

2021 Annual Report

The Northern Hills Area CASA Program









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Our volunteers are amazing!

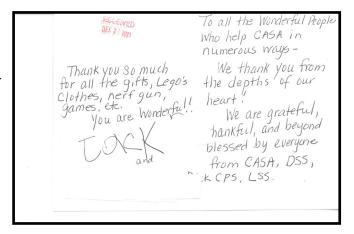
The heart and soul of every CASA program is its volunteers. We think NHCASA has some of the best! Here are just a few examples:

After only a few short weeks of being sworn in as a brand-new volunteer, this CASA eagerly accepted her first appointment, which involved four children under the age of 7, in different placements. This volunteer went above and beyond the requirements of a CASA. She helped DSS with transportation, played a mediator role between foster parents, and offered respite care in order to give the providers a much-needed break. She initiated numerous contacts, which resulted in a record-breaking 42-page CASA Report. She advocated heavily for enhancing the sibling relationships and planned play dates so the kids could see each other. She always kept the best interests of each individual child at the forefront and underwent a grueling cross-examination during testimony. Even though it was an extremely difficult case, she always kept a cool and calm composure, while seeking to help the children through her nurturing demeanor. This CASA volunteer is truly one-of-a-kind and has a heart of gold. Her detailed documentation earned her rave reviews from the Court.

A CASA volunteer provided advocacy for three children on a case that opened due to a mother's methamphetamine use. The mother completed a chemical dependency program and participated in individual counseling as a means to address her depression. The CASA fought hard for the children to return to their mother's care on an in-home safety plan through a trial reunification, all of which would be under the premise the mother continue with her therapy and outpatient treatment. Trust was established between the mother and the CASA. The case was eventually closed with a successful reunification. The volunteer played an essential role in this case, as she provided resources, support, and recommendations for services, for the children and the mother. These advocacy efforts resulted in a positive outcome for the entire family unit.

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference? Consider becoming a CASA volunteer, board member or event committee member. Our program—and our children—rely on you!







Hope Needs A Helping Hand

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Executive Director



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2021 NHCASA Volunteers

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*Active on a case in 2021







In 2021, we lost a valuable member of the CASA family, Eva Doyle. Eva advocated on behalf of one young man who really needed someone in his corner. Eva was that person. We will miss her beautiful smile and compassionate spirit!





2021 New Advocates

NHCASA welcomed 2 new volunteers who participated in our spring new volunteer training. Each volunteer completed the more than 30-hour training, which included understanding children and families, the court system, the child protection system, cultural awareness, mental health issues, the Indian Child Welfare Act, investigating, advocating and report writing.



NHCASA Spring 2021 Class:

Virginia Mollman and Holly Hansen pictured with Judge Michelle Comer



Honoring our Volunteers

In October, NHCASA honored our volunteers and community partners with our annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The theme was "Oktoberfest". NHCASA presented awards to volunteers and to area partners who support the program.



Award winners Holly Mortenson, Michelle Clark, Luke May, Gayle & Calvin Reilly, Linda Stambaugh, Clara Garvin Grable, Julia O'Neil King, Becky Helmberger and Autum Johnson

2020 NHCASA Awardees

"Spirit of CASA" - Linda Stambaugh, CASA Volunteer

"Above and Beyond" - Luke May, CASA Volunteer

"Outstanding New Volunteer" - Michelle Clark, CASA Volunteer

"Continual Excellence in Advocacy" - Clara Garvin Grable, CASA Volunteer

"Outstanding Board Member" - Holly Mortenson

"Outstanding Service to Children" - Calvin & Gayle Reilly

"Partner of CASA" - BetterLife

"Friend of CASA" - Doug Lueders & Leuders Food Center

"Excellence in Court Reporting" - Bonnie Speidel, CASA Volunteer

"Optima Excellence" - Julia O'Neil-King

Special Award — John Kelley



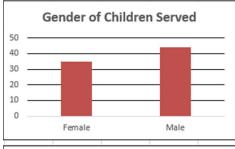
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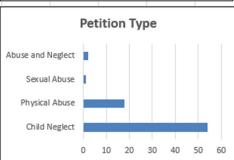
In 2021, NHCASA provided direct services to 79 abused/neglected children through the advocacy efforts of 36 trained volunteers. We attended 197 court hearings, traveling between four county courthouses.

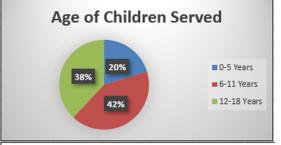
Case Report: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

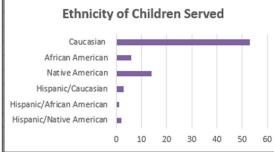
Children Served

	All Counties	Lawrence County	Butte County	Meade County	Perkins	Corson	Ziebach
Active	52	24	9	17	1	2	2
Referred	27	8	10	6	0	0	0
Closed	43	21	9	11	1	1	0
Total Served	79	32	18	23	1	2	2









Case Outcome Summary				
Adopted	19			
Reunification with parent(s)/caretaker(s)	9			
Child turned 18/21	2			
Living with other relative	1			
Guardianship	6			
Case Dismissed	6			
Left DSS Custody	1			
Runaway	1			

Case Numbers/History

Year	Cases	Children	Volunteers	Hours*	Donated Mileage
2021	51	79	36	2,911	\$3,656
2020	60	98	44	3,260	\$2,805
2019	59	113	40	3,056	
2018	56	88	39	2,206.8	
2017	62	105	36	2,159	
2016	52	95	35	1,854	

Year	Cases	Children	Volunteers	Hours
2015	54	103	35	6,300
2014	51	110	35	6,300
2013	52	99	37	6,660
2012	61	111	39	7,020
2011	74	127	49	12,192
2010	73	134	40	12,864



Virtual Reality

Despite COVID still affecting large gatherings, we were able to provide our volunteers several opportunities to network and gain continuing education hours. The National CASA Association and the South Dakota Court Improvement Program (CIP) provided a wealth of

knowledge via webinars and Zoom

events.

February: Renae held an Optima Refresher Lunch & Learn and held a virtual Happy Hour, "Wine and Whine".

March: Cup o' CASA, a Lunch & Learn on Wendy's Wonderful Kids and Optima Training.





April: Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month Kickoff event and new volunteer training

May: Lunch & Learn featuring the film "Not Just Jenna" and Cup o' CASA

June: CASA picnic

August: CIP Training—Safety Planning and Conditions

for Return

September: Foster Care Licens-

ing, CIP Training—Family Con-

siderations during Abuse & Neglect Cases, Cup o' CASA, and Community Response to Child Abuse Conference held in Sioux Falls and virtually

October: CIP Training—Connecting Families with Services, and the annual volunteer appreciation banquet

November: Cup o' CASA, CIP Training—Stress Triggers on Families during the Holidays

December: Wrap Day and CIP Training—Codington County Family Court Pilot Project







Thank You to Our Generous Community







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Monument Health, Deadwood



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Sawyer Brewing

Black Hills Community Bank



NHCASA Raises Funds, Awareness and Fun with a Variety of Events

The NHCASA Raffle, sponsored by the board of directors, gave the winner the option of a trip to Jamaica, Bali or \$2,500 cash. Lenny and Cassie Gomez, Spearfish, will be going to Jamaica!



The Days of '76 Rodeo in Deadwood provided an opportunity for NHCASA board members and volunteers to raise awareness and funds for NHCASA. This year's bartending tips totaled \$2,797.





The 35th Annual CASA Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk was held July 10th with beautiful, cool weather for our runners. Thanks to our dedicated sponsors and 396 participants, NHCASA made over \$25,000 from the event. The 2022 event will be held July 9.

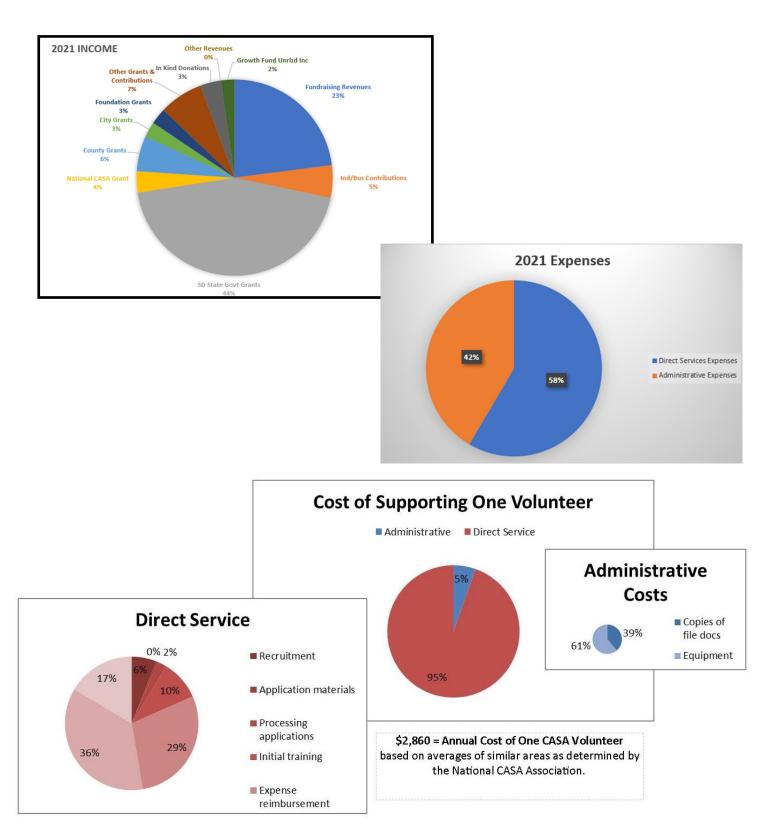


In 2022, 136 riders participated in the third annual **Black Hills Super 6** race in August. The course featured a 3 hour—3 mile route and a 6 hour—6 mile route. Racers, staff, and volunteers helped raise over \$12,800 for NHCASA. The annual event is coordinated by Jon and Diana Reth and will remain on the third Saturday of August.





How NHCASA funds are earned and spent:





	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Fundraising Revenues		
4010 · ASK Letter	25,896.64	19,530.91
4025 · Marathon	36,765.37	8,181.82
4030 · Raffle	12,087.99	10,878.28
4040 · BHS6	15,371.00	12,699.87
4090 · Other Fundraising	6,749.83	6,001.32
4000 · Fundraising Revenues - Other	0.00	14.55
Total 4000 · Fundraising Revenues	96,870.83	57,306.75
4100 · Ind/Bus Contributions	19,125.53	19,323.09
4300 · SD State Govt		
4310 · SD CASA Commission Grant	22,490.00	21,387.96
4315 · SD Court Improvement	31,060.08	25,290.00
4380 · VOCA	104,398.35	53,360.69
4390 · SD Other Revenues	0.00	4,000.00
Total 4300 · SD State Govt	157,948.43	104,038.65
4395 · National CASA	12,510.00	8,410.00
4400 · County Grants		
4410 · Butte County Grants	3,000.00	3,000.00
4420 · Law Co Grants	15,000.00	15,000.00
4440 · Corson County Grants	2,860.00	2,860.00
Total 4400 · County Grants	20,860.00	20,860.00
4500 · City Grants		
4510 · City of Belle Fourche	1,000.00	1,000.00
4515 · City of Deadwood	3,500.00	3,500.00
4530 · City of Spearfish	3,600.00	4,000.00
4535 · City of Sturgis	0.00	3,360.00
4540 · City of Whitewood	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4500 · City Grants	9,100.00	12,860.00
4600 · Foundation Grants	2,	,
4617 · Greater Belle Fourche FIB	1,500.00	1,250.00
4635 · FIB Bancsystem Foundation	0.00	5,000.00
4640 · Spearfish Community Foundation	2,500.00	2,500.00
4645 · Adams Mastrovich Foundation	5,000.00	0.00
4665 · Midcontinent Media	500.00	0.00
4690 · Black Hills Community Foundation	5,000.00	0.00
4690 · Foundation - Other Grants	500.00	2,000.00
Total 4600 · Foundation Grants	15,000.00	10,750.00
4700 · Other Grants & Contributions	13,000.00	10,750.00
4700 · Other Grants & Contributions 4714 · Spearfish Optimists Club	1,000.00	850.00
,		
4716 · United Way of N Hills	4,799.68	4,314.96
4718 · United Way of Sturgis	3,450.00	4,616.04
4728 · Sturgis Rally Charities	5,720.00	2,860.00



	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
4730 · Montana Dakota Resources	2,000.00	1,000.00
4740 · Zonta, Spearfish	1,000.00	1,000.00
4745 · Realtors for Kids	875.00	0.00
4765 · Midcontinent Foundation	2,000.00	0.00
4790 · Grants & Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 4700 · Other Grants & Contributions	20,844.68	14,641.00
4800 · In Kind Donations	12,444.23	7,752.00
4900 · Other Revenues		
4910 · Misc Revenues	0.00	65.00
Total 4900 · Other Revenues	0.00	65.00
4950 · Interest Income		
4951 · Interest Income Checking	16.97	0.96
4952 · Interest Income Savings	0.82	0.07
4950 · Interest Income - Other	0.00	9.62
Total 4950 · Interest Income	17.79	10.65
4954 · Growth Fund Unrizd Inc/(Loss)	8,024.06	(1,558.39)
4956 · Growth Fund Inc/(Loss)	0.00	14,577.16
Total Income	372,745.55	269,035.91
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 · DS Payroll		
5010 · DS Payroll Expense	113,021.02	107,310.78
5098 · Direct Service PR Allocation	26,460.95	20,360.27
5099 · Direct Svc PR Tax Allocation	10,670.37	9,766.83
Total 5000 · DS Payroll	150,152.34	137,437.88
5100 · DS CASA Children		
5110 · Case Management	1,920.00	1,920.00
5130 · CASA Children Expenses	2,077.75	547.32
Total 5100 · DS CASA Children	3,997.75	2,467.32
5200 · DS Promotion		
5210 · Promotion/Advertising	154.96	29.72
5220 · DS Community Events	133.55	0.00
5240 · Web Design/Maintenance	708.00	649.00
Total 5200 · DS Promotion	996.51	678.72
5300 · DS Volunteers		
5310 · Volunteer Expense	3,586.57	461.50
5320 · Recognition Banquet	2,168.15	2,995.82
Total 5300 · DS Volunteers	5,754.72	3,457.32
5400 · DS Supplies/Support		
5410 · DS Supplies	1,854.74	1,290.50
5422 · Web Design/Maintenance	212.37	19.35
5425 · Program Dues & Subscrip	197.83	275.00
5427 · DS Postage	1,439.89	1,317.61
5429 · DS Printing & Copying	3,215.72	2,646.80
5430 · DS Telephone/Cell	3,164.76	3,166.04



	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
5440 · DS Professional Fees	275.00	0.00
Total 5400 · DS Supplies/Support	10,360.31	8,715.30
5450 · Asset Acquisitions	10,000.01	0,710.00
5454 · Asset/Equip Purchases	210.02	850.66
5450 · Asset Acquisitions - Other	385.73	0.00
Total 5450 · Asset Acquisitions	595.75	850.66
5500 · DS Travel/Mileage	333.73	030.00
5510 · DS BOD/Staff Mileage	4,358.04	3,390.33
5515 · DS BOD/Staff Travel & Lodging	627.14	588.54
5520 · DS BOD/Staff Meals	698.83	440.74
5540 · DS Vol Mileage	940.79	201.04
5545 · DS Vol Travel & Lodging	512.41	(517.36)
5550 · DS Vol Meals	398.12	246.80
Total 5500 · DS Travel/Mileage	7,535.33	4,350.09
5700 · DS Training	7,555.55	4,550.09
5710 · DS Staff Training	2,174.50	9,284.85
5715 · DS Training Expenses	408.46	0.00
5720 · DS BOD Training	0.00	520.00
Total 5700 · DS Training	2,582.96	9,804.85
5800 · In Kind Expenses	12,444.23	7,752.00
5999 · Depreciation Program	2,979.72	547.00
Total COGS	197,399.62	176,061.14
Gross Profit	175,345.93	92,974.77
Expense	170,040.00	52,574.17
6000 · Fundraising/Events		
6025 · Marathon	9,960.01	1,050.35
6031 · Raffle	5,055.00	2,500.00
6035 · Bike Race	458.35	0.00
6040 · Black Hills Super 6	3,715.78	480.77
6091 · Other Events	50.00	15.96
6000 · Fundraising/Events - Other	0.00	163.23
Total 6000 · Fundraising/Events	19,239.14	4,210.31
6100 · Payroll Expense		.,
6110 · Payroll Expenses	11,498.91	18,359.27
6112 · Bonuses	2,420.81	0.00
6113 · Leave/PTO Expense	15,770.61	12,697.96
6114 · Holiday Pay	5,701.65	6,101.92
6115.1 · Allocated Payroll Mgt & General	0.00	(1,500.00)
6115.2 · Allocated Payroll	(28,605.64)	(22,654.81)
6121 · Cell Reimbursement	0.00	0.00
Total 6100 · Payroll Expense	6,786.34	13,004.34
6117 · Payroll Fundraising		
6118 · Payroll Fundraising Exp	9,160.49	12,093.58
6118.3 · Allocate Payroll Fundraising	2,144.69	2,294.54



	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
6118.4 · Fundraising PR Tx Allocation	519.15	1,100.69
Total 6117 · Payroll Fundraising	11,824.33	15,488.81
6120 · Payroll Taxes		
6125 · Payroll Taxes	864.85	1,109.58
Total 6120 · Payroll Taxes	864.85	1,109.58
6130 · Payroll Benefits		
6132 · Wellmark Empl	5,619.01	4,574.76
6140 · Employee Relations	335.48	250.08
6150 · Simple IRA Co Contribution	4,547.03	4,511.70
6190 · Payroll Expenses - Other	186.50	200.04
Total 6130 · Payroll Benefits	10,688.02	9,536.58
6300 · Professional/Contract Services		
6310 · Accounting Services	8,320.00	10,589.67
6312 · Audit Services	6,200.00	6,200.00
Total 6300 · Professional/Contract Services	14,520.00	16,789.67
6500 · BOD Expenses		
6510 · Board Meeting Expenses	2.99	58.55
6530 · Corporate Expenses	10.00	10.00
Total 6500 · BOD Expenses	12.99	68.55
6600 · Insurance		
6620 · Insurance - Liability	4,729.82	4,365.03
Total 6600 · Insurance	4,729.82	4,365.03
7000 · Administrative Expenses	4,463.85	5,155.17
7100 · Depreciation Equip & Furnishngs	1,957.56	4,446.00
7200 · Occupancy/Repairs & Maint	7,786.83	9,489.15
7265 · Allocated Property Taxes	1,837.58	0.00
7999 · Depreciation Office Unit	3,324.36	3,324.41
Total Expense	88,035.67	86,987.60
Net Ordinary Income	87,310.26	5,987.17
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
8800 · Rental Income		
8810 · Apt A Rental Income	6,000.00	6,700.00
8820 · Apt B Rental Income	6,600.00	5,900.00
Total 8800 · Rental Income	12,600.00	12,600.00
8910 · Ins Proceeds/(Repair Exp)5th St	(11,171.91)	0.00
8950 · Gain/(Loss) Asset Disposition	2,251.20	0.00
Total Other Income	3,679.29	12,600.00
Other Expense		
9100 · Rental Expenses		
9112 · Allocated Payroll Rentals	0.00	1,500.00
9140 · Repairs	0.00	409.98
9150 · Property Taxes - Rental	0.00	1,872.56
Total 9100 · Rental Expenses	0.00	3,782.54





	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
9950 · Rental Depreciation	4,407.24	4,407.22
9990 · F990-T FIT Expense/(Refund)	724.00	367.00
Total Other Expense	5,131.24	8,556.76
Net Other Income	(1,451.95)	4,043.24
Net Income	85,858.31	10,030.41

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