



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Phelps/Harlan County CASA Summer Newsletter

Phelps/Harlan County CASA had a busy summer with participating in area parades in Holdrege, Bertrand and Alma. Staff and Board members, along with their families, helped pull off the events in the handing out of CASA swag and popsicles, along with getting more awareness out in the community as to what CASA is and stands for. CASA's float took 2nd place in the Bertrand parade for clubs & organizations and 1st place in the Alma parade in the non-profit group.



Meet our New CASA Volunteers



Amanda Perez
Holdrege



Chelsey Weeden
Holdrege

We would like to introduce our newest CASA Advocates for Phelps/Harlan County CASA, that were sworn in on June 5th, 2019 by the Honorable Judge Timothy Hoeft in Harlan County Court. Chelsey Weeden and Amanda Perez, both from Holdrege, took an oath to advocate for the child's best interests after completing 30 hours of training. Chelsey and Amanda we know that you will do great things advocating for abused and neglected children in our area.



Quarterly Report: April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

Children served:	35	<u>Children's Age Range</u>	<u>Case Outcome</u>
Cases Closed:	4	0-5: 12	Adoption: 3
Waitlist:	0	6-11: 10	Reunification: 0
		12-15: 5	Other: 0
Male:	16	16-17: 7	Guardianship: 1
Female:	19	18+: 1	

<u>Our Volunteers time w/ CASA</u>	<u>Ages of Our Volunteers</u>	<u>Type of Cases</u>
< 1 year: 1	21-29: 1	Neglect: 13
1 year: 1	30-39: 1	Physical Abuse: 4
2 years: 1	40-49: 0	Sexual Abuse: 12
3 years: 3	50-59: 4	Other: 6
4 years: 2	60+ : 8	
5 years: 6		

Miles driven by our Advocates:	1867
Hours our advocates put in:	212
# of New Advocates:	2
# of Active Advocates:	14

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the Holdrege Fire Department for donating smoke alarms to us to distribute to our CASA families that we serve. It takes a village to raise a child and Holdrege Fire Department is doing their part!





After spending 862 days and 561 days in foster care we are happy to see that permanency has been achieved by adoption for this sibling group of 3. A CASA Advocate is the voice for an abused and neglected child in the court system that advocates for the child's best interests while the child is in foster care. Their CASA stayed on their case until the children reached permanency all while advocating for what was in their best interests.



2020 NEBRASKA CASA CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

GRADUATE LINCOLN HOTEL
LINCOLN, NE

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for keynote speakers & breakout sessions that will inspire & empower you to change the course of a child's life

<p>Friday, March 27, 2020 Opening Reception with Speaker 5:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>Registration: \$40 Includes reception, conference, continental breakfast, lunch, & snacks</p>
<p>Saturday, March 28, 2020 Annual Conference 9:00 am - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Graduate Lincoln Hotel 141 N 9th Street, Lincoln, NE \$94 per night group rate</p>

FIND OUT MORE:
WWW.NEBRASKACASA.ORG/STATECONFERENCE



Any CASA Board member or CASA Volunteer that is wanting to attend the NE CASA Conference in 2020 please contact Christina at 308-224-7334 as funding is available.

MEN IN
TIGHTS
PRESENTS:

Lights Out

Featuring our favorite past performers!

March 13, 2020

Contact the CASA office for more
information at 308-995-2102



Save the date!

We are changing things up this year as this will be our Men In Tights finale! New venue along with great entertainment for the evening. We will also be serving dinner with a lenton special. This is one event that you won't want to miss!

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PEARLS | \$100 - \$249

Recognized in our slide show and event program

GEMS | \$250-\$499

Four event tickets and recognized in our slide
show and event program

DIAMONDS | \$500-ABOVE

Eight event tickets, reserved table, recognized
in our slide show and event program along with
publicity spotlight on event flyer if committed
by Dec. 15

Contact: Christina Millsap, Executive Director

308-224-7334

Phelps/Harlan County CASA is looking for speaking opportunities



Do you have a business, church group, or other entity that would like to learn more about CASA? Our staff, Christina Millsap or Kelly Jensen, would like to come speak and share more with your peers about Phelps/Harlan County CASA and how to get involved! Please reach out to phelpscasa@phelps.nacone.org and help spread the word!



A big thanks goes out to Ann Anderson for donating some stuff animals for our CASA children that we serve!

Many times children are removed from their homes with only the clothes on their backs. Our CASA Volunteers can give these children a stuff animal to call “their own” in home that may be strange to them. Thank you again for spreading the love in our community!

CEU CENTRAL: 2018-2019

Each year our CASA advocates are required to complete 12 CEU's or continuing education units. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The following advocates who have worked very hard and earned their CEU's for this fiscal year 2018-2019 are:

Heidi Anderson

Teresa Carey

Kirsten Deakin

Donna Ehrenberg

Julianne Fitch

Heidi High

Mary Hock

Brynn Jordahl

Jessica Knoell

Bryce Langenberg

Ginger Linder

Ramona Mix

Amanda Perez

Marjean Schultz

Rita Skiles

Angelia Uphagrove

Chelsey Weeden



CASA Volunteer Training starts October 1st in Holdrege. This is a 30 hour class held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-9pm. If you or someone you know is interested call 308-995-2102 to get enrolled.

CASA Advocate Birthdays

September

Julianne Fitch

Jessica Knoell

October

Christina Millsap

November

Gale Dorn

Judy Carr

Amanda Perez



Phelps/Harlan County CASA would like to
thank the following donors from April, May
and June 2019:

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CASA is central to fulfilling
society's most fundamental obligation
by making sure a qualified, compassionate
adult will fight for and protect a child's
right to be safe, to be treated with
dignity and respect and to learn and grow
in the safe embrace of a loving family.

I am for the child™

Our CASA Advocates

Bard Alexander
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Robert Bennetts
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Court Appointed Special Advocates are appointed by the Court judge to represent the best interest of abused and neglected children in the court system. A CASA advocate acts as the "eyes and ears" of children involved in court proceedings, and offer judges a critical perspective of what is in the best interests of each child, based on information gathered first-hand through research, interviews, and observations. Studies show that once a CASA advocate is assigned to an abused or neglected child that the child is much more likely to receive vital services such as health care, education, and therapy. By getting involved as a CASA, you can help create healthier families and communities and change the course of a child's life.



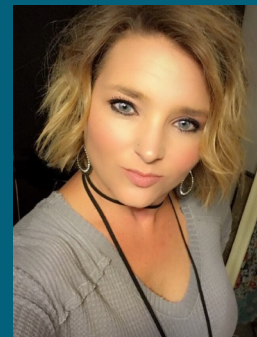
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