



OUR MISSION

To make a difference for every child served through advocacy, education, and collaborative alliances.



7^{YEAR} CASA OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROGRAM | PROGRESS REPORT

AGENCY MILESTONES

2015

CASA Steering Committee Formed

2016

CASA of Cuyahoga County receives IRS and OH nonprofit tax status

2017

Cleveland's CASA program grows to encompass 50+ active volunteers

2018

Local CASA volunteers serve more than 100 children for the first time

2019

A research study on the effectiveness of CASA is published by CWRU and CSU

2020

CFACC moves to new offices at Fairhill Partners, exceeds 500 total children served

2021

CASA Program expands into serving children in Permanent Custody

2022

CASA begins serving aging-out foster youth, implements community-based referrals

2023

CASA expands into Private and Emergency Custody cases

HISTORY

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who advocate for the best interests of vulnerable children in court and the community. CASA is a national child welfare initiative that began in Seattle, WA, in the late 1970s and has grown to include more than 950 individual CASA programs across the nation. CFACC was formed in 2016 as a not-for-profit organization to join the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Project and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's newly established Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) of Cuyahoga County. While CFACC currently only supports CASAs, they often work with GALs in certain types of cases. This dual representation model has been shown to enhance the quality of advocacy on behalf of the children.

Since 2016, more than 100 CASA volunteers have positively impacted the lives of over nearly 700 children in Cuyahoga County. Local CASA volunteers conduct independent investigations into a child's welfare and strive to provide the highest advocacy levels to child victims of abuse, neglect, and dependency while furthering collaborations with the Juvenile Court, Department of Children and Family Services, and other local child welfare providers.

OUR VISION

Every child is seen, heard, and engaged, leading to permanency and hope.

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CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children at risk for abuse, neglect, and dependency. CASA of Cuyahoga County believes that every child deserves to be in a safe and stable home and to achieve permanency, a loving family to call their own. For many local foster youth at risk, a CASA volunteer is the most constant adult presence in their lives. These trained volunteers are the child's voice to ensure that their needs are identified and addressed.

Volunteers stay with children until they are placed in loving permanent homes. For many children at risk for abuse, a CASA volunteer is the only constant adult presence in their lives.

IN 2022:

2

NEW CASA
PRE-SERVICE TRAININGS

35

HOURS OF CONTINUED
EDUCATION OFFERED

76

CHILDREN HAVE HAD A CASA VOLUNTEER
TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR BEST INTEREST

78

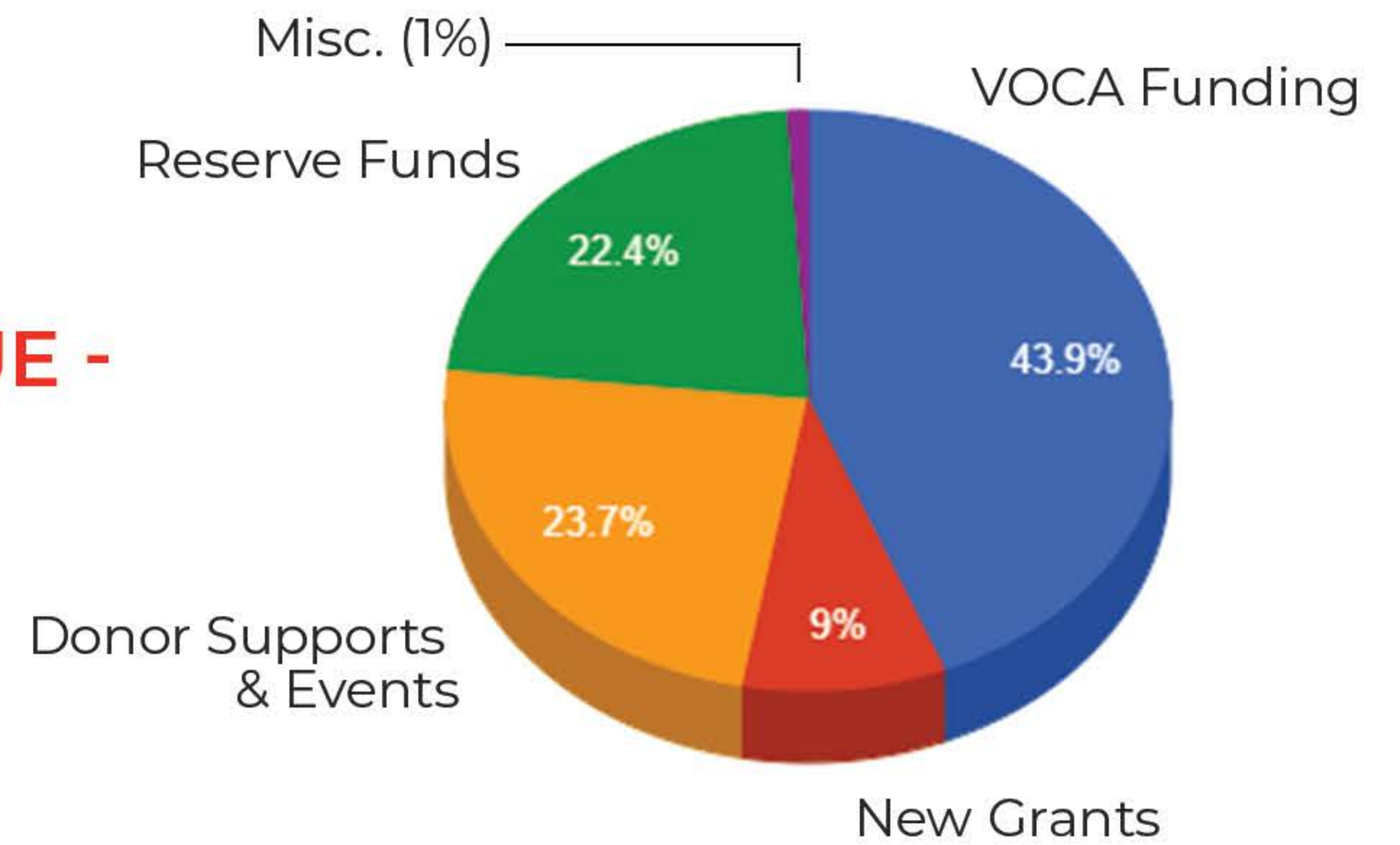
QUALIFIED CASA VOLUNTEERS IN
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

2,817

HOURS PROVIDED BY CASA VOLUNTEERS
SERVING CHILDREN WHO HAVE
EXPERIENCED ABUSE OR NEGLECT

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

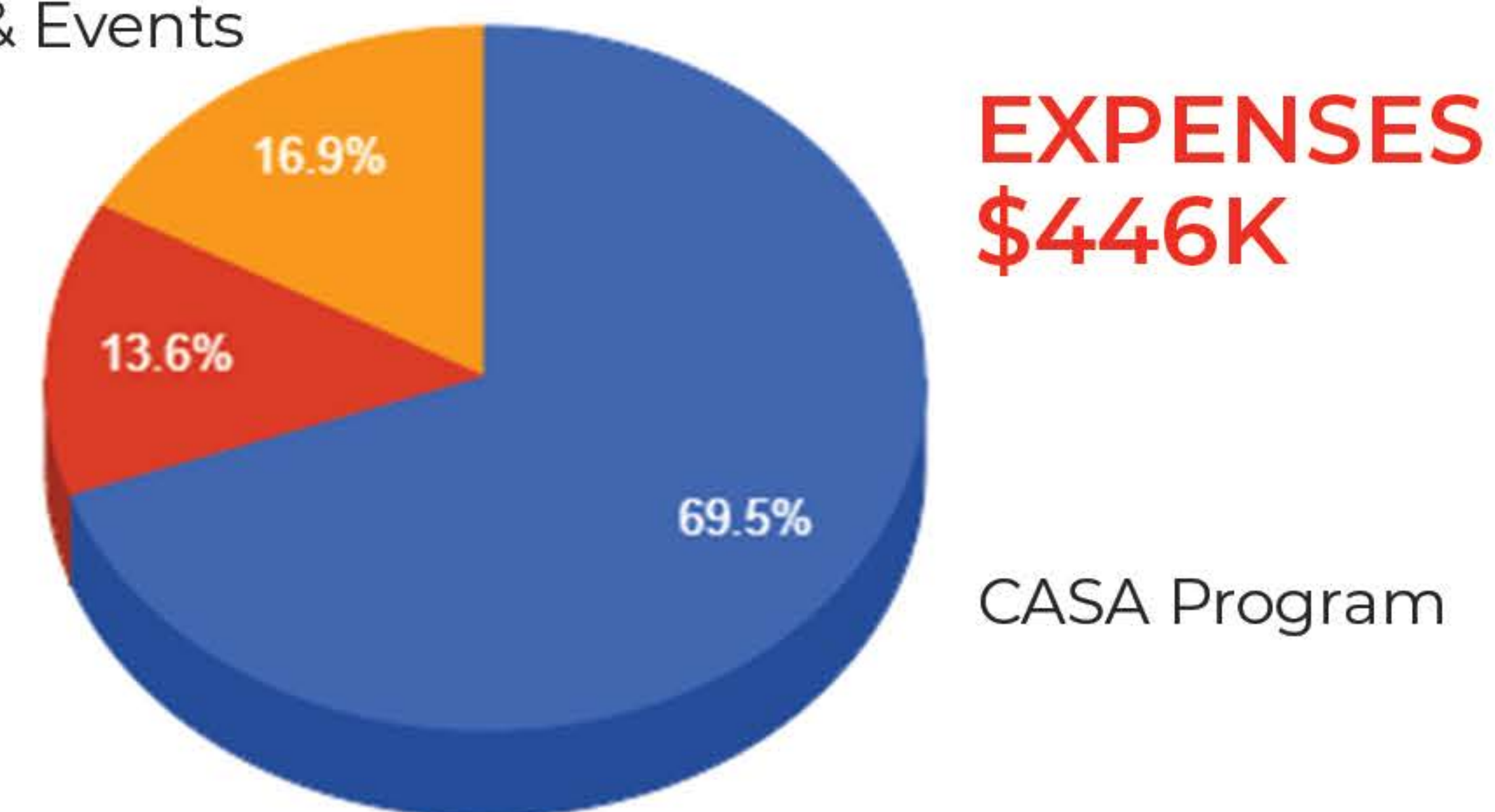
**REVENUE -
\$446K**



Fundraising & Events

Administration

**EXPENSES -
\$446K**



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