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Tri City Storm Hockey



Kearney/Buffalo County CASA had a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about CASA and child abuse and neglect while at a hockey game and sport our new shirts!

Pictured above is Melanie Lewis, Kelly Jensen, Misti Schroeder, Misti Schroeder's daughter, and Ashley Whitley.

Pictured above is CASA Supervisor Melanie Lewis, Stormy, and CASA Supervisor Kelly Jensen.

MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

March 2017



Brynn Jordahl
Kearney
Phelps/Harlan County
CASA



Kathie Merritt
Kearney
Kearney/Buffalo County
CASA



Steve Buttress
Kearney
Kearney/Buffalo County
CASA

Meet our new volunteers! These fabulous volunteers were sworn in following a 30 hour training. As part of their training, they learned about the CPS and court processes, cultural diversity, understanding Child Abuse and Neglect, family strengths, stress in families, risk factors for abuse and neglect, Impact of mental illness/ domestic violence/Substance Abuse to children and families, Poverty, Child Development, Attachment and separation, Understanding Confidentiality, Investigation, Community Resources, Writing CASA reports, Appearing in court, and Monitoring a case.



Jere Sue Schroer
Kearney
Kearney/Buffalo County
CASA



Tammy Linner
Upland
Kearney/Buffalo County
CASA



April Volunteer of the Month: Dorothy Feese

Kearney/Buffalo County CASA is proud to honor Dorothy Feese of Kearney for her advocacy for abused and neglected children. Dorothy has done and continues to do a wonderful job for both of her children on her cases. She gathers information important to her case, writes very thorough court reports, and has great rapport with her CASA children.

Dorothy stated, "I was looking for a relationship building process once I retired. I enjoyed the training classes. The continue education units have been valuable."



Upcoming Events:

Mother's Day-May 14th

Memorial Day-May 29th-Office Closed

Father's Day-June 18th

Independence Day-July 4th-Office Closed

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

STEVE BUTTRESS
BRIDGET LIMBACH
TAMMY LINNER
DIANA LUSCHER
NICOLE PETERSON
MISTI SCHROEDER
JERE SUE SCHROEDER
RAMONA SEXSON

JORDAN SMITH
TIFFANY COUFAL
GALE DORN
CHERYL ECHTENKAMP
DOROTHY FEESE
ROBERT HOBBS
ATRICIA KENAGY
JEAN KOLBO

KELLY JENSEN, NEW VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR PHELPS/HARLAN COUNTY CASA

Kearney/Buffalo County CASA is pleased to announce that while we have loved having Kelly Jensen as our 3rd Volunteer Supervisor in Kearney, Kelly has accepted the position as Volunteer Supervisor in Phelps/Harlan County CASA. Kelly has been a CASA volunteer for over three years. She has been a stay at home mom for the past 12 years to her 5 kids and loves helping on the family farm north of Minden. Prior to that, she was a 911 dispatcher for 3 counties. Kelly is highly motivated and brings her own personal experience, and new creative and innovative ideas to the position. We are happy to have her as part of our CASA team!



CASA VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

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JUNE

Ron Eckloff
Shannon Cameron
Angela Gibreal
Connie Choquette
Atricia Kenagy
Linda Martin
Andrea Potthoff

MAY

Nicole Peterson
Janna Ingram
Diana Luscher
Ramona Sexson
Jean Kolbo
Courtney Arram
Robert Hobbs
Teresa Carey

JULY

Jeri Runions
Ramona Hill
Jere Sue Schroer

SEPTEMBER

Cheryl Echtenkamp
Julianne Jefferis
Steve Buttress
Bridget Limbach
Wanda Fedorchik
Jody Lonn
Lisa McGuire
James Hudson

AUGUST

Kaleigh Johnson
Connie Broweleit



Upcoming New Volunteer Trainings:

Kearney

August 2017

For an application, call 308-865-5675!



KEEP
CALM
AND
Be An
Advocate

Pinwheel Garden's 2017 for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Kearney/Buffalo County CASA placed over 400 pinwheels out between Kearney and Buffalo County to help raise awareness about Child Abuse and Neglect in our local areas.

Kearney Pinwheel Garden was located in front of Kearney Clinic on 2nd Avenue and 32nd Street



Minden
Pinwheel
Garden
Kearney County
Courthouse
Minden



Mock Case



As part of our volunteers initial 30 hours of training, we have started doing a Mock Case to give them the most realistic experience of working a case and writing a CASA report all in the safety of the classroom. We had many professionals from the community that were willing to help us provide this fantastic learning experience to our new volunteers by playing parts or roles in this Mock Case. We would like to take a moment to thank those professionals which include:

Erin Nelson, Executive Director of RAFT and Foster Parent-Played the role of Foster Parent

Renae Self, Case Manager with RAFT
-Played the role of Family Support

Brenda Rodriguez, Caseworker for HHS
-Played the role of HHS Caseworker

Jason Owens, Counselor at KHS
-Played the role of Guidance Counselor

Pat Jorgensen, Therapist
-Played the role of Therapist

Kelly Jensen, CASA Supervisor
-Played the role of the Mom in this case

John and Barb Icenogle-Retired Judge and Teacher
-Played the role of Maternal Grandparents

Margot Icenogle-Larsen-CASA Supervisor
-Played the role of CASA Supervisor



SAVE THE DATE!! FRIDAY February 23, 2018



Miss CASA 2017 Winner!!
Ryan Carson
 aka
Lauren Order



KEARNEY/BUFFALO COUNTY CASA PRESENTS
MEN In Tights
MISS CASA 2017
 YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 PRE-SHOW 6:00 DINNER & CONTEST 6:30
A satirical beauty contest featuring male professionals from the area competing in evening wear and talent.

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PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
 JOY'S FLORAL- MINDEN
 TRU CAFE- KEARNEY
 MID-NEBRASKA COMMUNITY SERVICES- KEARNEY




People's Choice 2017 Winner!!
Danny Graves
 aka
Ivana Cocktail

Men In Tights 2017



Quarter Happenings: What Our CASA's Have Been Up To!

Children served:	137	<u>Children's Age Range</u>
Cases Closed:	44	0-5 =67
Waitlist:	47	6-11 =55
		12-15=22
		16-17=7
		18+ =4

<u>Our Volunteers time w/ CASA</u>	<u>Ages of Our Volunteers</u>	<u>Type of Cases</u>
< 1 year: 15	21-29=4	Neglect: 13
1 year: 10	30-39=8	Physical Abuse: 14
2 years: 10	40-49=8	Sexual Abuse: 2
3 years: 5	50-59=5	Other: 3
4 years: 3	60+ =19	
5 years: 5		

Miles driven by our Volunteers:	18,859
Hours our volunteers put in:	1,886
# of New Volunteers:	13
# of Volunteers:	63
# of Active Volunteers:	48

WAYS TO HELP KEARNEY/BUFFALO COUNTY CASA

1. Be a CASA Volunteer!
2. Monetary donations help us to continue to train new volunteers to serve children of Kearney and Buffalo County.
3. Donate office supplies: These supplies help us to do our daily work for these volunteers and children:
 - A. Printer Paper
 - B. Post It Notes
 - C. Security Envelopes
 - D. File Folders
 - E. White Out
 - F. Pens

THANK YOU!

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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 volunteer 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 volunteer 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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