



# CASA Connection Newsletter

April 2017

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Spring Has Arrived!!!

## The Problem: OVERWHELMED SYSTEMS



## The Solution: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS



## The Results: BRIGHTER FUTURES



## PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017

### HOW DID WE DO?

- 24 Children referred to our program
- 46 Children served with an advocate
- 3 Served cases closed
- 63 Cases on a waiting list
- 16 Active volunteers
- 0 New volunteers sworn in

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

CASA Connection has been spreading awareness in the Community during the month of April. CASA hosted four library open houses in Colfax County to spread the word about CASA, and to raise awareness about child abuse.



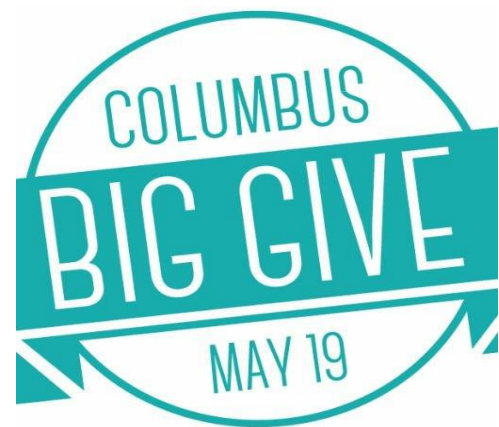
The Columbus Child Abuse Prevention Council is organizing a “wear blue” event April 21<sup>st</sup>. Don’t forget to wear blue to show your support for child abuse prevention!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*The Columbus Big Give is quickly approaching. The Big Give starts at 12am on May 19th and will go until 12am on May 20th. More information about this event will be on our Facebook page when it gets closer to the event.*



**TRAINING CLASS:** April training class in Platte County will be starting April 25<sup>th</sup>, with another one starting in June/July. We will also be hosting a training class in Colfax County starting in May. Anyone who is interested can call 402-563-4944.

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CASA CONNECTION!!



2017 is CASA Connections 25<sup>th</sup> year of advocating for children in the area. CASA will be hosting a “Cheers for CASA” wine tasting at Henry’s on 11<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out more on this event!

**CASA will also be hosting a Commodore Call May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We are excited to share with the Commodores what CASA does, as well as raise awareness about child abuse and CASA Connection.**

What does 2017 look like so far for us?

Statistics

- We are training 3 new volunteers starting April 25th
- We are utilizing 16 volunteers
- We have had 24 children referred to our program
- We are advocating for 46 children
- We have witnessed 3 cases close

*Thank You!!!*

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

*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*

*Linda K. Price*

*VOCA*

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*Volunteers don't  
necessarily have  
the time; they just  
have the heart*

Elizabeth Andrew

**National Volunteer Week-  
April 23-29**



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