Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gifts of time and resources to CASA’s most vulnerable children last year. In 2017, we set the stage for growing greater, transforming our services to children, and ultimately, our impact on the community. Our Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan that focuses on the quality of our advocacy for children.

Children served with the help of 721 active volunteers.

Children’s cases closed with the help of CASA.

Advocacy by the Numbers:

- 1,767 children served with the help of 721 active volunteers.
- 741 children served with the help of CASA.
- 84% of children’s cases closed with a permanent home.
- 78% of children’s cases closed with family reunification or relative placement.

CASA's vision and mission:

Vision

For every child who needs us, CASA of Travis County creates the stage for growing greater, achieving a life that is safe, permanent and loving.

Mission

To match trained volunteer advocates with children in the Travis County court system to ensure that every child’s best interest is first. We are an independent, non-profit organization working with the court to create a healthy future for children. Our volunteer advocates work one-on-one with children in court to provide a stable presence and to advocate for the child’s best interest.

Advocacy By the Numbers:

- Of the 2,447 children in the Travis County courts due to abuse or neglect, 84% of children’s cases closed with a permanent home.
- Of children who were served, 78% of children’s cases closed with family reunification or relative placement.
- 94% of the children we serve are male and 56% are female.
- Of the volunteers, 208 were CASA volunteers.

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2017 Annual Report

CASA Volunteer

Naphtalie Gbol

Advocating for the Children

Adoption of a regional approach.

Adopted by 100% of new volunteers.

Advocacy by the Numbers:

- 84% of children’s cases closed with a permanent home.
- 6% of children out of the system.
- 53% of children reunified with parents.

2,000 hours of work possible.

Generous donors who make this possible.

2017 financials and the year-end report.

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Thank you for all you’ve done for kids in 2017!

CASA knew Ellie’s history, having advocated for her since 2010. Ellie’s CASA volunteer remembered the workplace of one of the maternal aunts and was able to find a way to contact her once more. The aunt and uncle ultimately adopted Ellie, giving her permanence and also a family after years in foster care. The aunt even brought Ellie a necklace during this meeting, another aunt and uncle reached out to the maternal relatives, but no one was able to help at the time. After more than 5 years in foster care and at least 8 different homes and placements, Ellie was finally adopted by relatives, an event that wouldn’t have happened without CASA’s long-term involvement in the case. Ellie’s mother had passed away before she entered the foster care system. Ellie was in an unfair position of navigating through a complex court system. Many children are placed in the incredibly scary and confusing system of foster care. Mariah in the hospital. After being almost unable to see her daughter after a long time, they were able to get in contact with their daughter and then see her come home and be able to receive necessary support. The focus was on what programs involved for her needs, and since they were unable to see the child, they decided to attend weekly therapy. They were able to meet with the judge. They were also able to help her find a new job and get into contact with her once more. The family eventually adopted Tania, and secured an apartment near the grandparents to have a strong support system. The family was reunified, and Tania even went on to support others in recovery. The family was reunified, and Tania even went on to support others in recovery. Many children are placed in the incredibly scary and confusing system of foster care.