

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy September!

I can't believe summer is passing so quickly. I swear I can already hear the buzz about the pumpkin spice latte beginning. We have been busy lately as we gear up for fall and all of the activities the season brings.

School begins next week and we know it can be a big financial burden to purchase all of the supplies and cover the costs of after school activities. CASA has been incredibly fortunate this year to receive support from Vector Energy Solutions, Sky Lakes Medical Center, and private donors for our CASA Kid Fund. This is a resource available to our advocates to support their CASA kiddos by helping to keep them engaged and active in our community while also alleviating some of the monetary strain on foster families. CASA Kid Fund applications can be found at the CASA Office.

Dana (and some of you!) has been busy at the Saturday Farmer's Markets, Third Thursdays, and the Restoration Celebration with lots of great info about what CASAs do and why our advocacy is so important.

Our first ever Cookies with CASA was a huge hit! We had 17 people participate, decorate the cutest cookies, and learn about CASA. A big **thank you** to all who have participated in outreach events this summer. We will be gearing up for Scarecrow Row on October 28th so watch out for more details. If any of you want to get in on the fun (or if you have a spectacular costume idea for us!) please let us know.

Our next training begins November 7th, which is quickly approaching. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a CASA, please spread the word. We would love to end the year with a few more CASAs. We hope you have a great start to your fall season and hope to see you in the office soon!

Warmly,

CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Vector Energy Solutions: *Brandon Adams Savage*



Brandon Adams Savage is a fourth generation Oregonian who calls Bend, and now recently, Klamath Falls, home. Brandon owns a regional Design Build Contracting firm specializing in complex solutions for industrial and heavy commercial facilities. Vector provides a complete turn-key design and construction service including Architectural Design, MEP and Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering, Energy Engineering, Destructive Testing, and all aspects of the installation permitting and regulatory compliance.

Brandon is also an avid fly fisherman and outdoorsman with a penchant for hunting and mountain sports. Brandon and his wife, Rebecca enjoy traveling, gardening, and paddle boarding with their two dogs, when they get breaks from the daily grind.



RECENT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Thank you to everyone who came out to our outreach events this summer! Pictured below: Saturday Farmer's Market, 37th Annual Klamath Tribes Restoration Celebration, & Cookies with CASA.



ANNUAL REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 2021-22



75 Foster Children Monitored by CASA Staff. Dependent on the status of the case, a CASA may or may not be assigned.

71 Foster Children Served by CASA Advocates. This is the number of children that have had a CASA assigned to their case during our fiscal year.



24 Active CASA Advocates

8 Newly Trained CASA Advocates



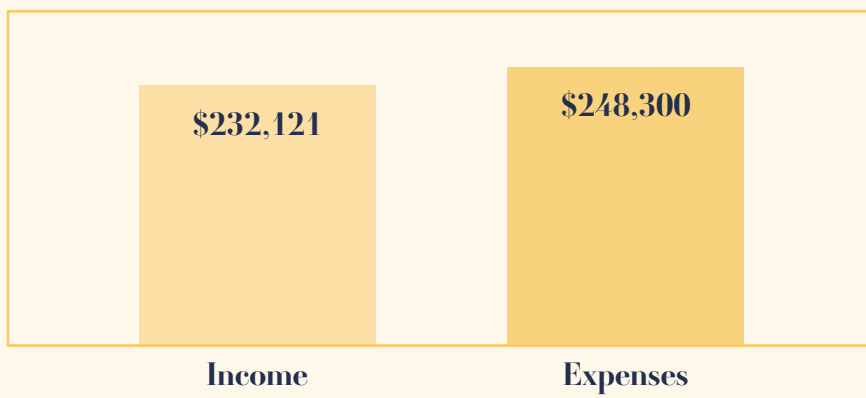
4,352 Volunteer Miles* traveled. These are the miles traveled by our volunteers and are not reimbursed by our program.



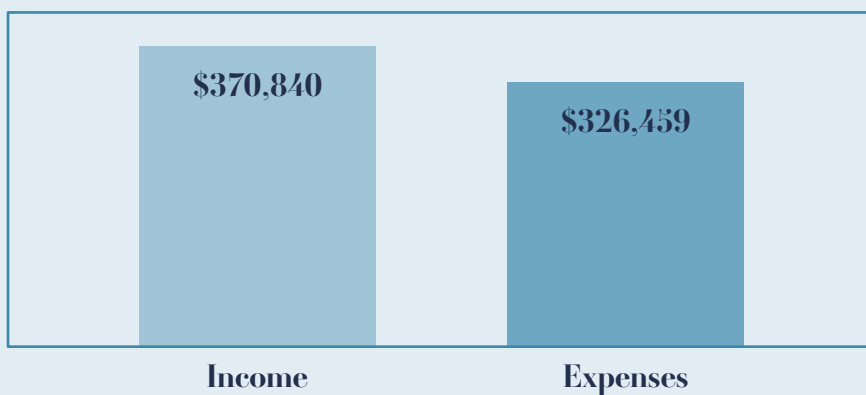
299.8 Volunteer Hours*
This is the number of hours spent with the child, court time, travel, prep time, and other activities involved in advocating.

*This is a self-report and the number may be higher.

2020-21 Fiscal Year



2021-22 Fiscal Year



Funding sources include but are not limited to special projects, contributions, fundraisers, the United Way, foundation grants, VOCA, and state funding.

Expenses include but are not limited to fundraising, special projects, program operation, training, administration, recruitment, advocate support, and VOCA.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Books

- ***The Day You Begin***
By Jacqueline Woodson
- ***The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer***
By Davide Cali
- ***My First Day***
By Phùng Nguyễn Quang & Huynh Kim Liên

Articles

- ***Examining the Top Issues Facing Oregon's K-12 Schools as New Year Begins****
By Natalie Pate, OPB
- ***Back to School and Mental Health: Supporting Our Children for a Successful Year Ahead****
By Sunny Patel, M.D., M.P.H., Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA

Virtual Training Series

- ***Crisis Assessment and Intervention When Gun Violence and Trauma Strikes: A Five-Step Approach****
Four-part Training Series by Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

*Clickable Link

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- Kinship Month
- Suicide Prevention Month
- Child Welfare Workforce Dev. Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- 9/4 Labor Day
- 9/5 First Day of School
- 9/10 Grandparent's Day
- 9/11 Day of Remembrance
- Swearing-In
- 9/13 Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- 9/19 National Family Day
- 9/20 National Care for Kids Day

Calendars

- [Klamath Falls City Schools*](#)
- [Klamath County School District*](#)



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