

2022

Annual Report



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

MICHIGAN CASA



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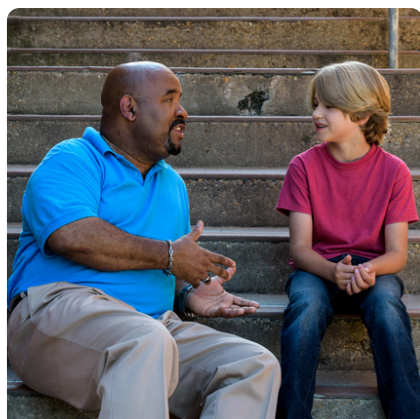
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Dear Friends,

We are proud to present to you our 2022 Annual Report. These past eight years, since Michigan CASA rose like a Phoenix through the ashes, have been transformative. There has been extreme growth and strengthening of the network. Four new programs have opened – St. Joseph, Huron, Van Buren and Marinette (WI) Counties are now serving children who desperately needed a voice in court. Wayne County CASA transported from a Court Based program to a nonprofit program, so they are better prepared to serve the almost third of all children in care in the state of Michigan. In the next year, Michigan CASA is poised to open two more counties.

Michigan CASA has grown from a one-person operation operating out of a dining room to a five-person organization housed in an office complex showcasing a huge talent pool of individuals representing the areas of marketing & communications, fundraising, training, quality assurance and human resources.

Michigan CASA consists of 25 local programs serving children in 30 counties. These individual programs are run by some of the brightest, most compassionate, dedicated individuals. In the past year we have seen a 13% increase in the number of children served, which is interesting in light of the fact there was an almost 30% decrease in the number of children in care.

And last, but certainly not least, the volunteers. The heart and soul of this very organization. The specially trained community volunteers who put their everyday life on hold so a child who is part of a broken system, through no fault of their own, does not get lost in the bureaucracy that so often goes part and parcel with child welfare. The volunteer who works diligently with the child(ren), parents, everyone on the case. The volunteer who believes in the Michigan CASA Core Model – that every child does best within their home of origin if that can safely be achieved.

I will leave you with this story – 21-year-old Yvonne had been placed in nine different foster homes. She shared had it not been for her CASA volunteer, she would have never known what was going on with her court case. But because the CASA volunteer would keep Yvonne updated, she (Yvonne) was able to advocate for herself and what SHE wanted. Not the system, not CASA, but what Yvonne wanted. And needed.

All this because of you! Thank you. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and belief in the children of the state of Michigan.

Warm Regards,

Patty Sabin
President/CEO Michigan CASA



About Michigan CASA



Michigan CASA is a nonprofit organization which establishes and supports the 29 affiliate programs across the state that recruit, screen, train, and supervise CASA volunteers. Michigan CASA is committed to maintaining a network of well-administered, affiliate programs that operate independently with mutual accountability, resulting in the highest level of advocacy for all of Michigan's abused and neglected children.

A Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a specially trained community volunteer appointed by a judge to speak up for the best interests of an abused or neglected child. Bringing urgency to a child's needs both in and out of a courtroom, CASA volunteers advocate for safety, permanence, and well-being for children through independent recommendations based on their relationship and understanding of the child.



Our Board



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Meet Our Team



Patty Sabin
President/CEO



Jennifer Collins
Director of Operations



Carolyn Frank
Program Administrator

Vision And Mission



Vision

What we would look like if we achieved our mission.

Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect, one child at a time.

Mission

Why We Exist.

Michigan CASA, Inc. is dedicated to changing the lives of abused and neglected children by advocating for their best interests through establishing, supporting, and expanding quality CASA programs throughout the state of Michigan to ensure every child that needs a volunteer, has one.

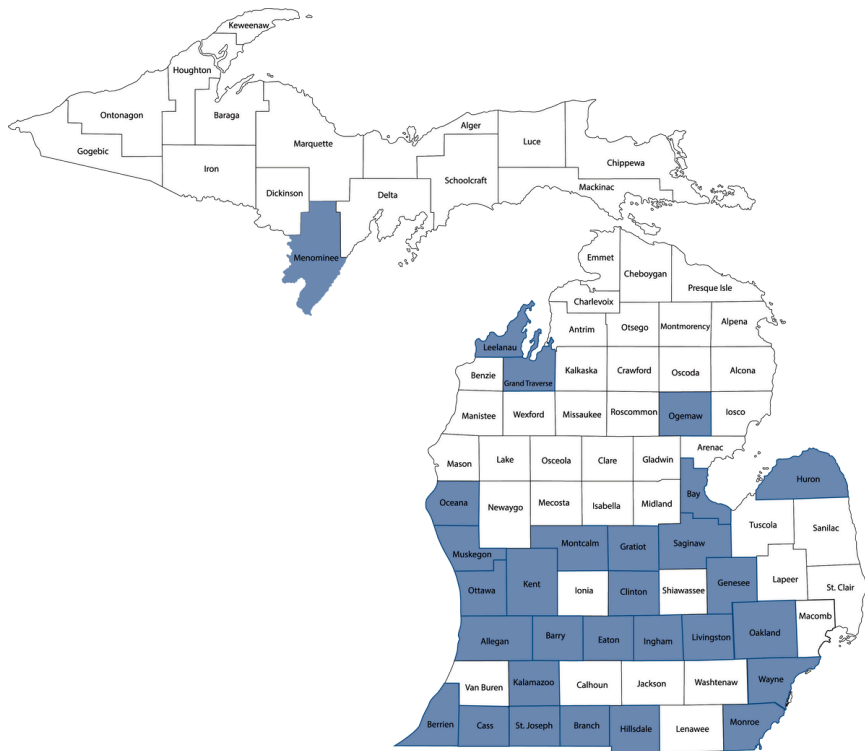
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Michigan CASA has local CASA programs in **29** out of 83 counties in the State of Michigan.

Michigan CASA needs **2,935** additional volunteers to meet the needs of unserved children in Michigan's foster care system.



Michigan CASA volunteers contributed **52,314 hours** of advocacy for children in the foster care system.



Michigan CASA's annual economic impact in 2022 was

\$1,291,632

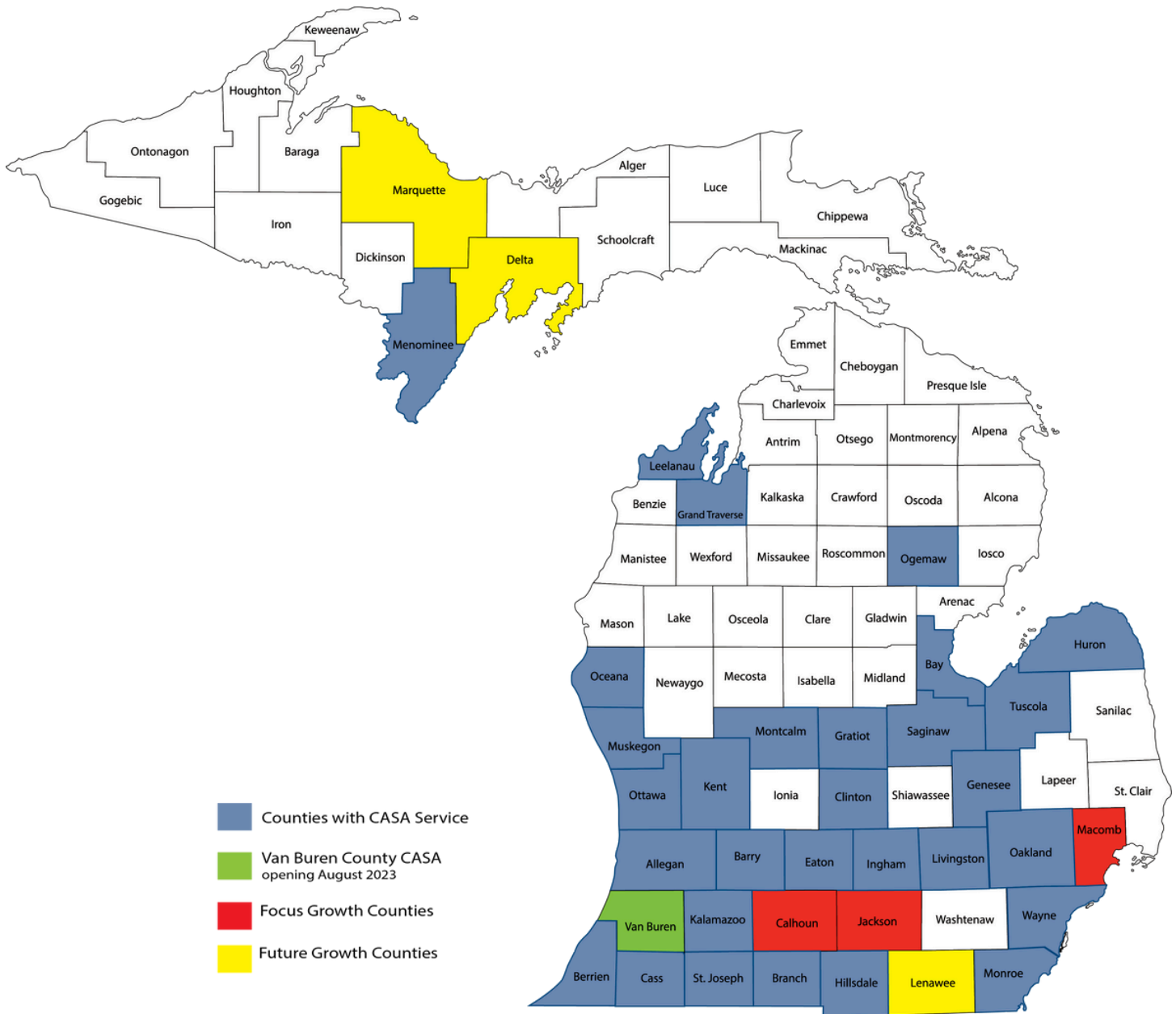
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Once equipped with the economic resources required, Michigan CASA will focus its growth activities in two areas; unserved counties with the most need and those in grossly underserved counties.

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A few photo highlights from 2022,

these include our Local Program Directors retreat, the filming of our new Michigan CASA video, the Annual State Conference, our Board retreat and our annual fundraising event.



**2022 MICHIGAN CASA
STATE CONFERENCE**
Patricia Wagner
Volunteer of the Year

Karen Kerr
Gratiot County



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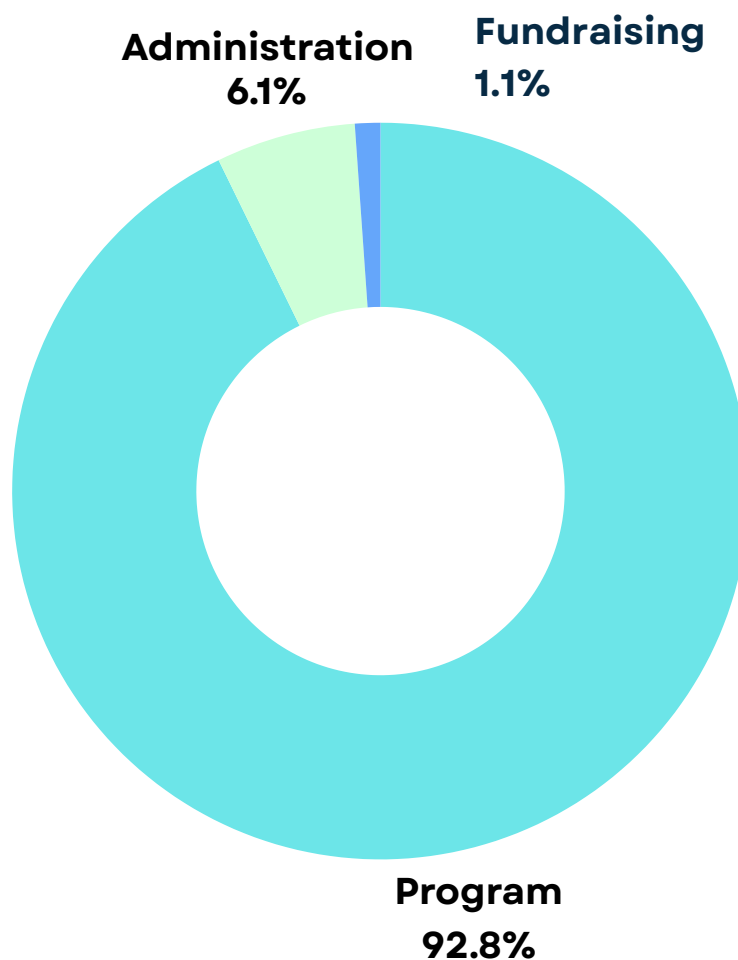
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Financial Statement



Total Income:	\$1,148,552
Expenses:	
Program	944,974
Fundraising	11,362
Administration	62,415



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