

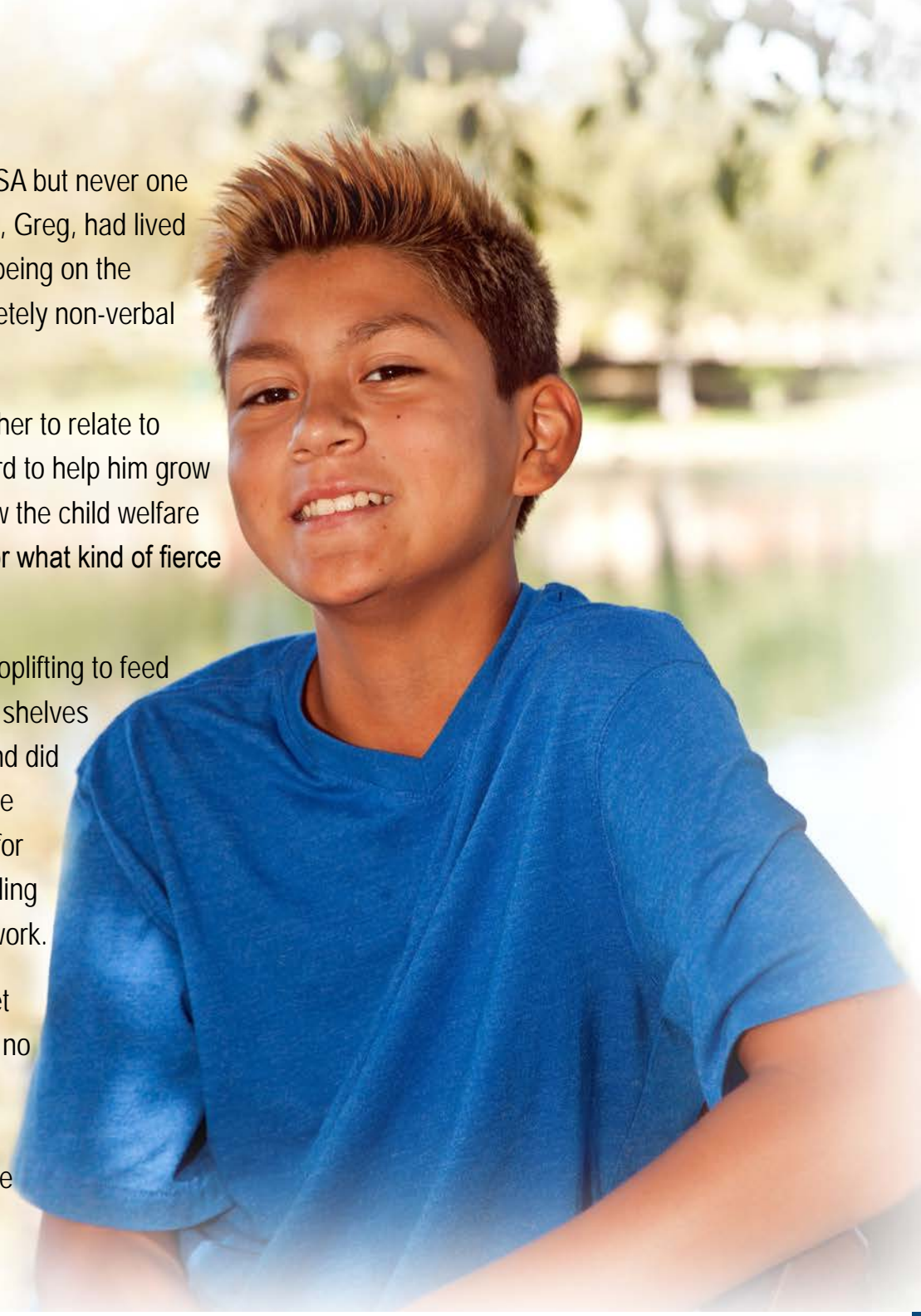
## THE INVISIBLE BOY

Lynna and Julian Means had worked several cases for CASA but never one like the case they called 'the invisible boy.' This young man, Greg, had lived on the streets for 13 years without being noticed. Besides being on the autism spectrum, he had never gone to school, was completely non-verbal and had no concept of hygiene.

Lynna used her insight developed over the years as a teacher to relate to Greg and was able to get him into a school that worked hard to help him grow and develop. Having been a CASA since 2010, Lynna knew the child welfare system well, and with that knowledge, she was prepared for what kind of fierce advocacy it would take for this child to thrive.

Nobody had ever seemed to notice Greg until he began shoplifting to feed himself. Police were called one day as he was clearing the shelves at a 7-Eleven. He had eaten 3 potato chips that morning and did not know where his next meal was coming from or where he would sleep that night. Thanks to Lynna and Julian's work for 2 years as Greg's Advocates, this young man began attending school and soon learned enough to do kindergarten-level work.

Greg moved into a developmental center and learned to get along with the other children there. He went from speaking no words at all to greeting everyone he met with, 'Hello, Sweetheart!' Thanks to the love and perseverance of his CASA volunteers, Lynna and Julian Means, Greg is invisible no more.



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*Angenette and Roy Burns  
CASA Advocates Since 2017*

## OUR CHILDREN

**534** of our community's children were served by a trained, caring Advocate

- 56% boys
- 44% girls
- 50% ages 0-5
- 21% tweens & teens

### Types of abuse\* suffered?

- 74% victims of neglect
- 19% victims of physical abuse
- 7% victims of sexual abuse

\*Most cases involve more than 1 type of abuse.

### How long in foster care?

- 15% - less than 12 months
- 34% - 12-18 months
- 25% - 18-24 months
- 26% - 25 months or more

### How did they find a safe, stable home?

- 36% of children returned to their home
- 35% adopted by relative or new family
- 4% aged out of the system
- 24% of cases closed through dismissal or nonsuit

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

**247** community folks served on at least one case  
**50** new volunteers joined the CASA family

### What did they do?

- They gave **22,555** hours of service (that's 42 hours for EVERY child)
- They did **1,600** hours of in-service training
- They drove **254,075** miles (farther than the moon!)

### Who are they?

- 15% of volunteers were under age 40
- 38% were 60 and over
- 41% were employed full time
- 24% were retirees
- 84% were female

"We work as a team on each CASA case and so far, have been assigned to cases involving young children who can't speak for themselves. We feel that the fresh eyes and open minds we bring to each situation give us a tremendous voice for the child."

Vicki & John Graham  
 CASA Advocates since 2017

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



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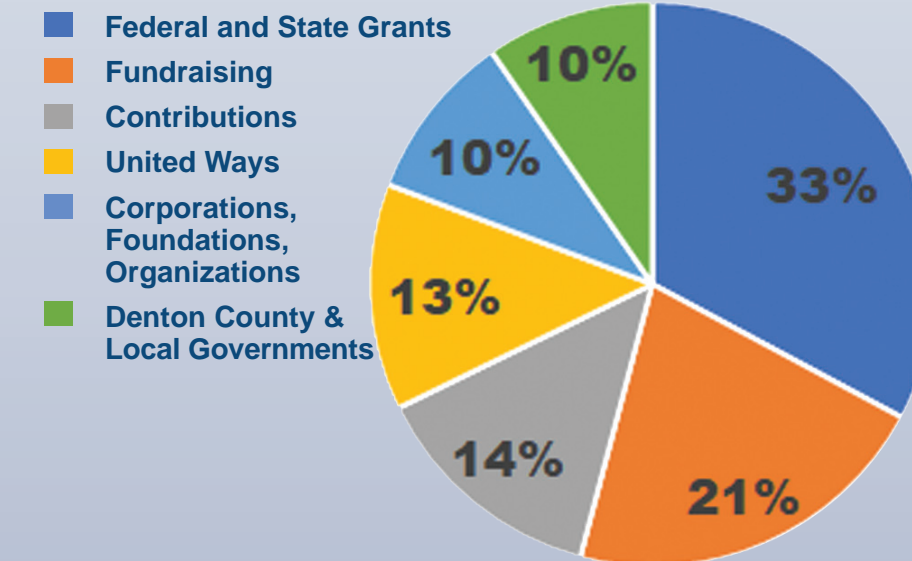
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### Advocates came from

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### Where Our Funding Comes From



### How We Use Our Resources

