

CASA Kane County

Questions & Answers about the Program and Operational Endowment

- Q. Why did CASA Kane County embark on this campaign?**
- A.** Our objective is to continue raising significant funds to expand our recruitment of community volunteers, outreach and resources for children and CASA volunteers. The endowment will safeguard the organization and every abused and neglected child that we serve.
- Q. How is this endowment campaign special?**
- A.** The Program and Operational Endowment will provide the resources needed to ensure the long term stability of the organization and maintain our commitment to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. No other nonprofit organization provides these critical services in Kane County. While some nonprofits are faced with closing their doors due to funding shortfalls or gaps, CASA is moving forward on a solid foundation to secure the future of our organization and critical services and resources through the establishment of this endowment fund.
- Q. What will the funds be used for?**
- A.** The endowed funds will be used for the following key program and operational needs: Case Management and Support for CASA/GAL volunteers; the Transitioning Youth Initiative Community Resources for our CASA children; Education and Training our CASA volunteers; general operations and the Dottie Lowe Scholarship Fund. Ultimately, the more than 500 CASA children within the Juvenile and Probate Court system will benefit from these consistent programs and be protected from further abuse and neglect.
- Q. Does the money raised stay local?**
- A.** Yes, 100% of all gifts raised in this campaign stay in Kane County communities to advocate for the abused and neglected children.
- Q. Who has oversight for the proper allocation of the funds raised for the Endowment?**
- A.** The CASA Kane Board of the Directors and its Executive Director have established policies and processes to ensure that funds raised for the endowment are kept separate from other general operating funds. All funds will be used only for the stated donor intent.

Q. What if someone wants to make a gift using appreciated stocks or bonds?

A. We have a gift acceptance policy and our development office will provide donors with the information needed to execute their gift. We also recommend that donors seek their own professional advice to assist them in making a gift in this manner.

Q. How does someone go about naming CASA as a beneficiary of their estate plans?

A. We will notify our Executive Director of your intent regarding any such bequests/planned gifts and we will be in contact with you regarding the process.

Q. Is there an opportunity for someone to make a gift in honor of someone or anonymously?

A. Yes. Donors will be given the option as to how they would like their gift recognized.

Q. How can donors fulfill their pledge?

A. Pledges and gifts made to the Program and Operational Endowment can be executed through a variety of funding vehicles and can be fulfilled in multiple years best suitable for your needs. We ask donors to fulfill their gifts within a 1-3 year period.

Q. Why did you initiate the garden at the courthouse?

A. The garden was an added benefit to the endowment campaign. It took 18 months to develop a plan, get approval by the county board and judiciary. All proceeds from the multiple naming opportunities from the garden will benefit the Endowment Campaign and will leave a legacy for all those to enjoy.

For more information on the Endowment Fund, Grow a Healthy Child Garden or Legacy Giving – Please contact Gloria Bunce, Executive Director at 630-444-3109.

