



What is GO BIG GIVE?

Go Big GIVE is a 24-hour, online giving event on May 3, 2017 to grow philanthropy. Go Big GIVE inspires communities to come together for 24 hours to give as much as possible to support the work on nonprofits in hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick counties. The minimum online donation is \$10, but every gift grows with added match pool funds and incentive prizes.

HOW CAN YOU HELP HEARTLAND CASA?

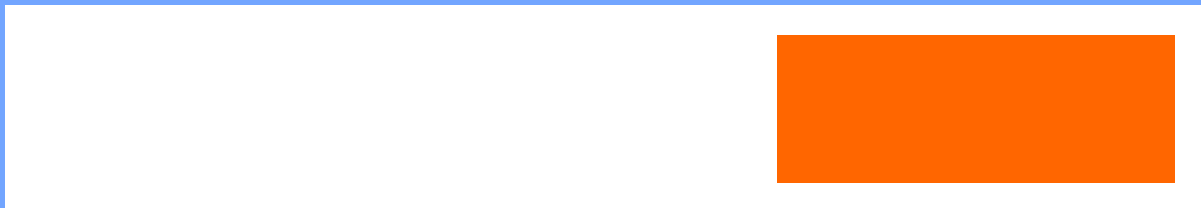
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Search for Heartland CASA

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Easy as that. We will keep you posted.

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR !!



Volunteer of the Quarter **Joan Muhvic**



Joan Muhvic is the Volunteer of the Quarter. Joan has been a CASA volunteer for four years and has had four cases. Joan has been an amazing volunteer and advocate for our program and we appreciate everything she has done. Joan will be moving to Omaha to be closer to her daughter, who lives in the Omaha area. We are sad to see her go but thankful to have had such an inspiring volunteer. We wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Project Everlast **A Fond Farewell**

Since 2010, Heartland CASA housed "Project Everlast", on behalf of the Hall County Community Collaborative (H3C), as an extension of the work we do with children as advocates for youth in care. Last year, the Hall County Community Collaborative was given an opportunity to expand services to the youth served through Project Everlast, as well as who could be served. Further, the name Project Everlast

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.

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was changed to create a more uniform statewide system. Through this expansion, the purpose of what was known as "Project Everlast" evolved into a more formal leadership development structure. The Heartland CASA Board of Directors determined that this Youth Leadership Development model no longer fit our core agency mission of advocating for abused and neglected youth.

Therefore, as of March 31, 2017, Heartland CASA will no longer house "Project Everlast" and the H3C will transition Youth Leadership Development to Central Plains Center for Services. Because of the service that Central Plains was already providing to youth through their PALS program, they agreed to assume Youth Leadership Development beginning April 1, 2017.

It has been the pleasure of Heartland CASA to house Project Everlast, and even more , to witness the impact the youth involved with the program have had in our community, on the child welfare system, and in our lives. We have also been incredibly lucky to have great staff oversee the program and provide great advocacy and support to the youth we worked with.

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

MEET BOARD MEMBER STAN HALPINE



Stan Halpine currently serves as Treasurer on the Heartland CASA board.

He has a 1 year old son, Baylor Jon, with wife, Karissa, and 2 stepsons, Brock and Boden Ostdiek. Stan has worked at Beavercreek marketing for the past 24 years, where he oversees a small animation team responsible for creating online tutorials about today's financial technologies, such as: Online Banking, Online BillPay, Mobile Banking and Mobile Deposit.

And, if he has any spare time, he enjoys golf and

Meet Holly Boeselager



Holly has joined Heartland CASA Central Navigator for the Connected Youth Initiative and Community Response programs. Holly lived in Arizona and California, before moving to Lincoln, NE where she received a bachelors degree in History from UNL.

Holly joins Heartland CASA having worked for the Department of Health and Human Services for the last 3 1/2 years, as a Medicaid worker, Child Protection and Safety worker, and lastly an assigned ADC Caseload worker. After working with the State and experiencing the various aspects of how a person can help a family, especially the children, she realized that working for an organization that centers on children would be a great fit.

She loves to read, write, and be crafty. She and her husband are parents to 2 year old Lorilei.

WELCOME HOLLY !

Model Airplanes.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR
HELP, STAN !!**

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](tel:308-385-5125).



"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Steve Anderson - April 2

Bonnie Oltean - April 5

Holly Boeselager - April
5

Jeff Vinson - April 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 4 - Book Club,
Barista's**

April 16 - Easter

**April 22 - NE CASA
Conference, Scottsbluff**

**April 24 - Volunteer
Appreciation Social Hour,
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Chocolate
Bar**

**April 27 - Ne State Patrol,
Lunch & Learn, CASA
Office**

**April 28 - Arbor Day - Office
Closed**

**APRIL IS CHILD
ABUSE AWARENESS
MONTH !!**

**MAY 3 IS GO BIG GIVE
DAY !!**

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can "lift up a child's
voice. A child's life."**

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