

# IMPACT REPORT 22-23

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**BOULDER  
VOICES FOR  
CHILDREN**



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# DEAR FRIENDS,



As we reflect on the past year, we are both honored and humbled to present to you the 2023 Impact Report for Boulder Voices for Children. This report serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment and support of our entire community, from our dedicated volunteers to our generous supporters, all of whom have played a pivotal role in advancing our mission of supporting children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

The year brought both unique challenges and opportunities, and through it all, we have continued to make a profound impact on the lives of children in Boulder County.

## Key Achievements in 2023

We are proud to share some of our key achievements from the past year:

1. Enhance Training - We continue to invest in training programs to equip our staff and volunteers with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the complex challenges faced by the children they support.
2. Financial Sustainability - Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the careful stewardship of our resources, we continue to focus on financial sustainability, allowing us to continue our vital work.
3. Community Partnerships - We strengthened partnerships with local organizations, fostering a collaborative approach to child welfare and expanding our reach and support systems.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our devoted volunteers, the generosity of our donors, the expertise of our staff, and the guidance of our committed Board of Directors.

## Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our vision of a community where every child has a safe, permanent home. Boulder County is known for its commitment to progressive values and inclusivity; however, there exists a significant racial disproportion of children in the welfare system. Despite Boulder County being 77% white, more than 50% of children in the child welfare system are children of color. It is essential that we work collectively to address the underlying systemic factors contributing to these disparities and ensure equitable outcomes for all children.

Thank you again for your continued belief and support of the mission to build a healthier community by delivering services, support, and best-interest advocacy to children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Together, we can continue to make significant strides in supporting our most vulnerable youth.

With warm regards,

Margaret Bachrach  
Chief Executive Officer

Steve Welsh  
Board President

# PLACEMENT

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**40%**

of kids served were placed with their parents.

**32%**

of kids served were placed with kin.

**19%**

of kids served were placed in foster homes.

**9%**

of kids served were housed in institutions, group facilities, or were living independently.

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"In the eight years I have been with Boulder County, I have never seen such amazing volunteers show up the way they do for our kiddos."

-Boulder County Caseworker

Since its establishment in 1985, Boulder Voices for Children has stood as a dedicated advocate for the most vulnerable children in our community. Our mission revolves around providing a lifeline to children who have endured abuse and neglect in Boulder County. Through a team of trained and court appointed volunteers, we ensure that each child's voice is heard, and their wellbeing is safeguarded.

## **Our Purpose**

Boulder Voices for Children takes on the responsibility of advocating for every child in Boulder County who has entered the child welfare system. At the heart of our efforts are the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), appointed by the Magistrate to champion these children's best interests. CASA volunteers become beacons of support, making informed recommendations that shape the physical and emotional wellbeing of each child.

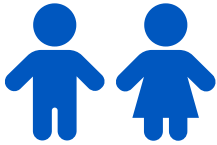
## **CASA Volunteers**

CASA volunteers ensure that a child's needs – physical, mental, educational, and emotional – are met with unwavering commitment. They forge a profound bond with the child, ensuring that they never face their challenges alone. This support network remains unbroken until the case reaches its resolution, always with the child's best interest at the forefront.

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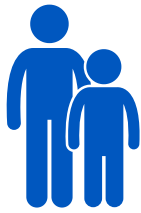
**CASA**  
**(Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

# IMPACT AT A GLANCE



**206**

children served



**119**

CASAs appointed to a child



**122**

cases served by BVFC

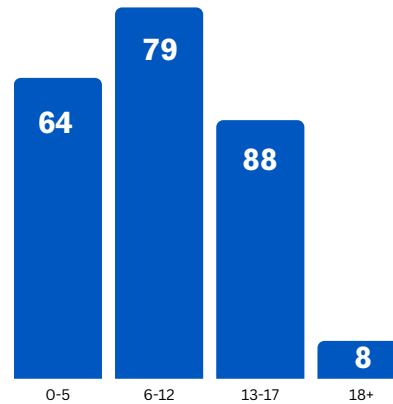
Includes cases opened in previous years, but were served in FY 22-23



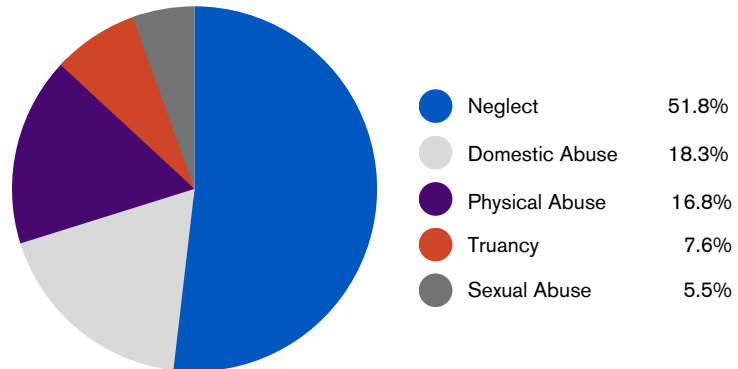
**4,068**

hours donated by volunteers

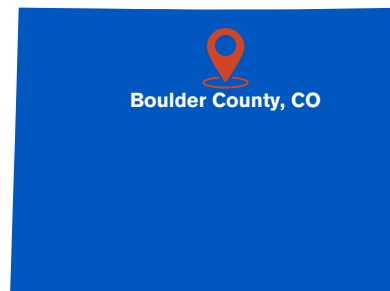
## Age of Children



## Victimization Type



## Cities Where Children Were Served



Boulder - Erie - Lafayette - Longmont  
Louisville - Lyons - Nederland - Superior

Boulder Voices for Children also served six children located outside of Boulder County.



A dynamic CASA duo embarked on a mission to advocate for two vulnerable children: 6-year-old Brayden and his 10-year-old half-brother, Conner. The siblings had endured years of separation, bouncing between foster placements.

For Brayden, who hopped from one foster home to another, the CASA volunteers were his rock, providing constant support in the midst of uncertainty. They became an integral part of the kids' lives, coordinating safe placements, attending school meetings, and ensuring the best education.

The CASAs worked hard to repair fractured family relationships, partnering with the children's biological father. They made monumental eight-hour trips to connect with him and his extended family. When Brayden moved closer to his father, the CASAs didn't just watch from the sidelines—they were at the airport, helping him settle in and making the transition less scary.

Brayden flourished in their new home, thanks to their father's commitment. The CASAs maintained regular FaceTime calls and facilitated sibling connections, ensuring that the bonds between Brayden and Conner remained strong.

These CASAs weren't just advocates; they were beacons of hope. Their determination and love turned a challenging situation into a story of brighter tomorrows for everyone involved.

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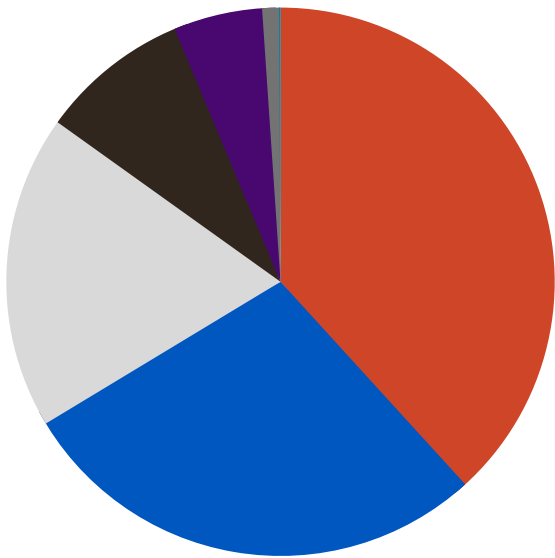
"Weekly consistent time spent with our CASA kid and being there when they moved from one placement to another was so sweetly rewarded. When their flight landed at their last placement, we were there to meet them. They saw us and ran to us to give us huge, loving hugs. Nothing compares to that experience."

-CASA Volunteer

## A BOND BEYOND ADVOCACY

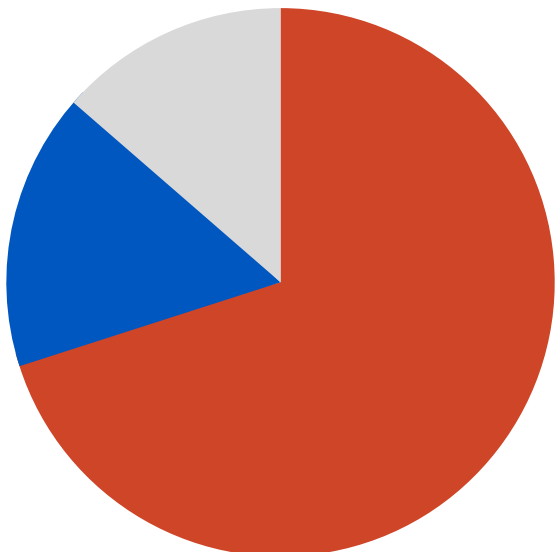
# FINANCIALS

## SOURCES OF REVENUE



Government Grants	\$307,882
Individuals	\$226,408
Philanthropy Grants	\$149,245
Events	\$70,841
Community Groups	\$42,229
Corporations	\$7,973
Other Income	\$680
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$805,258</b>

## USE OF FUNDS



Program	70.05%
Fundraising	16.33%
Administration	13.62%

It cost approximately \$4,000 for BVFC to provide support for one child in the welfare system in fiscal year 2022-2023.

# BOULDER VOICES FOR CHILDREN



## MISSION

Boulder Voices for Children builds a healthier community by delivering services, support, and advocacy to children who have experienced trauma.

## VISION

We believe that all children deserve to have a safe, nurturing environment where they can thrive.

