

# ANNUAL REPORT

July 2017-  
June 2018

# Colonial CASA

*Court Appointed Special Advocate Program Inc.*



Reaching for Success



Two Thumbs Up



Kisses for Caring



Relaxing with confidence



Thanks for being there!



*The Mission* of Colonial CASA is to recruit, train and support court appointed advocates so that abused or neglected children can have the opportunity to thrive in safe and permanent homes.

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“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” – The Lorax, Dr. Seuss



Colonial CASA, Inc. was formed as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. As specified in the Code of Virginia, CASA volunteers are required to: 1) Investigate the case to provide independent, objective information to the court; 2) Submit a written report to the court detailing the investigation and provide recommendations as to the child’s welfare; 3) Monitor the case to ensure compliance with the court’s orders and; 4) Assist the child’s attorney (guardian ad litem) in representing the child’s best interests.

### A Message from the Board President (End of Term May 2018)

Dear CASA Community,

It is my pleasure as the outgoing Board President to thank our advocates for the very important work they do on behalf of our at risk children. Colonial CASA could not accomplish its mission without the help of the many volunteers who are on our board and those who engage the community in support of CASA. Heartfelt thanks to our financial contributors who donate the funds enabling us to succeed.

Respectfully,

Fred Konta

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### Letter from the Executive Director



Congratulations! Because of you Colonial CASA was able to continue its mission to advocate for the safety and permanence for community children mistreated in their homes. As did your contributions, our fundraising efforts with CASA Couture and April’s community awareness campaign enabled us close the year with a strong financial balance. As you know Charlotte Klammer retired in April and we thank her for her efforts in accomplishing these achievements.

As the new Executive Director I want you to know a little about the people in whom you trust your investments. I’ve been with Colonial CASA for 11 years. During that time I also worked part-time for nine years as a mental health professional, while working on a PHD in mental health policy and practices, and raising a family. In addition, I was a CASA volunteer and foster parent for years. My undergraduate degree in finance afforded me the opportunity to manage a branch of U S Bank prior to moving from Chicago to Williamsburg, 20 years ago.

Mary Lou Crosbie, the new Program Director, also served as a CASA. Additionally she was Assistant District Attorney for CPS cases, a defense attorney, and Guardian *ad Litem* in Texas after teaching for several years in special education. She too transplanted her family to Williamsburg 12 years ago.

Together we form a strong, educated, experienced, and well rounded team including our Advocates. With the support of a dynamic Board, Colonial CASA continues to be an effective voice for children.

We are looking forward to another stellar year!

With great appreciation,

Victoria Canady  
Executive Director



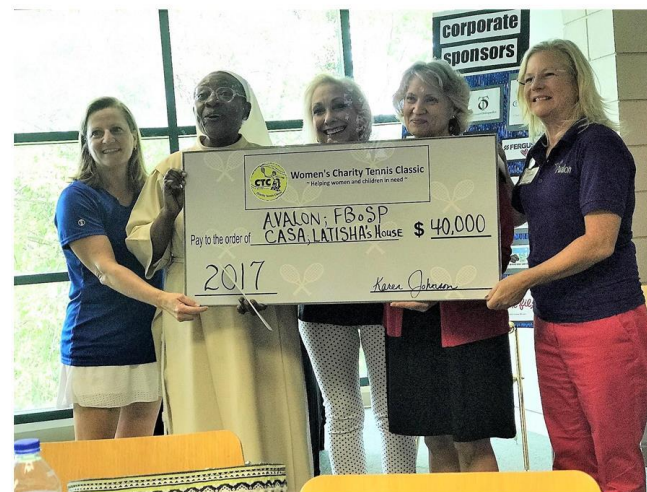
*Charlotte Klammer, retired Executive Director and Fred Konta, former Board Present gave remarks at Volunteer Recognition Celebration.*

## Youth and Water - A Great Combination for CASA!



*Collectively the Tribe football team and the Thetas raised over \$7,000 for April awareness month.*

*St. Olaf Catholic Church donated school supplies for every CASA child-. This project was organized by advocate Bill Cripe and delivered to CASA with his granddaughters.*



*Long time friends of CASA, Women's Charity Tennis Classic, donates to Colonial CASA and other local nonprofits.*



## Volunteers for CASA



### *New Advocates Sworn in November 30, 2017*

*Pictured are (left to right) Jessica Fetzer, Sue Knepper, Beverly Stewart, Judge Fairbanks (in back), Yvonne Robinson, Denise Sherman, Emily Pease, and Amy Stelljes*

### Colonial CASA Advocates

Up to 2 Years		2 – 4 Years	5 – 9 Years	10 – 15 Years
Sherri Ashby	Emily Pease	Bill Cripe	Mitch Farkas	Laura Spatz
Jessica Fetzer	Yvonne Robinson	Lisa Harczak	Jeanne Garrison	Bo Wingate
Tracy Gharbo	Denise Sherman	Bill Herman	Monica Larkin	
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Sue Knepper	Amy Stelljes	Maria Sadler	Roseanne O'Neill	
Patti Madore-Booth	Beverly Stewart		Linda Palmer	
	Niki Thrash		Larry Simmons	

## Advocate Testimonial

During the eight years that I have been a CASA volunteer my CASA children have been infants, toddlers, and teenagers just on the point of aging out and becoming independent. There was the new-born baby abandoned in the woods by her mother just hours after her birth; there was the three year old whose unstable mother filmed herself physically abusing her daughter; there were the four teenaged siblings removed from an adoptive home after four years of secretive physical and mental abuse; there is the seriously mentally ill teenager, now in foster care after his needs proved to be beyond the abilities of even his loving parents to provide. These children have all been in circumstances beyond their ability to control or understand. The trajectories of their lives are now determined by people who are strangers to them, but whose decisions will follow them into adulthood.

When CASA is assigned to a case, the fact is that we are there because something has gone terribly wrong. And often enough the details will evoke outrage on the part of observers. The damage has been confirmed. But I believe there are few intentional villains, and only by discovering the reasons behind the events-facts, attitudes, personal dynamics- can there be an understanding of how a vulnerable child has become a victim, and a way can be found to relieve the distress. For the child and for everyone in their sphere, these revelations are inevitably uncomfortable. But an individual volunteer, a member of the community without the taint of officialdom, exhibiting personal concern, is often uniquely situated to make the connection necessary for this intimate involvement.

As we gather information and make recommendations based on our personal assessment, our work informs and enhances that of the professionals who will implement actions necessary to restore security. Interactions occur with the Department of Social Services, Guardians ad Litem and other legal representatives, as well as medical and educational providers. Sometimes the events of a situation will lead to the involvement of law enforcement, and the criminal justice system. Our mandate includes communicating and working effectively with all. It culminates in bringing clarity by presenting the truest view of a human story in our report to the Court.

Some cases involve many players: extended families, blended families, and unrelated significant adults occupying the child's world. I have come to believe that a good starting point is to hope that those naturally closest to a troubled child will be integral to a happy resolution. It is demonstrated again and again that some of the ties that bind, biologically and emotionally, are not willingly relinquished, even after they have been painfully tested. Attempting to be an objective observer, it is important not to casually dismiss the importance of all the parties, even someone whose unwise behavior has led to harm. But the absolute goal must remain the long-term welfare of the child, and sometimes it becomes clear that a child's world must be forever altered in order to achieve the security and permanence he deserves. It is by the grace of so many in the community - social workers, counselors, foster and adoptive parents, and advocates that this is achieved. And when there is a happy outcome, we all share in the reward.

Monica Larkin, Volunteer

## *We appreciate your support!*

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# CASA FUN FAIR

Not Just for Fun—But Oh Boy! Did we have fun “Doing Something Blue”!

“Do Something Blue” is Colonial CASA’s call to the community. It is the vehicle by which we will spread the word about child abuse and neglect, Colonial CASA, and our mission.



In the 19th century more understanding for children’s rights was acknowledged and the long term effects of abuse and neglect became a platform by which laws were changed to protect children. Nevertheless, the number of reported cases of child abuse worldwide has exploded into a public health epidemic with a much higher incidence than for example cancer.

Child abuse and neglect is complex with many professionals and agencies involved. It must be looked upon as a major public health problem—we must make the 21st century a “century for the child.

Definitions of child abuse have cultural, historical, legal, medical, social work, psychological, and political variations and interpretations. There is however, broad agreement that “Child abuse and neglect is a basic threat to human development and it is important to know that abuse and neglect can be both intra- and extra-familial” James (2018).

Colonial CASA wants all children to live happy, playful, smiling, cheering, active, and thriving lives in families and communities that put them first.



“Life affords us no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation”

-C. Everett Kopp

Every child deserves safe and permanent homes in which they can thrive...Think of the CASAbilities!



## April - Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness

Supported By:

- 1st Advantage
- Artisan Signs & Graphics
- Bayport Bank
- Chesapeake Bank
- Williamsburg Community Foundation
- Duck Donuts
- Fresh Market
- Kapa Alpha Theta
- Langley Federal Credit Union
- Newtown Chalk Festival
- Old Chickahominy House
- St. Martins Episcopal Church
- TowneBank
- Tribe Football
- Warhill Track& Field

## CHILD MALTREATMENT STATISTICS RELEASED 2017

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau

### Number of child abuse and neglect reports-Number of child victims

- @ 3.4 million children were the subjects of at least one report.
- @544,000 were the subject of two or more reports
- @588,200 were found to be victims
- The victim rate was 9.2 victims per 1,000 children in the population.

### Victim demographics include:

- Children in their first year of life had the highest rate of victimization at 24.2 per 1,000
- The majority of victims consisted of three races or ethnicities—White (43.2%), Hispanic (23.6%), and African-American (21.4%).

### Prevalence of Abuse:

- 75.3% of children suffered from neglect
- 17.2 suffered from physical abuse

### Child fatalities reported by 49 states

- 1,585 fatalities
- 74.8% of all child fatalities were younger than 3 years old.
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls at 2.42 / 2.09 per 100,000
- @90 percent ( of child fatalities were comprised of White (42.3%), African-American (30.6%), and Hispanic (14.5%) victims.
- 77.7% of child fatalities involved at least one parent.

### Who abused and neglected children?

- Fifty-one states reported 522,476 perpetrators.
- 83.4% of perpetrators were between the ages of 18 and 44 years.
- 54.1% of perpetrators were women,
- The three largest percentages of perpetrators were White (48.7%), African-American (20.0%), or Hispanic (19.5%).



## Colonial CASA Established in 1995.

### 2017 Performance Measures:

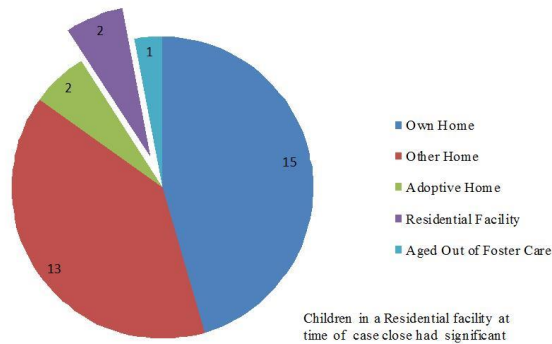
Children Served	87
New Cases	47
Personal Advocacy Units	3,641
Recommendations to the court	227
97% accepted	

### Hours Dedicated

Child's Attorney	76
Court	119
*Collateral	220
Department of Social Services	250
Foster Parent contact Hours	90
Parents	355
School contacts	42
Writing Reports	596
*includes (physicians, mental health providers, parent attorneys, & other resource providers)	
Travel Hours for Advocacy	812
Miles Driven for Advocacy	16,045



## Child Placement at Case Closure



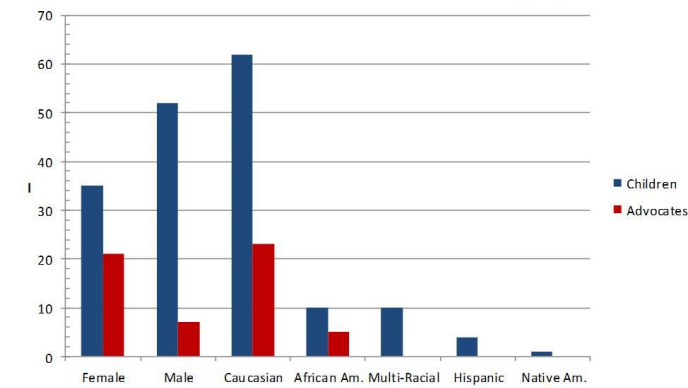
## Children with a CASA volunteer advocate are:

- ♦ 50% less likely to be re-abused
- ♦ More likely to do better in school and finish
- ♦ Less likely to move between foster homes
- ♦ Half as likely to reenter foster care
- ♦ Less likely to become addicted to illegal substances
- ♦ more likely to have a plan for permanency, especially children of color,

And more likely to score better on nine protective factors including:

- ♦ Utilize community resources,
- ♦ Reaching out to interested and helpful adults,
- ♦ Have a sense of self-acceptance,
- ♦ Controls against deviant behavior,
- ♦ Have a positive attitude towards the future,
- ♦ Valuing achievement,
- ♦ Have the ability to work with others,
- ♦ Have the ability to work out conflicts.

## 2017-2018 Child & Advocate Demographics





## CASA Couture Continues...

And it just keeps getting BETTER! BINGO never looked so good. Thanks to our extraordinary committee, generous sponsors, devoted board, staff, volunteers, and you, Colonial CASA had a wonderfully successful event. An evening filled with family, friends, and fun.



*Having a fun filled evening and supporting children both wrapped in a night of BINGO with friends.*



*Winner takes the prize!*

*Guests excited to play heads or tails to win a Louis Vuitton Neverfull Bag.*



*The Warhill High School Wrestling Team, fellow students, staff, and parents donated hundreds of toys and games for our CASA kids at Christmas*



*William and Mary Tribe Football washed their way into Colonial CASA's heart passing out flyers, at their fundraising event for April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month..*



*Youth Serving CASA  
Undercover Superheroes!*



*National philanthropists: Kappa Alpha Theta local sorority from William and Mary get dunked for CASA 6 months after organizing a dodge-ball tournament.*

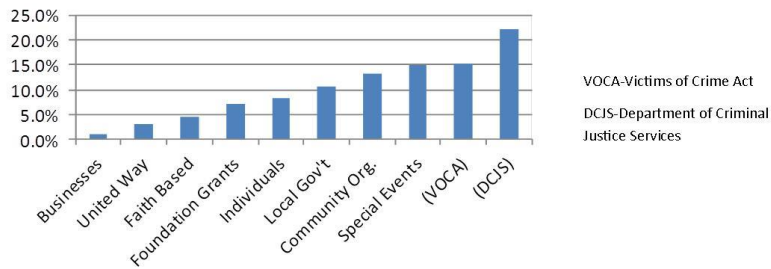


*Warhill Track and Field members and Coach take a lunch break after hours of facilitating games, face-painting, supervising the petting zoo, and passing out bubbles at the CASA fun fair.*



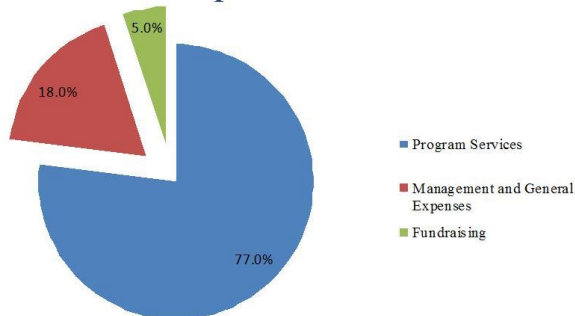
## Financials at a Glance

### Support Income



Advocates provided \$73,344 worth of services.

### Expenses



## Shining Moments!

"Is there any way Linda can continue working on Johnny's case. . . .Pretty please?????? (that's a new legal theory – is it persuasive??)"

Local Attorney

"She is God sent [grandmother in reference to CASA Maria]. Really, she communicates about everything and she visits the child more than anyone else."



"The CASA report says it all."

Local Judge

"There was a moment in court, just after the parents failed to appear for a hearing and the grandmother who had taken guardianship was walking out of the courtroom stopped briefly as she passed me [CASA Tracy] and kissed me on the top of my head, then exited without a word".

My heart was breaking for her because she was finally choosing to move forward without her daughter and raise the grandchildren alone."



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### *CASA Makes a Difference*

“The children: have been separated from their mother, moved to a new community, are doing poorly in school, weeping for an hour at a time, claiming to be hungry, and clinging to the CASA pleading to return home, and yet they have not seen a counselor to help them sort out all their emotions. It would be detrimental to wait until they began to have other overt behaviors before addressing their mental and emotional state. Even if everything stated by the mother is fabricated, the CASA’s observance of the children and the admissions of the caregiver are indications that something is not right. As those charged with the safety of these children, it is imperative that we find out what is right and what is not right with and in these children. The CASA is advocating for counseling. The CASA also asks that the judge speaks with these children in chambers to hear what they have to say.”

This passionate plea was written in a CASA report to the court. Thanks to Jean lifting up a child’s life– a child’s voice, an emergency hearing was called whereby the judge spoke with the children and immediately removed the siblings from the home of the relative placement. They are thriving now living with different relatives while maintaining a relationship with their mother.

### *Could you be an Advocate?*

If you would like to learn more about the CASA program and our Advocate volunteers, please call our office at (757) 229-3306, email us at [info@colonialcasa.org](mailto:info@colonialcasa.org), or visit our website [www.colonialcasa.org](http://www.colonialcasa.org).