

FUNDING APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

Legal Name: Child Advocates San Antonio	Federal Tax ID#: 74-2494625	Are you a 501(3)(c) charity? Yes	
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Head Of Organization

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Has the organization applied to the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation in the past and been declined?

No

Grant Amount Requested \$:	Total Project Budget \$:	Organization's Annual budget \$:
\$25,000	\$2,599,800	\$3,528,000

Mission Statement:

The mission of Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) is to recruit, train, and supervise court-appointed volunteer Advocates who provide constancy for abused and neglected children and youth while advocating for services and placement in safe and permanent homes.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Program / Project Title:

Advocating for foster children with cognitive and physical disabilities.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date	End Date
07/01/2021	06/30/2022

Program / Project Description:

Our community suffers from the epidemic of child abuse. Bexar County continuously records the highest number of removals of children who are then placed in foster care in Texas. On average, these children spend 13 months in foster care, although during the pandemic, cases have been extended upwards to 16 months and their time in the foster care system has increased. For foster children with special needs, being placed in a foster home is often even more traumatic. It is estimated that 35% of all foster children have a physical or mental disability. This often leads to twice the normal placements in foster homes, loss of medical records, and overall misunderstanding of their unique conditions. These children are the most critically in need of support in our community. They have faced unfathomable circumstances having been removed due to abuse and/or neglect. These children need constancy. These children need support. They need a trained, objective, and caring adult who can amplify their voices and stay 100% focused on their well-being while they are in the foster care system. They need a CASA advocate. Our volunteers ensure that these children receive all the services needed while in foster care. Support from the Gordon Hartman Family Foundation will not only assist CASA in meeting our mission, but also to increase support for these children, especially those in foster care with physical and mental disabilities.

Evaluation Plan:

CASA plans to serve 1800 children through the work of 888 volunteer Advocates.

Outcomes include:

1. 90% of the time, a CASA Advocate will serve a child as a constant, stable presence through the duration of a case.
2. 100% of the time, Advocates will have a specific measurable impact on legal, medical and educational outcomes.
3. 95% of the time, Judges will agree and implement suggestions for the child's welfare and placement as recommended by a CASA Advocate.

What is not measured is the small, every day impacts our volunteers have in these children's lives. Whether that is a wheelchair after a child has grown out of their old one, a temporary ramp so they can easily get in and out of their foster home, or even bringing ensuring that the child is placed in the right classes in school, CASA volunteers are there every step of the way.

Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:

For over 37 years CASA has helped improve the lives of abuse and/or neglected foster children in Bexar County and as long as a child needs someone to stand beside them while in foster care, CASA will be here. In 2019 CASA moved into our new 22,000 square foot home which will help us reach our goal to recruit and train enough volunteers to provide every child referred to CASA with a volunteer advocate. CASA's headquarters will not only serve as a beacon for foster youth services in Bexar County, but will allow CASA to focus on expanding our programmatic services. This includes the addition of therapy areas on site, expanded training opportunities, but most of all a space where kids of all abilities can feel safe.

Line item Budget:		
Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Gordon Hartman Funds Allocation
Volunteer Expenses	\$25,000	\$46,600
TOTAL:	\$25,000	\$46,600

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LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS

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