

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Letter from the Executive Director

Family Advocates Fiscal Year 2024 was filled with progress! Every year we focus on how we can further our mission to strengthen families and keep kids safe. In FY2024 we did this by focusing our efforts in a few key areas:



We worked hard to diversify our volunteer pool. This helps those we serve feel more welcome when those that work with them reflect their backgrounds.



We sought out more opportunities in the community to connect with those we serve and with those that want to support our mission in some capacity.

I am happy to report that because of our efforts to better represent those we serve, better understand their needs and better connect with them where they are, we were able to improve much of our programming to ensure the needs of those we serve are truly met. I am grateful to our Board of Directors, volunteers, donors and community partners for their support in this important work. These partnerships provided our staff with the network and resources to support over 900 children during FY2024.



I am tremendously grateful that working together has afforded us the ability to not only provide the services we offer, but grow our reach and offerings as well.

With Gratitude,

Kathryn Seebold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our New Home

Darcy Hoellwarth Family Resiliency Center Garden City, Idaho



The space was purchased for one purpose – to inspire support and empower the children and families we serve.

“This new building is more than just walls and windows, it is a place where imagination will flourish, learning will come to life and where every child will feel safe, valued and encouraged to dream big. Here children and families will explore new ideas, build friendships and develop the confidence to develop their full potential. This building stands as a promise that we believe in them.”

- Kathryn Seebold, Executive Director



**renderings for future

Join us on this journey and help us build our future!

Our Work



SAFE KIDS.
STRONG FAMILIES.
BRAVE VOLUNTEERS.

Family Advocates' mission is to strengthen families and keep kids safe by empowering everyday people to protect and enrich the lives of youth.



Built on the STRONG framework and the Five Protective Factors this program reaches all populations and demographics, teaches and trains them with skills needed to strengthen bonds within families, and sends them into the community, armed with the strategies needed to build a healthier family unit, reducing stress, and advancing hope.



We recruit, train, and support volunteer child advocates, called Guardians ad Litem, as well as pro-bono attorneys to represent these volunteers, in the Fourth Judicial District (Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties). Become a volunteer and support our efforts by investigating cases of child abuse, neglect, and abandonment and then advocating for those children in court to make sure the child's voice is heard.

Financial Overview

Total Net Assets:

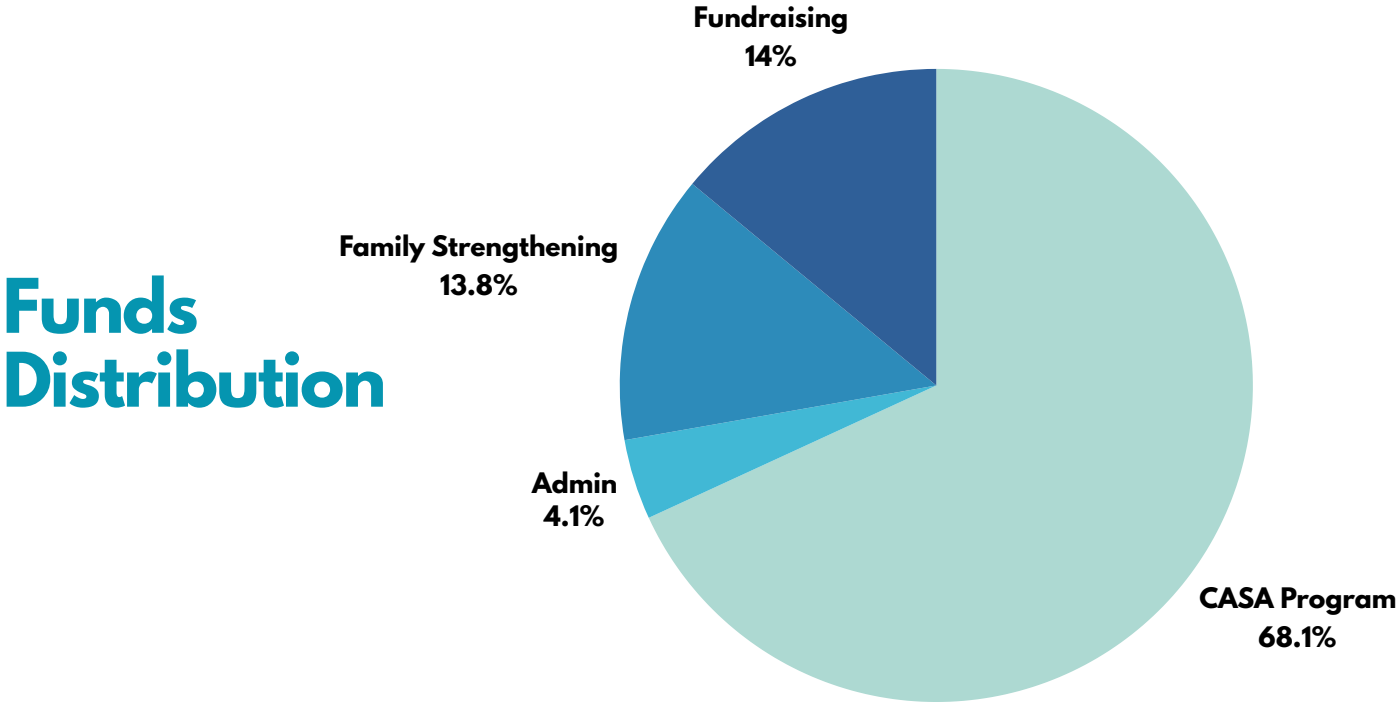
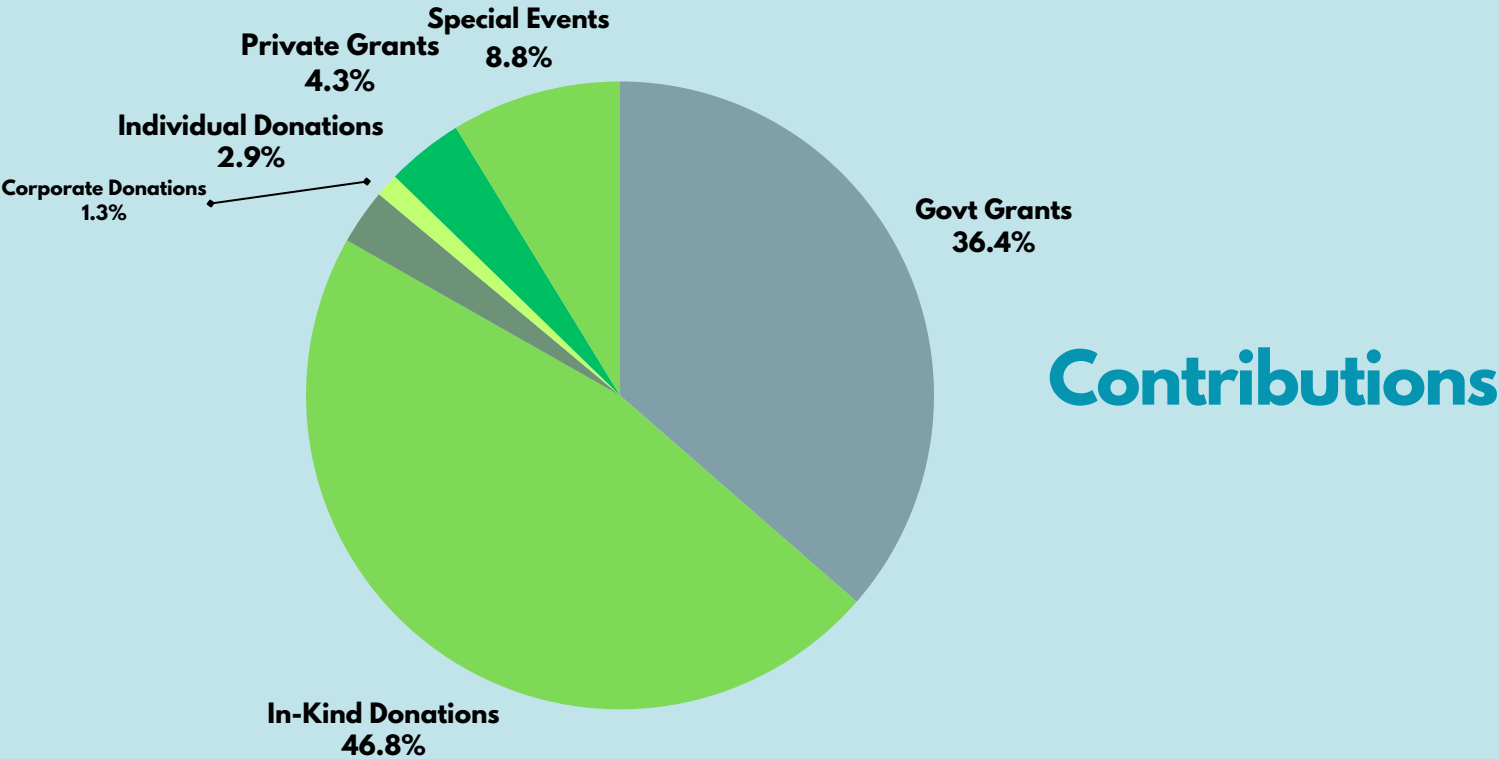
\$1,374,770

Total Revenue:

\$1,465,396

Total Expenses:

\$1,660,174



Highlights



MONOPOLY BOISE EDITION



OPERATION SANTA



FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD GALA



COLD WEATHER GEAR
DISTRIBUTION



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH



PURCHASE OF NEW BUILDING



COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Leadership

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Court Appointed Special Advocates



“Being the difference in the Foster Care System, gives hope to someone who may have lost it...”

- Guardian ad Litem for Idaho’s 4th Judicial District

In FY24, CASA volunteers donated 14,017 hours of best interest advocacy (GALs) and representation (pro bono attorneys) to 517 children and youth. Additionally, GALs drove 60,951 miles in their volunteer work as well.

Between case hours, non-case hours, miles, training, and continuing education hours, our CASA volunteers provided a \$1,229,322.19 in-kind donation to the CASA Program and Family Advocates. This is about a 2% increase over FY23.



Children Served

Children appointed to the CASA Program: 517

Children served by the CASA Program: 517

Volunteers

Guardians ad Litem (GALs): 139

Pro Bono Attorneys: 82

Family Strengthening Education Program



“...he told me [how] important my class was to him. That it gave him space to practice skills in a safe place, learn new skills and knowledge to be the best dad for his little girl, and feel confident in going forward into the world holding his head high.”

- Family Strengthening Staff Member

In FY24, the Family Strengthening Education Program empowered families through STRIVE workshops, parenting courses in English and Spanish, and youth opportunities like the Adventure Hiking Club and STEAM workshops. These initiatives helped families build resilience, strengthen skills, and encourage active learning among youth.

We increased outreach efforts to expand community awareness and ensure more families have access to our offerings. Our partnerships with local school districts grew, allowing us to better serve the community. We also maintained strong collaborations with Cardinal Academy and Boise Community Schools, ensuring families had ongoing access to valuable resources and support. These combined efforts made a positive and lasting impact on the families we served.



Children Served: 389
Adults (Caregivers) Served: 191
Courses Offered: 21
Individual Classes Offered: 196

Take the Next Step with Us!

**Family Advocates encourages you to
give in a way that is most
fulfilling to you!**



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