



CASA Connection Newsletter

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CASA Connection Out & About

NEW CASA ADVOCATES!

Congratulations to our newest volunteers: [left to right] Theresa Seipel, Tara Svatora, Mike Goos and Cassandra Spitz. They were sworn in by the Honorable Frank J. Skorupa on December 19th. **Welcome!** Thank you for stepping up to advocate for abused & neglected children in our area.



CORNHUSKER POWER GOODWILL FUND

Lisa Rosendahl accepts a check from Cornhusker Power Goodwill Fund Trustee, David Scharff. **Thank you to all the Cornhusker Public Power customers who choose to donate to the Goodwill fund.**



CASA Connection's Executive Director, Susie Jarecki, along with her husband Ken and a student volunteer, manned a CASA Connection booth during Play Their Way family event held at Platte County Ag Park on October 13. Susie and her helpers played a farm-themed game with all the children and everyone received treats as well.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL

On November 7 our volunteers, board members and staff had the chance to catch up with each other during the volunteer appreciation social held at Shadows Restaurant in Columbus. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and an opportunity to show all of our dedicated advocates how much we appreciate what they do. Executive Director, Susie Jarecki presented the volunteers with certificates of service along with a bag of goodies. Thank you to Robbin Cutsor & Theresa Seipel for planning this annual event. A good time was had by all.



All the volunteers were given gift bags with goodies in them along with a certificate of service.



Zach Johnson and Mike & Patty Applegate enjoy some laughs.



[left to right]: Kim Schmidt, Susie Jarecki (with her back to the camera), Kim's friend, Rolaine Blaser & Joy Dannelly.



One of the items the volunteers received were Christmas ornaments made by our Outreach Coordinator, Lisa.



Gayle Farmer delivered a donation of “cuddle buddies” sewn by members of 1C -The Sanctuary’s Women’s group. These are soft cuddly creatures to give to the children we work with so they can have something to snuggle with. Even infants will be given one as some of them are designed with them in mind. We very much appreciate this generous donation!

UPCOMING Events

**NEBRASKA
STATE CASA
CONFERENCE
FOR VOLUNTEERS, STAFF
AND BOARD MEMBERS
March 27-28, 2020**

All day
Lincoln

For more information
call Susie:
(402)563-4944

**Cheers for CASA
Wine & Beer Tasting
Fundraiser**

Friday, April 17
More details to follow

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2020 MONTHLY CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSIONS

All sessions will be held Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in our building's conference room. This year some of our training sessions will focus on "Back to the Basics" refresher training using the new volunteer curriculum.

January 23

February 20

*No session in March due to State CASA
Conference*

April 23

May 14

June 25

July 23

**For more information on these sessions
contact Lisa: (402)563-4944**



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
Cornhusker Goodwill Fund
Walmart
Linda K. Price
Nebraska Crime Commission*

PROGRAM STATISTICS
FROM JANUARY 1 –DECEMBER 31, 2019

24 Children referred to our program	40 Cases monitored
56 Children served with an advocate	23 Active volunteers
50 Cases closed	8 New volunteers sworn in since January 2019



CASA Connection is looking for speaking opportunities

Do you have a business, church group, or other entity that would like to learn more about CASA Connection? Our Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Rosendahl, would love to come speak and share more with your peers about CASA Connection and how to get involved! Please reach out to casacoord@gmail.com and help spread the word!

BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa McFarland ~ President
Robbin Cutsor ~ Treasurer
Travis Hill
Zach Johnson
Doug Pauley
Teresa Seipel
Shelley Stempek

VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES!

Tami Altstadt
Mike Applegate
Julie Anderson
Rolaine Blaser
Dan Britt
Jean Britt
Tom Cleary
Dee Condon
Robbin Cutsor
Joy Dannelly
Tracy Duncan
Tricia Dusatko
Mike Goos
Renee Held
Kaye Karmann
Carrie Kreber
Jeanne Quinn
Kim Schmidt
Rhonda Scott
Theresa Seipel
Casey Spitz
Tara Svatora
Carrie Trofholz

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BIRTHDAYS

Susie Jarecki	January 3
Tricia Dusatko	January 7
Jean Britt	January 8
Travis Hill	January 14
Tara Svatora	January 14
Tracy Duncan	February 20
Lisa Rosendahl	March 7
Joy Dannelly	March 12
Zach Johnson	March 19
Jeanne Quinn	March 20

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