



Future Voices

CAMPAIGN

“Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story.”

Josh S.
Foster youth

“The number of children needing help is increasing every day. We need more advocates for children—otherwise, placing children on a waitlist may be necessary. Every child deserves a voice.”

Cindy Booth
CEO



In Marion County alone, 11 new children entered the foster care system **EACH DAY** in 2017, compared to 6 children a day in 2013.

Children in Indianapolis are in crisis. Individuals in our community are struggling with addiction and, as a result, are unable to care for their children. **Over the last four years, the number of children we’ve served has doubled.**

More children are coming to the child welfare system and are spending longer amounts of time in the system than ever before.

At Child Advocates we provide best interest advocacy for every child in Indianapolis who is a victim of abuse and/or neglect.

Our challenge is to:

- Advocate for an increasing number of children.
- Ensure the children we serve don’t just survive, but **thrive**.
- Take the issues we see our children facing from the front line and proactively address them.
- Ensure employees and volunteers have the training and tools needed to help our children.
- Be more nimble and financially prepared to respond to our current crisis *and* the next one.
- Recruit more CASA volunteers to serve the overwhelming amount of children in the child welfare system.



This is how we are addressing the challenges:

- Identify resources and partners to help the children effected by the ever-growing opioid epidemic, a major source of our increased number of children.
- Use any resources available to recruit more volunteers.
- Create new strategies to ensure the children move out of the welfare system and into a loving home more efficiently and timely.
- Address the educational needs of the children so their time in foster care does not impede their educational success.
- Look to the community to invest in Child Advocates with a donation.
- Identify new trainings to bring to our employees and volunteers, so they can continue to be powerful advocates.
- Advocate for all children in the child welfare system, even as the number of children double.

The *Future Voices Campaign* will help Child Advocates proactively address the needs of children and families by providing:

- Strong advocates for children and families so children are in permanent homes more quickly.
- Continuously improved educational outcomes of foster care children.
- Information to address children's race and cultural differences including the effects of disproportionality.
- Better programs for older youth aging out of the foster care system.
- Progressive ideas to the child welfare system to address large caseloads.
- Children with the chance to be kids and ensuring they thrive!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A gift to the *Future Voices Campaign* sends the message you care about children—today and in the future. Supporting Child Advocates means you want to invest in our future generations. Child Advocates has many challenges and opportunities, but we need your help. More importantly, our children need your help.

The *Future Voices Campaign* has a lofty goal to raise \$2 million. You can be a voice for children for generations to come by making a gift today.

Child Advocates needs the support of the community. We need more **philanthropic support** and more **volunteers** to ensure we are here to provide for **future voices**.



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