



# Phelps/Harlan County CASA Fall Newsletter

## CASA Would Be Honored If You Choose Us

Give 2 Grow is a one-day fundraising event being held November 14, 2019 and we would be honored if you choose us, Phelps/Harlan County CASA to donate to. This unique fundraiser is being organized and hosted by the Phelps County Community Foundation.

Phelps/Harlan County CASA is again participating in this amazing event. Every donation made to CASA will be matched.

We invite you to be a part of this unique one-day fundraiser to help Phelps/Harlan County CASA raise \$4,000. Go to the link: <http://www.give2growphelps.org/CASA>

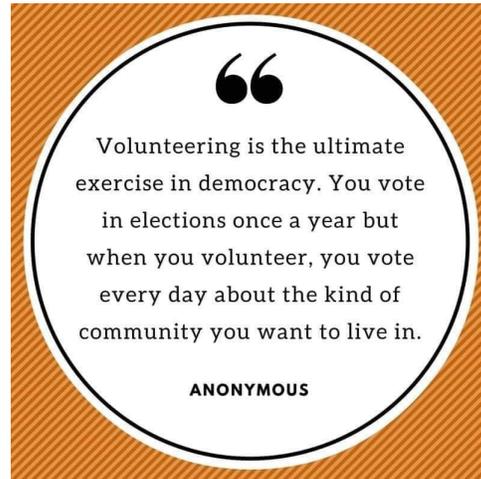
When a child is abused/neglected by a parent/guardian, they may be removed from the home for their safety. The child enters the foster care system and is placed with family/foster family. A court case is opened and the parent/guardian has a chance to regain custody by following the courts orders. Meanwhile, the child may experience many challenges, like placement changes, changing schools, loss of family connections, physical/emotional/health issues, etc. This is where CASA comes in. A CASA offers a child trust and advocacy during complex legal proceedings.

Please consider designating CASA for your donation, to enable us to continue our advocacy for abused and neglected children in Phelps and Harlan County's.





After spending 678 days in foster care, a little one was adopted today.



*Ashley Kreutzer of Orleans*



*Cari Sughroue of Holdrege*



*Marcie Janssen of Holdrege*

Phelps/Harlan County CASA currently is training 3 new CASA Advocates that will be sworn in on October 23rd. All three ladies will also be getting their first case assigned to them following being sworn in. We are looking forward to the advocacy these ladies will provide for their children they serve. The next CASA training will be a joint training with Franklin County CASA in January 2020.



After being in foster care for 930 days, the family gathered around the child that they provided a guardianship for and said the Lord's prayer. We are so blessed that this child had a CASA Volunteer to advocate for their best interests during their time in the juvenile court system so they could find permanency in a safe and loving home.

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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## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**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

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Linda Winter and Nancy Arehart for the beautiful pillow cases that they made for the abused and neglected children that we serve in Phelps and Harlan Counties. When a child is removed from their home they are most often removed with only the clothes on their backs and nothing to call their own. If you have any fabric that is at least a yard long and would like to donate it for this use contact the CASA office to do so.



We ask and we receive! A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Toni Wells and Main Street Variety for answering our request for drawing supplies and sketch pads!!!



Board members, staff and families participated in Alma's 4th of July parade and received 1st place in the non-profit organization division.

## Volunteer of the Quarter



*Chelsey Weeden of Holdrege*

Phelps/Harlan County CASA is pleased to recognize Chelsey Weeden as volunteer of the quarter. Chelsey became a CASA Volunteer in June of 2019 and even though there wasn't a child awaiting a CASA the day she was sworn in Chelsey patiently waited for a child to come into care to advocate for. That time finally came mid-July and Chelsey has developed a great relationship not only with the child that she serves, but with the family as well. When asking Chelsey why she got involved in CASA, Chelsey states, "I decided to get involved with CASA because I wanted to help kids. Last year I volunteered at a weekend camp for high risk teenage girls. Their stories made me want to get more involved with children in foster care. I saw some ads for the CASA program and that piqued my interest. After doing some research I felt that being a CASA volunteer could really impact a child's life for the better. I would urge people to look into being a CASA volunteer because of the relationships that you build with the children. You may be the only consistent thing in their life and that makes a huge impact on them." Chelsey got involved in CASA and decided to take the 30 hour training in hopes to make a difference in a child's life. After Chelsey connected with the child that she serves she found out that the child loves to draw and uses it as a tool to deal with the stress in her life but didn't have any resources to channel that through. Chelsey then reached out to Volunteer Supervisor Kelly Jensen with hopes to fill the need and a request went out on social media. By gracious donors Chelsey was able to give the child that she serves an art kit that was donated to Phelps/Harlan County CASA. Volunteer Supervisor Kelly Jensen states, "It literally takes a village to raise a child and when we have a child in need of something as simple as an art kit and someone in the community is willing to donate that to a child, that makes everything come full circle."

# Quarterly Report: July 1, 2019 to September 31, 2019

Children served:	38	<u>Children's Age Range</u>	<u>Case Outcome</u>
Cases Closed:	6	0-5: 14	Adoption: 2
Waitlist:	0	6-11: 9	Reunification: 0
		12-15: 8	Other: 0
Male:	16	16-17: 6	Guardianship: 4
Female:	22	18+: 1	

<u>Our Volunteers time w/ CASA</u>	<u>Ages of Our Volunteers</u>	<u>Type of Cases</u>
< 1 year: 4	21-29: 0	Neglect: 22
1 year: 0	30-39: 5	Physical Abuse: 2
2 years: 1	40-49: 0	Sexual Abuse: 15
3 years: 1	50-59: 3	Other: 5
4 years: 3	60+ : 7	
5 years: 6		

Miles driven by our Advocates:	1245
Hours our advocates put in:	147
# of New Advocates:	0
# of Active Advocates:	15

## CASA Advocate Birthdays

### November

Gale Dorn

Judy Carr

Amanda Perez



### December

Robert Bennetts

### January

Mary Hock

# Phelps/Harlan County CASA

would like to thank the following donors  
from July, August and September 2019:

Crime Commission

Fraternal order of Eagles—Holdrege

Bertrand Area Chamber of Commerce

Janet Rentzell

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Gale and Marcia Dorn

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### Our CASA Advocates

Bard Alexander	Julianne Fitch	Ramona Mix
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Gale Dorn	Ginger Linder	
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# Phelps/Harlan County CASA

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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