**Our Work**

Piedmont CASA recruits, screens, and trains volunteers who advocate in court for abused and neglected children in our community. Once inducted by the court and assigned to a case, these Court Appointed Special Advocates have the constant support and supervision of professional staff as they conduct independent investigations and compile written reports for the judges regarding the best interests of the children, always promoting safe, permanent, and nurturing homes.

**Our History**

In 1995, our agency started with two Volunteers and two children. Since that time, Piedmont CASA has trained 622 Volunteers who have served over 1,700 abused and neglected children in Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Louisa. Local judges have found the program so valuable that they automatically refer every new case alleging abuse and neglect to Piedmont CASA.
Piedmont CASA conducted two 32-hour training sessions and inducted 24 new CASA Volunteers.

132 new children were referred to the program, and 75 were assigned CASA Volunteers.

In the course of the year, cases were closed for 81 children with CASA Volunteers.

98% of the children served by the program whose cases were closed during FY 2015 remained free from new founded incidents of abuse and/or neglect.

CASA Volunteers spent approximately 7,859 hours meeting with children, parents, physicians, therapists, social workers, attorneys and others, and spent an additional 1,599 hours of ongoing training.

122 family groups were the subject of independent investigations.

316 hearings were attended.

18 children remained on Piedmont CASA’s waitlist on June 30, 2015—that’s a 33% reduction from the close of the previous fiscal year.

Active CASA Volunteers have served with the program an average of 40 months.

In FY 2015, 63 youngsters navigated the child welfare system without a Piedmont CASA Volunteer because none were available.

Fostering Futures - Our First Year

Fostering Futures is a curriculum and strategy designed for our most at-risk population, older kids in care. Beginning at age 14, Fostering Futures helps give these young people continuous, collaborative support that engages them in their own life-planning process, and helps them build a network of support.

In FY 2015, we offered two Fostering Futures classes, which were attended by 27 Piedmont CASA Volunteers. It was a promising start, and we learned a lot. Perhaps the most important lesson is that we are all freshman in the school of Fostering Futures.

Just as it takes more than a year to prepare these young men and women for life after aging out of the system, it’s going to take the system more than a year to put a network of support in place for them. All of us, from Piedmont CASA to the Departments of Social Services to the Commonwealth of Virginia, need to develop more resources, engage dedicated mentors, provide better educational opportunities, and build stronger organizational collaborations.

These teenagers have already been through more than any child should. We will keep striving to strengthen Fostering Futures, so that we can shatter the current statistical constraints on their future: joblessness, homelessness, and incarceration. With Fostering Futures, we are working to give them better tools—the tools they need for a successful transition into a stable and productive adult life.
Reports of child abuse and neglect have been on the rise in our community. In FY 2014, there were 737 referrals in Albemarle County as compared with 690 the year before. Louisa County and the City of Charlottesville saw similar increases.

The increase in Albemarle County has been particularly steady. In the past three years, the number of children we serve there has risen 45%, from 85 to 123. Albemarle County now accounts for 56% of the children we serve. Thirty-eight percent are from the City of Charlottesville.

Since opening our doors in Louisa County three years ago, the number of abused and neglected children with Piedmont CASA Volunteers has increased from three to fourteen.

Without intervention, abused and neglected children are:

• 25% more likely to experience teen pregnancy
• 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile
• 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult
• 30% more likely to commit a violent crime

To help ensure that these kids get all the interventions they need - medical, psychiatric, and educational - they need Piedmont CASA Volunteers.
The hundreds of children and youth we serve each year range in age from newborn to eighteen, and now include eligible young adults aged 18 to 21. They reside in Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Louisa. More than 95% come from homes where the family income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty line. They are Caucasian, Asian, and African-American. Approximately 13% are Hispanic. They are almost evenly divided between boys and girls. But they all have two things in common: their safety was so compromised that the courts had to intervene, and they are part of our community.

In FY 2015, prevalent family risk factors included: domestic violence, economic instability, mental health issues, and substance abuse. (Family Risk Factor reports submitted by CASA Volunteers and compiled in CASA Manager—an Outcomes Measurement Evaluation Tool for Virginia CASAs.)

These children need Piedmont CASA Volunteers to work through the court and child welfare system on their behalf. A dedicated advocate who will address their most basic concerns—things that so many of us take for granted like physical health, mental health, education, and protection from abuse.

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"Piedmont CASA Volunteers are the eyes, ears, and heart of the court for these children."

The Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry
16th Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
Thirteen years. One case. One child. One CASA Volunteer.

The trauma this child endured and the severe complexity of the situation make her case file one of the most disturbing and perplexing in the system.

It has not been an easy journey, and the destination is still unknown. Social workers have come and gone. Skilled therapists still look for answers, for a breakthrough. Many counselors have cycled in and out of this girl’s life. Specialized homes and treatment facilities have given her case their best efforts. Foster homes—and there have been numerous foster homes—have opened their hearts and families to her. One by one, they too disappeared. Teachers, mentors, counselors, foster care specialists, foster parents, and group homes all have entered her world, only to exit.

The only thing that has not changed in this child’s life has been the unwavering dedication and professionalism of one extraordinary CASA Volunteer. Thirteen years. One case. One child. One CASA Volunteer. Today, in adolescence, when she refuses contact with all other adults and professionals, she still wants to see her CASA Volunteer. When professionals need to understand more about her and the dynamics involved, they want to see her CASA Volunteer. When foster parents need perspective on her, they seek out her CASA Volunteer. And when the Judge reviewing the options wants the deepest understanding of this matter, he too looks to the CASA Volunteer.

There have been numerous small victories in this case. There have even been several big, positive developments. The prospect of permanency loomed large at several junctures. Behind each of these shifts stood the CASA Volunteer, helping to point the way, fostering the right kinds of communication, identifying the supports needed, highlighting the things to plan for, making this teenager’s real needs known, and advocating ... pushing ... for the appropriate services to be put into place.

While this young woman still does not know what her future holds, she does know one thing—that her CASA Volunteer is in her corner, has always been there for her, and will not give up on her. Thirteen years. One case. One child. One CASA Volunteer.

One of the 118 Piedmont CASA Volunteers serving 221 kids in FY 2015
Each Volunteer works with only one child or sibling group—to ensure that the needs and desires of the child remain at the forefront of case planning and judicial proceedings. Even after the case is closed, the Court may ask a CASA Volunteer to monitor the situation for an additional three to six months to ensure that the child is safe, Court orders are followed, and services continue to be provided.

**RECRUITING**

We are always recruiting Volunteers using every avenue available to us, from public service radio spots to television interviews to newspaper stories to social media announcements. We talk to clubs, churches, and businesses. We distribute posters and flyers, and seize any opportunity for speaking publicly about our mission and the ongoing need for CASA Volunteers.

**SCREENING**

CASA Volunteers must be at least 21 and complete written applications, participate in personal interviews, and undergo extensive background checks.

**TRAINING**

Piedmont CASA Volunteers must successfully complete 32 hours of training. Using the National CASA Association curriculum, this pre-service training focuses on cultural and ethnic diversity, the social, psychological, and medical components of child abuse and neglect, the juvenile court system, the policies and procedures of child protective services and foster care, and the policies and procedures of the CASA program. Investigation and advocacy techniques, court report writing, and community resources are also part of the curriculum. In FY 2014, we implemented the *Fostering Futures* program, a new training curriculum for Volunteers who serve youths from 14 to 18 years old, as well as eligible young people up to the age of 21.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Last year, 121 Volunteers in the program completed 2,834 hours of in-service training. Topics included: Substance Abuse, Aging Out of Foster Care, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Trauma Informed Foster Care, Mental Health Issues, Advocacy Skills, Family Dynamics, Sexual Abuse, The Court’s Expectations of CASA (with the Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry), Open Adoption, Domestic Violence, Maltreatment of Children, Pregnancy and Methadone, Teen Suicide and Death, and Suicide Awareness.

Retired PCASA President Ruth Stone and Judge Berry flank Terry Petty, who received the inaugural Ruth Stone Advocate of the Year award. Terry has been a Piedmont CASA Volunteer for 13 years, advocating for one child. Terry has been unwavering in her dedication to this child – the only adult who has been with her since the beginning. The child knows that Terry Petty is, and always will be, in her corner.


CASA Volunteers interview parents, caretakers, foster parents, social workers, therapists, educators, and other service providers; they attend service planning meetings and Family Partnership Meetings; and they meet with children in their placements at least monthly.

In addition, they provide parents/legal custodians with information about FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan, a program that provides low-cost health insurance for children in families that earn too much for Medicaid but do not have private health insurance) and Crime Victims Compensation assistance (where appropriate). The local United Way Resource Guide is provided as well.

CASA Volunteers collaborate extensively with social workers and treatment providers to ensure that all parties stay informed about progress and issues in each case, and that the children receive the services they need. Their investigations culminate with fact-based reports to the judge that include recommendations on how best to meet the needs of each child.

### Responsibilities

1. Conduct independent investigations
2. Submit written reports with recommendations to the Court
3. Monitor the case to assure the Court’s orders are followed and the child is receiving needed services
4. Assist the guardian ad litem
5. Report suspected child abuse to Child Protective Services
In FY 2015 our CASA Volunteers served a total of 221 children. To accomplish that, they attended 316 hearings, conducted 122 independent investigations, and spent a total of 7,859 hours meeting with children, parents, physicians, therapists, social workers, attorneys, and others.

Unfortunately, the demand for Volunteers remains far greater than the supply, so recruiting additional volunteers remains a priority.

The courts referred 132 children to Piedmont CASA last year. A large number of these cases were dismissed by the court—closed without assigning a CASA Volunteer. The remaining 75 cases were assigned a Volunteer as soon as one became available. At the end of the year, there were still 17 who did not yet have a CASA Volunteer.

According to National CASA Association data, children with CASA Volunteers receive more services than children without an advocate. These services—whether medical, dental, educational, or psychological—often prove to be crucial to the children’s ability to recover from the devastating effects of the neglect or abuse they have suffered. Also, a child with a CASA Volunteer spends less time in foster care than child victims without an advocate. When children move out of foster care and into permanent homes, they benefit from lifelong connections, stable homes, and positive role models.

Volunteers do not get paid ... no fees are charged ... and no other program provides this service
OF THE 221 CHILDREN SERVED IN FY 2015

110 (53%) were in out-of-home placements; the average number of placement changes per child in placement was 2.84 (including initial removals from home).

66 (30%) experienced 112 placement changes during the period. Twenty-two were initial removals from home. Of the 90 changes after the initial removal, 62 were changes to placements of equal or less restriction, and 28 were changes to placements with more restriction due to the child’s need for more services.

At year end, 35 (26%) of children lived in their own home or with a relative, and 82 (60%) lived in family-setting foster homes. Three children were in adoptive or pre-adoptive placements. The remaining 16 youngsters were in group homes, residential treatment, short-term diagnostic, or trial placements.

OF THE 81 CHILDREN WHOSE CASES CLOSED IN FY 2015

98% remained free from founded re-abuse while served by Piedmont CASA.

Of the 34 children (42%) who presented with physical health concerns, all (100%) received appropriate treatment and/or showed improved conditions by case closing. Health issues faced by this group of children included dental neglect, pregnancy, substance use and abuse, malnutrition, epilepsy, seizure disorder, scabies, diabetes, ear infections, asthma, and birth defects.

Of the 45 children (56%) who presented with mental health conditions, all (100%) received appropriate treatment by case closing. Conditions included general anxiety disorder, PTSD, oppositional defiant disorder (ODD), self-harm, suicidal ideation, attempted suicide, emotional neglect, attachment disorder, ADHD, reactive attachment disorder (RAD), depression, aggression, and parentification. Treatments included trauma-based therapy, play therapy, individual therapy, family therapy, in-home counseling, in-patient treatment, and medication.

65 (80%) of the children were of school age. Based on teacher reports and report cards, all 65 (100%) were meeting grade-level performance and/or receiving remedial services. Services included Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), tutoring, remedial support, and an educational support specialist.

Thank you for helping me!
MEASURING PIEDMONT CASA’S IMPACT

ON STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

Piedmont CASA maintains ongoing partnerships with many local organizations. All collaborations are formed with a primary goal of ensuring the safety of children, but focus also on strengthening families and community education and outreach.

The Charlottesville and Albemarle Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) meet monthly to staff cases involving child sexual abuse and/or serious physical injury. This interdisciplinary collaboration with the police department, Child Protective Services (CPS), prosecutors, and mental health professionals helps to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and ensures the provision of appropriate mental health services to child victims. Each team member brings special expertise and case knowledge. The CASA Supervisor in particular focuses attention on the safety, stability, and mental health needs of the children.

The Family Drug Treatment Court Team (FTC)—a collaborative project between the Charlottesville and Albemarle Departments of Social Services, Piedmont CASA, the Region Ten Community Services Board, and the Court—is designed to protect children from abuse and neglect precipitated by the substance abuse of a parent or caregiver. This interdisciplinary team works with participants to develop case plans for the parent’s treatment, family service needs, as well as the child’s safety and health needs, both physical and mental. These efforts are reinforced by intensive judicial monitoring. Piedmont CASA participates in weekly case management team meetings and court hearings to ensure the children’s needs are considered in the parent’s treatment plan.

The Charlottesville Best Practices Team and the Louisa County Best Practices Team work to implement the Court Improvement Program in dependency cases and provide regional training to improve practice in the dependency courts. Piedmont CASA is an active, essential member of both groups.

The Louisa Interagency Council (IAC) was formed to develop strategies that will keep citizens informed about the needs of the community, the resources that are available, and how they can become involved or get access. Piedmont CASA consistently takes advantage of community awareness events organized by the IAC.

Each fall Piedmont CASA partners with the University of Virginia School of Law Pro Bono Program. We accept up to five law students into each CASA training session, and provide training and supervision to give them hands-on experience working as child advocates in the juvenile court.

Every August, the men and women of GE Intelligent Platforms collect and donate school supplies and backpacks. In December, they donate holiday presents for the children served by Piedmont CASA. Last year their generosity provided school supplies/backpacks and holiday gifts for over 120 children.
ON BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

To help build awareness about child abuse and neglect across the community, Piedmont CASA maintains an active social media presence on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter. We also produce radio PSAs and print materials, and are always available for speaking engagements and community training. In FY 2015, we attended or participated in scores of events around the community including the WVPT Kids Book Festival at the John Paul Jones Arena, the Fall Harvest Festival in Louisa County, and many more, some of which are noted in the photos below. Thanks to a generous grant from the Charlottesville Radio Group, we had wonderful radio spots running the entire fiscal year—including a series of testimonials from our CASA Volunteers.

TOP OF PAGE: Drawings donated by kids to help us tell the story of CASA kids, at the Louisa County Fall Harvest Festival (10-18-14). TOP ROW, l-r: UVA Public Service Day (8-17-14), Allison Gilbreath, speaker at the reception for Friends and Supporters (10-16-14); and UVA Darden volunteers on the United Way Day of Caring. l-r: Gosia Glinska, Erika Herz, Deborah Harriman, Kate Beach, and Mike Lenox (9-17-14). BOTTOM ROW: Susan Hausman interviews Alicia Lenahan about the Poverty Simulation (11-15-14); Paramount Alternative Gift Fair (11-15-14), Kappa Alpha Theta-Delta Chi Sorority addresses appeal letter envelopes (4-13-15), President Alicia Lenahan at Virginia CASA Network meeting (6-5-15), and at the Nonprofit Round Table Chamber meeting (10-8-14).
Measuring Piedmont CASA’s Impact

Poverty Simulation

In FY 2015, more than 83% of the children we served came from households struggling at or below the federal poverty line. On March 28, 2015, more than 70 men and women participated in Piedmont CASA’s Poverty Simulation at Charlottesville High School. Each participant was assigned the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The goal was simple: keep a roof over your head and pay your bills. But there is nothing simple about it if you’re one of the working poor. The Poverty Simulation broadened awareness of the challenges faced on a daily basis by 27% of the households in the Charlottesville community—families who are struggling at or below the poverty line. Most participants responded to our post-event survey and everyone rated the Poverty Simulation as Very Good/Excellent, and would recommend it to others.

A big thank you for donating food:

BreadWorks  Fresh Market  Grit Coffee

Jimmy Miller’s Bracket Breakfast for Piedmont CASA

March 16, 2015. Guests started arriving at 6:45 am and by 7:30, the Omni Ballroom was buzzing with over 200 people for “Jimmy ‘Magic Man’ Miller’s Bracket Breakfast”. David Koehn and Rachel Ryan emceed. Ralph Sampson, Barry Parkhill, Antonio Rice, and Jay James were panelists. The event raised over $16,000 for Piedmont CASA, helped recruit several Volunteers, and increased awareness of the plight of abused and neglected children in our community.

Sponsors who made the Bracket Breakfast possible

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AUGUST 2014
The fabulous men and women of GE Intelligent Platforms sent more than 100 CASA boys and girls back to school with brand new backpacks and supplies.

DECEMBER 2014
And for the 12th winter, they gave holiday presents to 126 Piedmont CASA kids all around our community.

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Piedmont CASA does not charge fees. We rely on a comprehensive development plan and the generosity of community members and friends. We seek funding each year from public and private sources: government grants, foundations, corporations, and individuals. We believe it is important to avoid being too reliant on any one funding source—especially in trying economic times—so that Piedmont CASA is not jeopardized should a particular funding stream dry up; the service we provide is too important.

**Child Abuse is Costly**

The financial costs for both victims and society are substantial. Let’s just look at one year. In 2008, there were three million reports of child abuse and neglect. That breaks down to six complaints per minute, every day. At the end of the year, 772,000 children were classified as maltreated, and 1,740 died. The financial cost for the United States was $124 billion. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Report, 2011)

For the children, health repercussions for that one year of abuse and neglect were numerous: improper brain development, impaired learning, blindness, cerebral palsy, head trauma, physical injuries, anxiety, smoking, alcoholism, drug abuse, and higher risks for heart, lung and liver diseases as well as obesity, cancer, and high blood pressure. All this is from one year of maltreatment. Add multiple years of abuse and neglect, and the risks for these health problems increase in frequency and severity.

The estimated average lifetime cost per child victim is $210,012. This includes $43,178 in healthcare costs and $144,360 in productivity losses. This damage is comparable with other health conditions like stroke, (lifetime cost $159,846) or type 2 diabetes (lifetime cost between $181,000 and $253,000).

**CASA is Cost-Effective**

In Virginia in FY 2014:

- The cost of keeping one child in a juvenile justice facility for one year was $150,974.
- With the funds used to incarcerate that one child, CASA Volunteers in Virginia could serve 109 children. ($1,387 per child)
- The annual cost for supporting one child in foster care ranges from $5,376 to $7,992 per year. Research shows that children with CASA Volunteers spend less time in foster care.
We will continue to advocate strenuously for all our children, with an ongoing emphasis on the needs of older youth and young adults. As you know, absent continuous, collaborative, effective, youth-driven case management, the outcomes for these young people are bleak.

Three other areas of concern that deserve our attention are the need for a trauma-informed system of care; medication management; and educational advocacy.

**Trauma-Informed System of Care**

Although many of us may experience extreme stress from time to time, we have the coping skills necessary to recover. When children experience traumatic stress, their reactions can interfere with their daily lives and ability to function and interact with others.

We will strive to work with our partners in the child welfare system to:

- Raise awareness of the scope and serious impact of traumatic stress on the safety and healthy development of our children and youth.
- Advocate for a broad range of effective services and interventions including trauma-informed, developmentally and culturally appropriate programs that improve the standard of care.

**Medication Management**

A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report published May 29, 2014 stated that 18% of foster children were taking psychotropic medication at the time they were surveyed. That number increased to 48% for youngsters in group homes or residential treatment facilities. Of the total number of children, 13% were taking three or more medications. The surveyed children ranged in age from 6 to 11. No testing has been done to evaluate the long-term effects of these drugs on children. Oversight is inconsistent at best.

For the children on our caseload we will advocate for effective medication management and greater oversight in its administration.

**Educational Advocacy**

Children who have experienced trauma often have difficulty learning. This challenge is compounded when children experience multiple placement changes and all the attendant disruptions. Often their behavior deteriorates, which may result in suspension and/or expulsion. This oft-repeated pattern can foreclose the one opportunity the child may have to heal, recover and go on to live a stable, productive life.

Although the child welfare system has made great strides in the last twenty years there is much work left to be done. Piedmont CASA Volunteers are up to the task and embody Margaret Meade’s quotation, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
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Because every child who needs an advocate deserves to have one ...

Piedmont CASA will continue to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and the need to support the children and families who are affected.

Piedmont CASA will always strive to have a Volunteer for every abused and neglected child in our community. To that end, we will persistently recruit, screen and train new CASA Volunteers.

Piedmont CASA will promote strong collaborations with our partners in the child welfare system so that the children we serve have every opportunity to achieve safety and stability in permanent homes and receive the services they need to heal and grow.

Piedmont CASA will constantly endeavor to improve our program in order to enhance the short and long-term outcomes for the children and youth we serve.