

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



JEFF VINSON

Congratulations to Jeff Vinson, our Volunteer of the Quarter. Jeff has been a CASA volunteer since May of 2016.

Jeff has been an insurance agent beginning his career with Farmers Insurance for 27 years, and now with INSUR Agency for just over 3 years ago.

He and his wife, Janie, have been married for 32 years and have 3 sons, Clayton, Christopher, and Dustin.

When asked why he became a CASA volunteer, he said he "wants to make a difference. Having served on many boards, I feel as a CASA

Program Statistics How Are We Doing?

This month 133 children had active, adjudicated cases in Hall, Howard, Hamilton, and Merrick Counties.

To date, 39 children were served by 16 CASA Volunteers. That equals 30% of children served.

Who do you know that is a potential CASA Volunteer?

Please help us connect with them and take one step closer of reaching our goal to serve EVERY child by 2020.

MEET BOARD MEMBER BOB HUMISTON volunteer, I could make a difference." He finds being a CASA volunteer rewarding to be able to help children that are not able to help themselves, and his "words of wisdom" are "listen before you speak".

Thanks for all your dedication and hard work Jeff!

CASA 101

Do you belong to a group, organization or event, that is interested in learning more about the CASA Program and volunteering with Heartland CASA? Our passionate staff members are ready to speak to your colleagues, community group, place of worship, or other group about the role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Whether five minutes or an hour, large group or small, we can tailor the presentation to suit your needs, and educate your staff about our mission and goals.

To request an individual speaker or panel, please contact Sarah Koch at skoch@heartandcasa.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

 July 6 - Lunch and Learn, Child Advocacy Center, 2335 N. Webb Rd, 12-1, Lunch provided



Bob became aware of Heartland CASA when he served as an advisory member from the Hall County Board of Supervisors, later becoming a Board member for Heartland CASA.

Bob says he "retired" in 2009, however, when you look at all he is involved with, you wonder! Among other things, Bob is very active with supervisory activities during the State Fair. And in his spare time, he likes to hunt and fish.

Bob and his wife have 3 grown children, 3 grown stepchildren, and 12 grandchildren.

He stated that he is thankful that Heartland CASA works hard in keeping the goal moving forward to serve every child in active cases in Hall, Howard, Hamilton and

- July 18 Board Meeting
- July 27 Coffee with CASA's, Chocolate Bar, 9-10
- August 17 L & L, Human Trafficking Presentation, CASA Board Room, 12-1, Lunch provided
- August 31 August Book Club, Barista's, 9-10, "The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog"

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring - all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

-Leo Buscaglia

Merrick counties.

THANK YOU BOB FOR ALL YOU DO!

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The Heartland CASA Board meets the second Tuesday, every other month, at the CASA office, 506 W. 3rd, Grand Island, 12:00 noon.

JULY BIRTHDAYS
Rachel BrownMcDonald - July 2
Judy Harrie - July 10
Bob Humiston - July 11

MISSION

Heartland CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) supports abused and neglected

children in the court system through recruiting and training informed, caring volunteers who speak for these children.

VISION

An organization that champions the needs of abused and neglected children in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties, including foremost, a safe and permanent home.

2017 begins our 21st year serving Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties with our goal for 2020 to have an advocate for each child in care due to abuse or neglect.

If you, or you know of someone that might be interested in being a voice for a child in the court system, please call our office at: 308-385-5125.

A Child's Voice. A Child's Life. Lifted Up. By you.

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