



CASA FOR YORK COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT for 2020

“CASA for York County supports and provides volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children, enabling them to thrive in a safe, permanent home.”

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CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for York County functions as a 501C3 non-profit agency.

Since July 2018, Executive Director, Elizabeth Hain, has recruited, trained and supported volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the York County court system. Since 2009, the CASA office has had a part-time administrative assistant. Since 2015, CASA for York County has employed (with VOCA grant funds) a part-time Volunteer Supervisor, with the goal of recruiting, training, and supporting enough volunteer advocates for every abused and neglected child who enters the York County court system.

The abused and neglected children we advocate for come from families who struggle with substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues, and/or unsanitary living conditions. When a CASA Volunteer is assigned, they meet with the child/ren on a regular basis, attend team meetings and court hearings, and talk with anyone (parents, teachers, counselors, daycare providers, foster parents, service providers, case managers, medical staff etc.) that may be involved in that child’s life. They report to the court important information about the child and family and make recommendations on behalf of each child regarding their needs, wants, and safety.

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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Abused/neglected children in York County Court System	40	31	42	47	37
Active CASA Volunteers	19	16	16	16	14
Children with assigned CASA Volunteers	31	30	33	35	32
Children in need of CASA Volunteers*	9	1	9	12	5

***Some of the children who did not have CASA Advocates who were in need of one were in the court system for a very short time. There were e times throughout the year when every child in need of a CASA advocate had one assigned.**



The members of CASA for York County Board of Directors met once a month in 2020. The Board has committees which work on fundraising, public relations, grants, and policies and procedures.

Two **newsletters** were mailed out during the year. We have a website (www.casaforyork.org), and a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/casaforyork).

Our 2020 Policies and Procedures accomplishments:

- Reviewed By-laws.
- Monitored our policies and procedures to ensure compliance with National CASA standards.

Our 2020 Public Relations & Fundraising events:

- **“Run Child Abuse out of Town” 5K:** We had great success despite not hosting the run. We made \$1600 in sponsorships, and \$85 in donated registration funds.
- We conducted shopping roundups at both ACE and Grand Central. We raised \$962 at **ACE Hardware**, and \$197 at **Grand Central**.
- Our office crafted and distributed several **targeted letters** throughout the year, where they thanked donors for their past support and asked for continued contribution. This was very successful and raised \$1970.
- We ran advertisements via **radio, movie theater, social media, and newsletters**.

We could not do this important work without the wonderful support we receive from **York County, individuals, community groups, local businesses, and grantors**. Many generous people gave financial gifts to CASA for York County throughout the year and supported our fundraising events.



Our 2020 Grant Committee Accomplishments:

- The committee met quarterly to request and secure funding
- Funding was secured from the following sources:
 - York County Commissioners
 - United Way
 - Sherwood Foundation
 - Blum Foundation
 - Snow-Redfern Foundation
 - Cooper Foundation
 - Nebraska CASA Association
 - Terpstra Foundation
 - DHHS CARES Act

We are extremely appreciative and grateful for the support we receive to carry out the important work we do for abused and neglected children in York County

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Hain, Executive Director CASA for York Count

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