

CASA Connection Newsletter

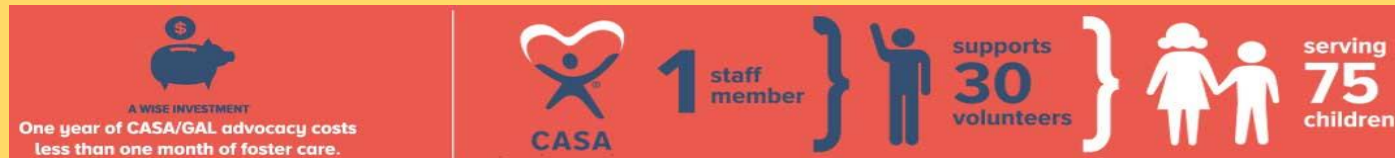
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The Problem: OVERWHELMED SYSTEMS



The Solution: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS



The Results: BRIGHTER FUTURES



PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR THE 4th QUARTER 2016

HOW DID WE DO?

- 17 Children referred to our program
- 43 Children served with an advocate
- 4 Served cases closed
- 50 Cases on a waiting list
- 14 Active volunteers
- 3 New volunteers sworn in

Meet our New Volunteers



Rhonda Scott was sworn in by Judge McDermott on December 12, 2016.

Rhonda lives in Rogers, NE with her husband Doug.



Kim Kwapnioski was sworn in by Judge Skorupa on December 16, 2016.

Kim and her husband, live in Columbus, NE



Carrie Trofholz was also sworn in by Judge Skorupa on December 16, 2016, and joined our Board of Directors in November.

Carrie and her husband Todd, reside in Columbus, NE.



WELCOME TO CASA CONNECTION WE APPRECIATE YOU STEPPING UP TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN OUR AREA!

What else have we been up to?



Above: CASA Connection received \$200 from the Cornhusker Goodwill Fund. This funding is used each year to purchase birthday presents for our CASA Children.



Pictures to the left and bottom: Various shots of our volunteers and/or guests enjoying the 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, held at the Pizza Ranch, in Columbus. It was so nice to see so many in one place at the same time! The dinner is just a small way to show our appreciation for the time and work each of our volunteers do. They each deserve so much more! THANK YOU!



Meet our new staff member.

Samantha Schreiber was hired at the end of November as the part-time Outreach Coordinator.



Samantha earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work in December 2016 from the University of Nebraska in Kearney. She is originally from Columbus and has resided here her whole life.

Samantha came to CASA Connection with experience in the human service field as well as previous experience working for non-profit agencies.

Welcome Samantha! We are very fortunate to have you join our team!

Happy New Year!

What did 2016 look like for us?

Statistics

- We had 7 new volunteers sworn in
- We utilized 22 volunteers throughout the year
- We had 68 new children referred to our program
- We advocated for 65 children
- We witnessed 22 advocated cases close
- We also saw 25 monitored cases close

Thank You!!!

CASA Connection sends a huge Thank You to the following for all of their support, funding and in-kind donations in 2016!

Platte County, Nebraska

Colfax County, Nebraska

Columbus Area United Way

Nebraska CASA Association

National CASA Association

Snow Redfern Foundation

ADM Cares

Cornhusker Goodwill Fund

Walmart

To all of the individuals that participate in our fundraisers or send donations!

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Rhonda Scott
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If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or just want to learn more about CASA. Please have them contact us. We will be planning a new volunteer training in the early spring...or sooner if we get enough interest.

CASA Connection is affiliated with the Nebraska CASA Association and the National CASA Association.

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