Board of Selectmen
Town of Tuftonboro
PO Box 98
240 Middle Rd
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

Dear Board of Selectmen,

On behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, I am writing to respectfully request inclusion in the Town of Tuftonboro’s 2017 budget. CASA of New Hampshire is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for victimized children in New Hampshire courts.

When an abused or neglected child is thrust into the confusion of the court or foster care system, our trained Volunteer Advocates are there to offer stability and support to a child in need. CASA Volunteer Advocates present their recommendations directly to the judge, thereby ensuring that the child’s best interest is being considered at every step of the case. We are the only nonprofit organization in the state to carry out this important work.

Currently, our Volunteer Advocates speak on behalf of 80% of our state’s abused children who come to the attention of New Hampshire’s family courts through no fault of their own. As the heroin epidemic continues to shake communities across the state, we have faced a significant increase in the number of children in need of advocates. Your support is vital to ensuring that the children who have been affected by their parents’ and caregivers’ addiction have the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

These children come from towns and cities across the state, including the Town of Tuftonboro. Our volunteers also live and serve in these communities. The chart below shows the children and advocates in your area.

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<th>In Carroll County alone:</th>
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<td>Hours of volunteer time</td>
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**Value of volunteer advocacy provided**  Over $4M

* This number includes children who use your towns’ schools and resources and live with foster parents or extended family members in your community. (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016).

(Due to the confidential nature of our work, numbers for your town cannot be released.)

CASA of NH continually strives to serve 100% of NH’s children in need of compassionate advocates. We believe it is critical that a competent and caring adult stand up for each and every abused child. By ensuring them a safe, permanent home, we give these children the chance to become healthy productive adults. We respectfully request your consideration for funding of $500.00 in your 2017 budget. With your support, CASA can continue to make a difference in the lives of abused children.

Respectfully,

Marcia R. Sink
President and CEO

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Save the date: May 5, 2017

CASA Cares

Day of Giving for New Hampshire’s Children

Presented by:
CASA of New Hampshire

Date:
Feb. 3, 2017

CASA of New Hampshire, Inc.
PO Box 1327
Manchester, NH 03105-1327

Our Children
Your Impact

Year in Review
Fiscal Year 2016

The Impact of Your Support

Due to your recent support, CASA of New Hampshire provided 80% of our state’s neglected and abused children with highly-trained and compassionate volunteer advocates. As the heroin epidemic continues to shake communities across the state, we have faced a significant increase in the number of children in need of advocates. Your continued investment is vital to ensuring that the children who have been affected by their parents’ and caregivers’ addiction have the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

The impact of your support will be felt in our communities for years to come. Studies show that children with a CASA advocate are more likely to stay in school, get better grades and have higher self-esteem. Today, you may have helped us serve just one more child in need. Tomorrow, your contribution may help us to reunite a child with his family, provide a youth aging out of foster care with a CASA advocate as she transitions into adulthood, or lead to the adoption of a foster child into a loving home. Together we give these children hope for a brighter future.

Thank you for supporting our mission to let every child’s voice, no matter how small, be heard.

FY 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

465 volunteers
125 volunteers trained
739 families
1,198 children had advocates by their side

8,909 children with advocates since 1989
67,813 hours of volunteer time
473,479 miles traveled
Over $4m: value of volunteer advocacy provided to NH

CASA of NH strives to protect the rights of our state’s most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family.