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Superhero 5k and Villain Chase

On April 8, 2017, Lincoln County CASA held the 5th Annual Superhero 5k and Villain Chase. This year we changed the time of the event and added a kids carnival and hotdog feed.

Awards were handed out for best costume for male, female, group, boy and girl. There were some awesome costumes.

This year we saw great weather and had a wonderful turn out for 5k racers and kids for the Villain Chase. There were 121 registered racers and 38 kids who chased the villains of North Platte.

We want to say thank you to our wonderful sponsors and businesses who sponsored prizes.

Superman

First National Bank
Wells Fargo Advisors
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Guardians

B&J Insurance Solutions
Kevin and Ellen Kennedy
Brown's Shoe Fit

Incredibles

Steele's Antique and Depot
Kwik Stop
Roberts Dairy
SunMart
Whitetail Screen Print
UPS Store

Lincoln County CASA would also like to thank the stores who donated prizes for best costume. Justice, Popcorner, Starbucks, Wild Bills and Brown's Shoe Fit.

The overall top male and female 5k racers also won a free pair of shoes from Brown's Shoe Fit as well! Thanks Stuart for your generosity and support.



Lincoln County Statistics

Lincoln County CASA is currently has 14 active advocates serving 29 children.

January was one of the highest referral months Lincoln County CASA has seen with 23 children being

referred for services.

Currently we have 43 children on our waiting list! If you or someone you know wants to be an advocate, let us know! We have training classes starting soon.

Did you know child with an advocate is half as likely to return to the foster care system and more likely to succeed in school than those without a CASA volunteer?



Celebrating 5 years of service in Lincoln County

The first Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program began in 1977 in Seattle, Washington by Judge David W. Soukup. He realized that abused and neglected children were often inadvertently re-victimized by overburdened, understaffed and under-resourced courts and public social service agen-

cies. While lawyers typically represented the interests of the parent and the state, rarely did anyone speak exclusively for the child, who ultimately had the most at stake.

Citizens of North Platte came together in 2012 to bring CASA into Lincoln County. Since our start, Lincoln County CASA has served 129 children with a voice in the court room. In

2016, Lincoln County CASA was able to serve 35 children with an advocate.

On March 9, 2017 the Chamber of Commerce came and held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate our 5 years in Lincoln county and to say thank you to First National Bank for providing us a larger office!

"I always look forward to National CASA Conference because it is energizing to be with people who are on the same mission."

Jodi Sonneman



National Conference

In March, Jodi Sonneman, Executive Director, went to Seattle, Washington to attend the National CASA Conference. There she joined hundreds of other CASA Directors, Volunteer Coordinators, Advocates and other CASA staff from all across the country.

Jodi was able to attend

many sessions focusing on CASA's effect in a rural communities, marketing and recruitment strategies, and sessions with Keynote speakers talking about the importance of CASA, impact we have on children's lives and difference we are making.

"It was a great experience to hear the importance of CASA from Judge Soukup and why he started CASA. I am also excited to be able to bring ideas home and hit the ground running for training and recruitments for Lincoln County CASA." Jodi

Upcoming Events



- Donate to Lincoln County CASA on May 3, 2017 for North Platte Giving Day!
- Advocate Training Class starts June 1, 2017 at 6pm at 319 E. Francis St.
- Call to set up your advocate interview today!