CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
COLONIAL CASA

SHOWING UP FOR KIDS

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



More than 3 decades of standing up for children

Thanks to you, we're shaping a stronger tomorrow, one child at a time

1995 — Colonial CASA begins advocating for children

1996 — Colonial CASA is granted 501(c)(3) status

2008 — Colonial CASA expands service to York County and Poquoson

2022 — Colonial CASA expands services to include Youth Mentoring Program

2025 — Colonial CASA celebrates 30 years of advocacy and supporting the community

2026 & Beyond — Colonial CASA continues to ensure youth in our community continue to thrive for decades to come



Victoria Canady, PhD
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Before becoming the Director of Colonial CASA, I experienced CASA from the other side: as a foster parent, an adoptive parent, and, eventually, a struggling parent. Caring for children with complex mental and emotional health needs taught me how exhausting this journey can be for everyone involved. Children struggle. Parents and caregivers struggle. Social workers and other professionals shoulder tremendous responsibilities. The mental, emotional, and physical fatigue is real.

The Department of Social Services worked to support our family, but policies, procedures, and limitations sometimes meant the help we needed was unavailable when we needed it most.

Our foster children also had a CASA volunteer.

She visited our home, spent time with the children, listened to my husband and me, and came to understand the realities of our everyday life. She carried what she learned into the courtroom and advocated for needs others in the system sometimes could not.

Sometimes that advocacy led to the outcome we hoped for. Sometimes it didn't. But her presence always mattered. Her consistency mattered. Her willingness to listen mattered. Knowing that someone kept showing up mattered. Perhaps most importantly, she helped us hold on to hope. That experience shapes how I see Colonial CASA today. Our work is about mentoring and advocacy, but it is also about presence. It shows children and families that they have not been forgotten amid complicated circumstances.

Every person in this work contributes to that hope. Our CASA volunteers who advocate. Our mentors who consistently show up for young people. Our staff, Board members, and volunteers who strengthen our organization. Our community partners who work alongside us. And our sponsors and donors whose generosity makes this work possible.

You may never see hope listed as a line item in a budget or neatly measured in a spreadsheet. But I know from personal experience that it is real and impactful. When life is at its hardest, hope is sometimes exactly what helps a child or family believe that tomorrow can be different.

Thank you for helping Colonial CASA instill hope at the very moments when it is hardest to have.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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COLONIAL
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The Power of Looking Closer

When five-year-old Olive entered foster care with her younger brother, she faced multiple placements and painful separation from her family. Through every change, her CASA remained a constant presence and looked closely at what Olive needed.

She spoke with Olive's foster parents, teachers, therapists, doctors, and biological parents, building a complete picture of her circumstances. When social services moved to change Olive's goal from reunification to adoption, her CASA stepped in and uncovered barriers affecting her parents' progress that had not been fully recognized. Her CASA brought those concerns before the court while also advocating for Olive's vital connection with her sibling.

The judge denied the goal change, allowing the family additional time and support. Within months, Olive returned home, followed by her younger brother.

Olive's story demonstrates the unique power of a CASA: one dedicated advocate who investigates, asks questions, and ensures the court has a fuller picture when making life-changing decisions for a child.

So They May Thrive



ADVOCACY
by the numbers (2025 - 2026)

Our CASA advocates provided consistent, dedicated advocacy for children while helping ensure their needs and best interests were represented.



YOUTH MENTORING
by the numbers (2025 - 2026)

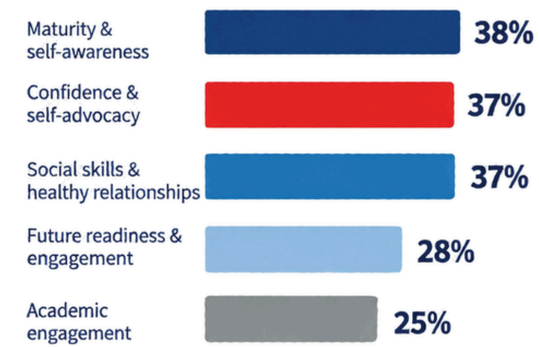
Our CASA mentors documented meaningful growth across multiple dimensions of youth development during the year.

111
MENTOR REFLECTIONS COLLECTED

99
REFLECTIONS INCLUDED IN OUTCOME ANALYSIS

100%
OF MENTORS CONTINUE TO SHOW UP, ENCOURAGE, AND BELIEVE.

AREAS OF YOUTH GROWTH
Percent of mentor reflections (n=99)



Mentors

“One child. One dream. One caring mentor can change everything. Together, they can turn hope into courage, dreams into possibilities, and possibilities into their brightest future.” - **Joey Patterson, Youth Mentoring Program Director**

Bruce Beville

Elisa Campana

Kelli Fountain

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Steven Landry

Dana Lauchner

Chris Marple

Nancy Montalbine

Jade Morris

Marie Phillips

Vincent Phillips

Kelley Rosenberger

Karen Snowden

Shelia Wood



Melissa Degaraff,
Previous Youth Mentoring Program Director

Advocates

“Advocacy is not always easy, but it is always meaningful. Our CASA volunteers meet the hard moments with open hearts, steady voices, and a commitment to every child they serve.” - **Chantelle Richardson, Advocacy Program Director**

Barbara Barham

Odette Belton

Patricia Burnette

Jayne Davison

Kristin Downey

Geri Farrell

Laura Freed

Jeanne Garrison

Lori Long

Jade Morris

Darcy Morrison

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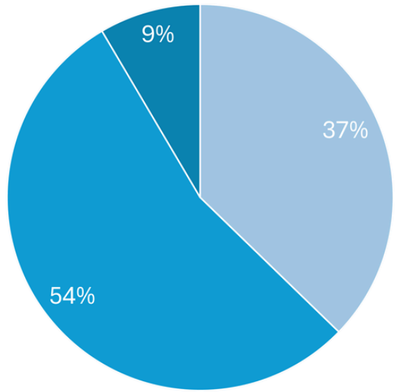
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Funding & Expenses

FUNDING
BY SOURCE

TOTAL REVENUE: $250,240

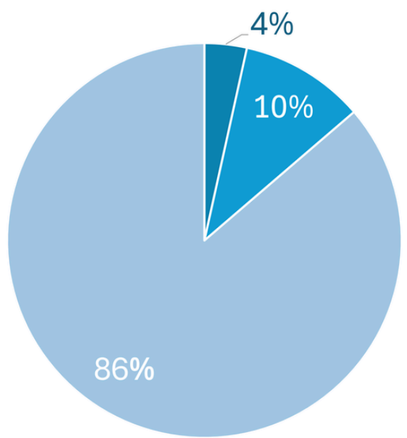
- Contributions ($135,776)
- Government Support ($93,233)
- Events ($21,232)



FUNCTIONAL
EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES: $246,965

- Program Services ($213,110)
- Management/General ($25,296)
- Fundraising ($8,559)



OUR **INDIVIDUAL DONORS**

"The incredible support we receive allows our advocates and mentors to make a real difference in the lives of children in our community. Thank you." **Evan Pfeiffer, Development & Community Engagement Manager**

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Kingdom First Giving

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King of Glory Lutheran Church
New Zion Baptist Church
Saint Olaf Catholic Church
World Outreach Worship Center

Hope ($100-499)

First Baptist Church

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Champion ($3,000+)

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United Way of The Virginia Peninsula
Williamsburg Craft Beer Festival
York County Volunteer Association, Inc.

Star ($500-$999)

Kiwanis Club of Toano

Educate (Up to $99)

Governors Land Garden Club

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Champion ($3,000+)

City of Williamsburg
Department Of Criminal Justice Services
James City County
VOCA

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County of York

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TOGETHER, WE CAN **CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY**



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Your Support Is Making Brighter Futures Possible. **Thank You!**

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