertain when things will return to normal. With the stress of job losses, isolation and or too much togetherness we foresee a greater need for CASAs in the not so distant future.

Please remember that you can continue to help in several ways: become a CASA volunteer; assist with fundraisers, trainings and/or special events; join us as an advisory committee member; or give a charitable donation. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kim Haws-Falasco
Board Chair

THANK YOU

to Our Volunteer CASAs

20+ YEARS

Ethel Fox
Marie Libby
Annette Powers
Linda Sell

16-19 YEARS

Linda Butcher
Tony Paxton
Elizabeth Regan
Linda Sinar
Jennie Williams

15 YEARS

Elizabeth Abbott

14 YEARS

Cherly Hoover
Susan McFarland-Gump

13 YEARS

Brad Bowers
Madeline Lepidi-Carino

12 YEARS

Bill Breiding
Jacqueline Stringer

11 YEARS

Beth Blackmore
Elizabeth Gambone
Judi Hill
Janet Osborne
Mary Quinn

10 YEARS

Katherine Bissell
Laura Cingle
Stacey Letner
Karen Schofield

9 YEARS

Nancy Fry
Deborah Luchka
Lynn Rossmeissl

8 YEARS

Dianne Curtis
William Dammarell
Sally Prentice
Sjay Schmidt
Shelia Smith
Erica Thomas
Lani Tower
Tina Wagner

7 YEARS

Laurie Boveington
Callie Channell
Angela Davis
Judith Gamcarek
Jonathan Harrison

Kathie Konvolinka
Bethany Lee
Antoinette Marotto
Susan Piper
Meaghan Quinn
Sarah Rosenberger
Theresa Tolson

6 YEARS

Linda Flatal
Cara Ford
Rich Kilo
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Karen Manna
Michele Tomer
Sarah Wilinski

5 YEARS

Francesca Cario
Carolynn Coleman
Francesca Cario



Paula Davis
 Pamela Hawkins
 Arlina Ivery
 Jay Jasani
 Nowar Katirji
 Danielle Kern
 Sallie Moledor
 Jennifer Oldham
 Jennifer Petracci
 William Roberts
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 Erin Zito

4 YEARS
 Benjamin Ayers
 Amber Crowe
 Meghan Curry
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 Paul Hayburn
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 Simrath-Leeza Kahai
 Julie Miller
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 Candice Pidala
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 David Whitehurst

Aviva Wilcher
 Amanda Woodyard
 Amber Zwick

3 YEARS
 John Bee
 Veronica Bevan
 Kelley Cerroni
 Kristin Daneshgari
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 Naomi Ganoe
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 Jamison Johnson
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 Karen Pateos
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2 YEARS
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Elizabeth Belvin
 Cherianne Bender
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 Sharon Roeck
 Christopher Ryba
 Taylor Stevenson
 Eric Stiles
 Tameaka Taylor
 Kevin Urtz
 Amanda Wager
 Iris Weiss

1 YEAR
 Noelle Bish
 Jessica Connell
 Myra Cottrill
 Stacey Downing
 Janice Driesbach
 Carolyn Dunbar
 Thomas Finley
 Mary Fry
 Michelle Garro
 Joanne Gibson
 Lydia Goldsmith
 Kenneth Green
 Katelyn Greene
 Timothy Harlos
 Cassandra Harrison
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 Carla Johns

About 300
 CASAs gave
 more than
 8,000 hours
 to nearly
 1,000 youth.

Volunteers at swearing in ceremony.



Victoria Kekel
 Ryan Kinney
 Margaret Leever
 Kellie Lockerner
 Dada London
 Sarah Lynch
 Maria Macaluso
 Daniela Mahoney
 Mary Mahoney
 Ann Maszaros

Shelbie Mills
 Bailey Mulholland
 Chauntel Robertson
 Patricia Robertson
 Jorge Romero
 Jeffery Scott
 Charla Shellenberger
 Erin Sheepwash
 Lindsey Short
 Kyle Smith

Kyle Sondereker
 Peter Spearing
 Tracy Vaughn
 Kathleen Vickroy
 Earmistine Vinson
 Jonathan Wilbur
 Cinnamon Young
 Steven Zigler

LESS THAN 1 YEAR
 Stephanie Deddo-Evans
 Diana Johnson
 Elizabeth LaMothe
 Leslie Lawrence
 Meghan McAuliffe
 Catherine McGannon
 Ann Marie O'Brien
 Gregory Sussman
 Shannon Wagner
 Kristen Williams

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 Joy Malek Oldfield
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 Cassandra L. Manna
 Tracy Mayfield
 Sara McCarty
 Michael McClary
 Catherine McGannon
 Allison McPeak
 Paul McPherson
 Gina Mendiola
 Mary Miles
 Kim Miller
 Jayne Miller
 Julie Miller
 Mary Miralia
 Paul & Sallie Moledor
 William Montalto
 Amber Moore
 Karen Moser
 Lora Mycoskie
 Elliousa Lucy Nemer
 Zachary Neumann
 Rachael Nolan
 Barbara O'Connor
 Ann Marie Obrien
 Gina Obrodo
 Lisa Ohler
 Becky Orange
 Hillary Oravec
 Jill Papajcik
 Katerina Papas



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What a Great Hat

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Witan Community Projects Fund

How you can help

Lighting the way for our community's youth

Consider the many ways that you, your friends and relatives, and your employer can help Summit County CASA/GAL program achieve its vision of providing an advocate to every child who needs one.

PLANNED GIFTS

Make CASA of Summit County's life-changing work part of your legacy through a planned gift. Include CASA of Summit County in your will or trust or name it as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.

EMPLOYER GIFT MATCHING

Multiply your donation by taking advantage of—or starting—your employer's matching-gift program. Check with your human resources department.

STOCK GIFT

Save on capital gains taxes by making a gift of stock. Instructions for making a stock donation are on the CASA website, or call the Development Department for assistance.

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

Honor special people and special occasions with tributes and memorial gifts. Your donation will be acknowledged with a CASA card sent to your honoree or their loved ones.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Help meet CASA children's basic needs by making an in-kind gift of dental/medical/legal services, school supplies, books, toys or gift cards. The CASA of Summit County office also gratefully accepts donations of office supplies, new computers, and auction items.

DONATE

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(330) 253-2918

Checks made out to:

CASA Volunteer Board Association, Inc.
650 Dan Street, Akron Ohio 44310



2019 Fundraising Events

Pasta for CASA

Pasta for CASA was an evening full of CASA volunteers, staff, board members and community members with lots of great food, drinks, and local items to bid on with our supporters in a fabulous local venue, The



Trailhead at Cascade Lofts. All funds raised supported the Summit County

CASA/GAL Program to continue reaching our goal of providing an advocate for every abused or neglected child in Summit County. The evening focused on local companies that support CASA. Special thanks to the presenting sponsor, Signet Jewelers and gnocchi bolognese sponsor, Brennan Manna Diamond. Pasta for CASA highlighted over 25 silent auction items

donated by local businesses and raised more than \$41,000!



ANNUAL "I Am For The Child" BREAKFAST

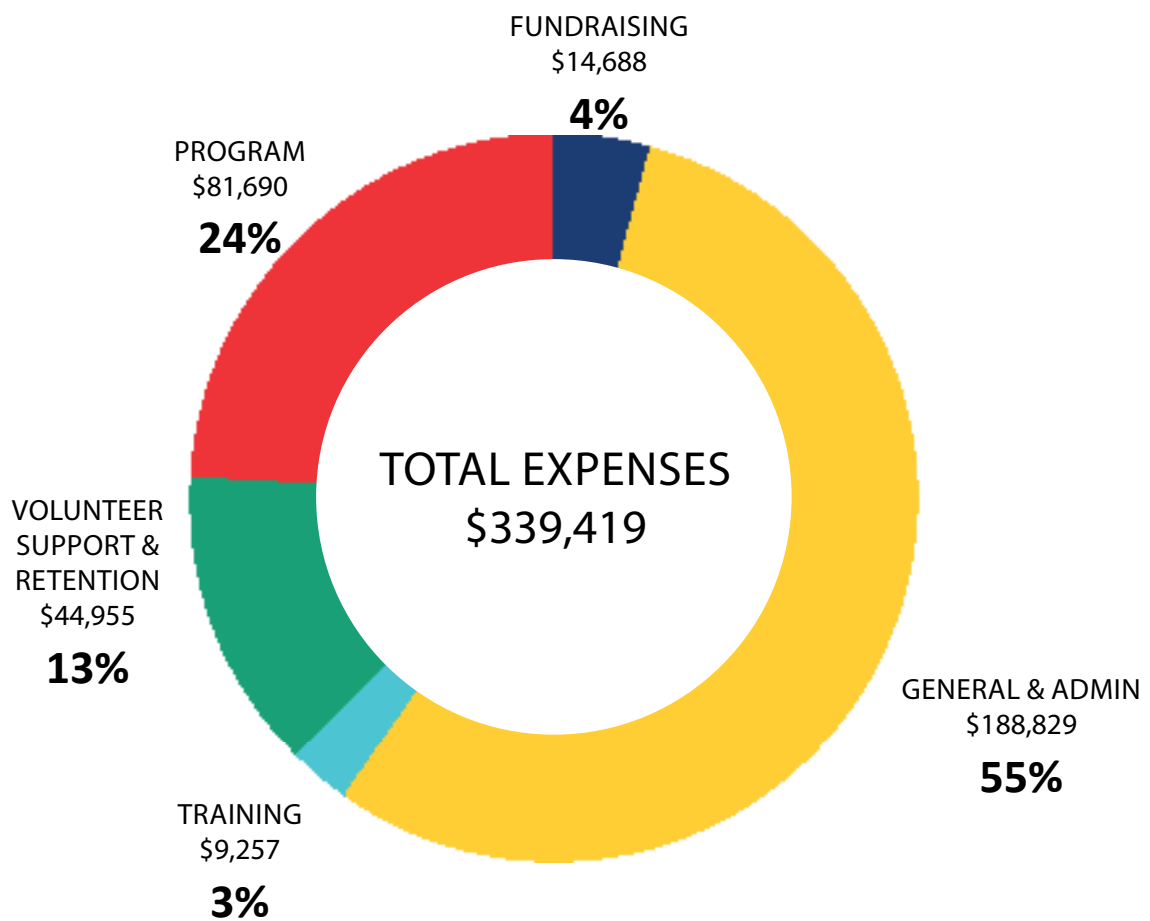
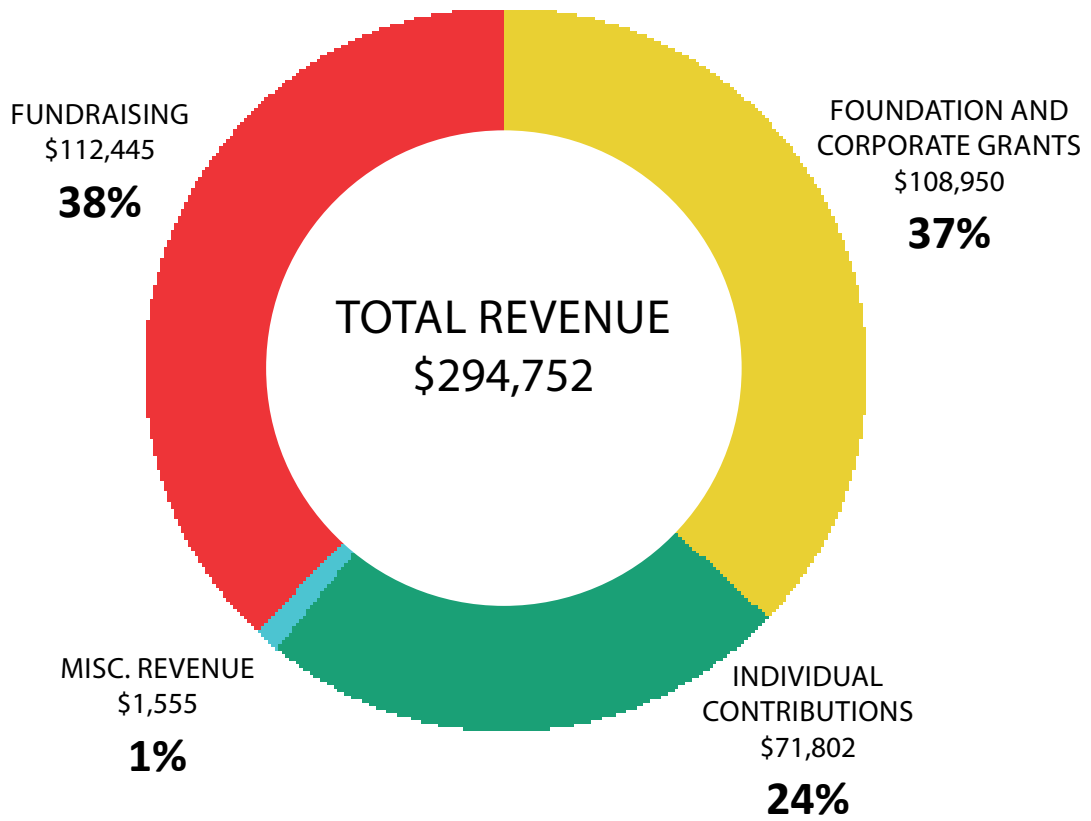
The October breakfast celebrated the accomplishments of the CASA/GAL Program, our dedicated volunteers and staff. The 2019 Breakfast also raised awareness of the importance of foster care and adoption in our goals of changing a child's story. More than 200 people gathered to hear CASA/GAL Executive Director, Beth Cardina,



Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, and a Foster/Adoptive Parent and Crisis Intervention Special guest speaker. This event also included the first-ever swearing-in ceremony of new CASAs outside of the courtroom.

New CASA volunteers at swearing in ceremony during the annual breakfast.





YEAR IN NUMBERS - 2019

CASA VOLUNTEERS in facts and numbers



ABUSED, NEGLECTED OR
DISPLACED CHILDREN
SERVED

On average, CASA volunteers donate 6.5 hours a month to help make a difference for a child in foster care.



CASA VOLUNTEERS
ASSIGNED TO CASES

Our trained CASAs are appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of an abused and neglected child in court.



CHILDREN SERVED WHO
HAVE RUN AWAY AND/OR
TRAFFICKED

Of the 23,500 runaways in 2018, 1 in 7 were likely victims of child sex trafficking. The number of cases increase each year.

32 NEW VOLUNTEERS TRAINED AND SWORN IN

THE CASA PROGRAM IN NUMBERS



CASA
VOLUNTEERS



CHILDREN
SERVED



HOURS
WORKED



MILES
TRAVELED

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Lead Child Advocate

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Child Advocate

Renee Conlon
Child Advocate

Jasmine Harris
Child Advocate

Chad Horstman
Child Advocate

Bethany Lee
Child Advocate

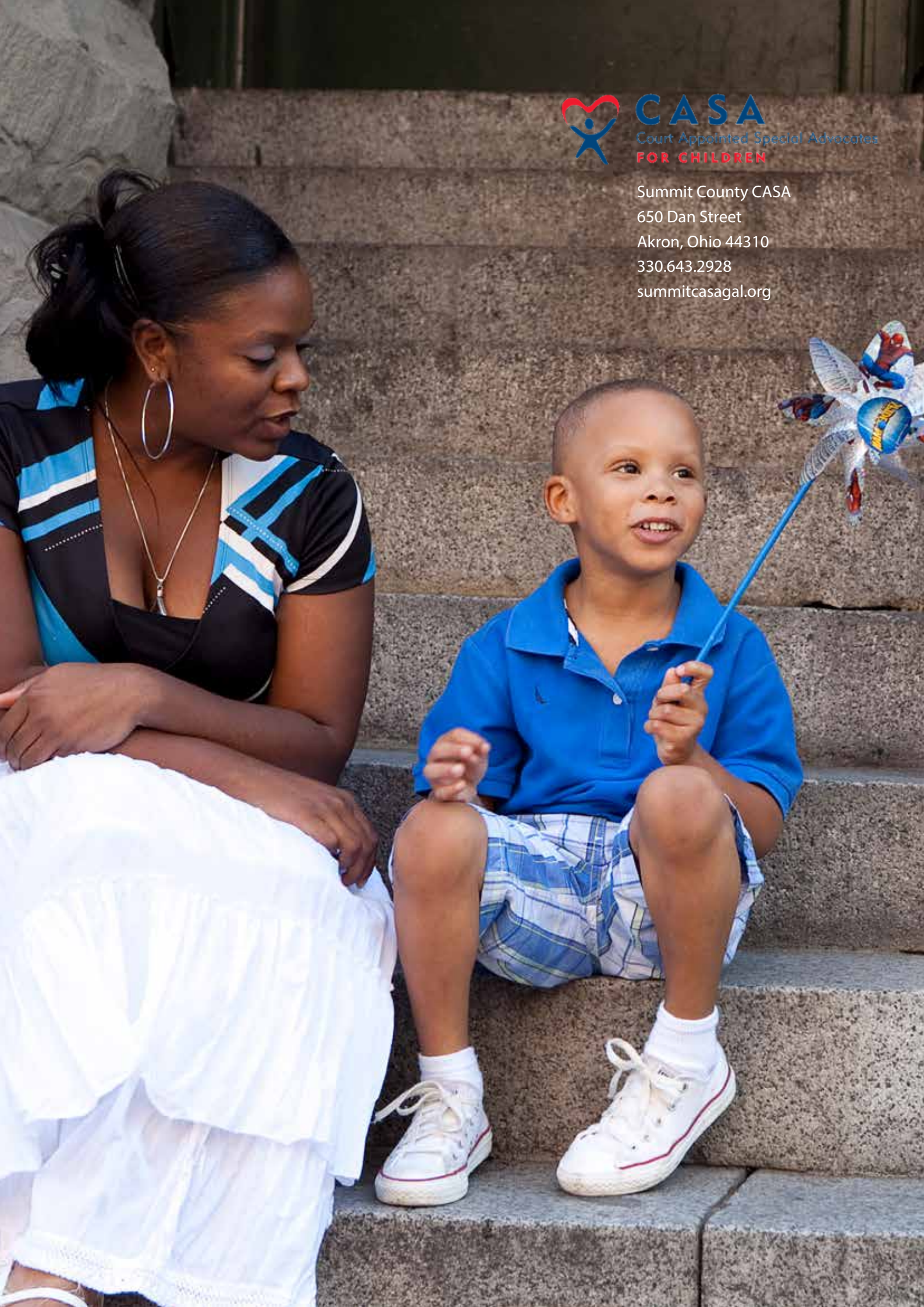
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