



Phelps/Harlan County CASA Fall Newsletter

CASA Would Be Honored If You Chose Us

Give 2 Grow is a one-day fundraising event being held November 19, 2020 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 \$8,000. Go to the link: <http://www.give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/phelpsharlan-county-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.





CASA SUPERHERO 5K/1M

When: October 31, 2020

Where: 413 West Ave. (Spirit of Grace Church) Holdrege

Time: Registration at 9am
Race at 10am

Register before October 16th

Awards will be given to the top 3 places



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocate
FOR CHILDREN

Calling all Superheros, Goblins and Ghouls

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The 5K/1M Superhero Run/Walk is an effort to raise awareness of how CASA lifts up the lives and voices of children in foster care through the advocacy of volunteers. CASA relies on the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and individuals to ensure the success of this event and our work. Your support will help us train, empower, and inspire more volunteers to improve the lives of abused and neglected children.

Come out on October 31st and participate in our first ever Superhero 5K/1M Run/Walk and help support CASA!!! Awards will be given to the top 3 places for the 5K along with the 1M. Register by October 16th to ensure your t-shirt size. Late registrations will be taken for an additional \$5 fee and t-shirt availability will be limited.



CASA SUPERHERO 5K/1M RUN/WALK



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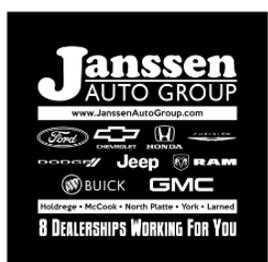
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To end child abuse & neglect

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Every child needs a hero, but abused and neglected children need superheroes. To ensure we can continue serving all children referred to our program, we will be hosting our CASA Superhero 5K/1M Run/Walk on October 31, 2020, at Spirit of Grace Church 413 West Ave. The event will feature a 5K race, 1M kids' walk, or you may simply walk either. Our theme clearly resonates with our program, as we consider all of our CASA Volunteers superheroes in the lives of the children that they serve.

Please consider partnering with us in our battle against abuse and neglect by being an event sponsor. For \$100, your sponsorship for our event will put your logo on our event t-shirts, event flyer along with social media for publicity. For full sponsorship benefits, CASA must receive commitments by October 1st, 2020.

Superman was adopted. Spiderman was an orphan, raised by his aunt and uncle. Batman grew up with his butler, Alfred, who was his guardian and father figure. These superheroes didn't come from typical families but were able to accomplish great things as adults. This is what we want for our CASA children, who come from backgrounds that are not always ideal. Use your superpowers to support CASA as we make sure abused and neglected children are placed in safe, permanent homes where they can become the people they were destined to be.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at casa@phelpscore.org I hope we can work together!

Executive Director
308-995-2102

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CASA Superhero 5K/1M Run/Walk Sponsorship Form

Event Sponsorship Form
EVENT SPONSOR \$100

Company name or logo on event t-shirt
Event recognition – company name or logo on event flyer and on social media

VERBAL COMMITMENT OF SPONSORSHIP BY: October 1st, 2020
PAYMENT REQUESTED BY October 10th, 2020

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Include sponsorship form and check made payable to: Phelps/Harlan County CASA

Mail to: Phelps/Harlan County CASA
Attn: Kelly Jensen, Executive Director
715 5th Ave. Suite #6 – Holdrege, NE 68949

Yes, I will participate as a sponsor for the Phelps/Harlan Co. CASA Fundraiser

CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (W) _____ (C) _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

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I'd like to use this as Give2Grow Donation on Nov. 19, 2020.



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CASA SUPERHERO 5K/1M RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION FORM

OCTOBER 31, 2020 – REGISTRATION STARTS 9AM – RACE STARTS AT 10AM – 413 WEST AVE. HOLDREGE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Gender: M/F Age on Race Day _____ Birth date _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact Phone _____

T-shirt size (please circle one): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

Race Divisions (please circle one): 10 & Under 11+ to Adult

Entry FEE (due by October 16th any received after will be an add. \$5):

\$25 - 5K Fun Run - participants receive a t-shirt and bib

\$15 - 1M Kids Fun Run - participants receive a t-shirt and bib

\$15 - 5K/1M Walk - participants receive a t-shirt and bib

Registrations after October 16th will be limited to t-shirt availability

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Release and waiver (Please read and sign)

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not participate in this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that, although police protection might be provided, there could be traffic on the course route; therefore, I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any other risks associated with running this event, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, and road conditions. I understand I am solely responsible for my own safety while traveling to and from or participating in this event. Knowing these facts and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might sue on my behalf, waive, release, and discharge the sponsors and contributors to this event, any race officials, volunteers, police agencies, and the representatives, successors, or assignees of them from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury, or property damage arising out of my participation.

I further grant full permission to use any photographs, videos, recordings, or records of the event for any purpose. If I am a minor, I understand that my registration will only be accepted with a parent/guardian's signature. Event will be held rain or shine. If the event is cancelled, no refunds will be made and will be considered a donation to Phelps/Harlan County CASA.

Signature _____ Date _____

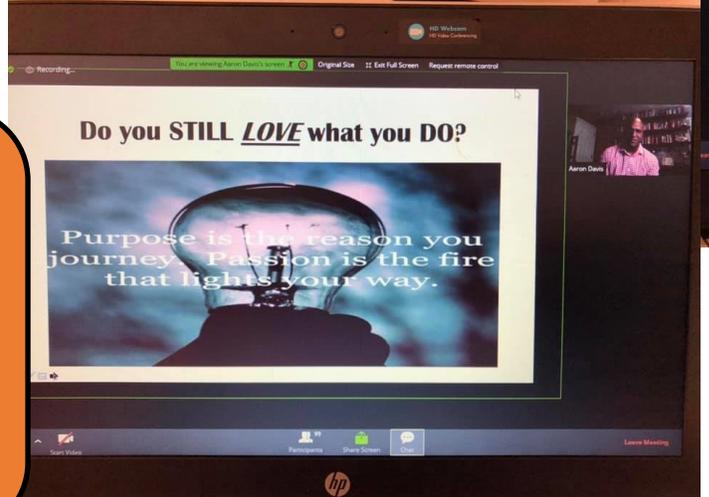
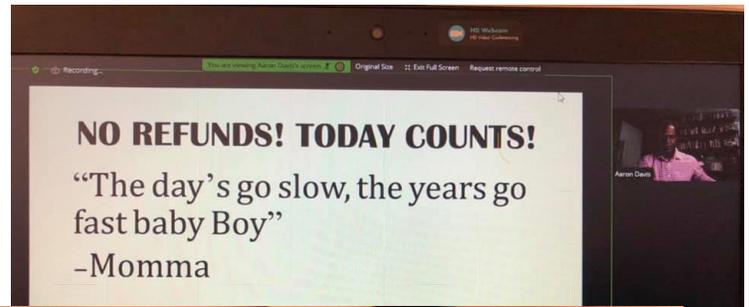
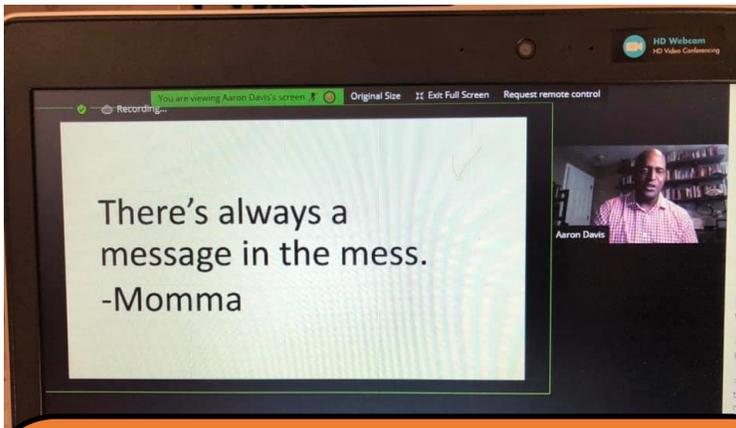
Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 19 _____ Date _____

Mail check with Registration Form to:

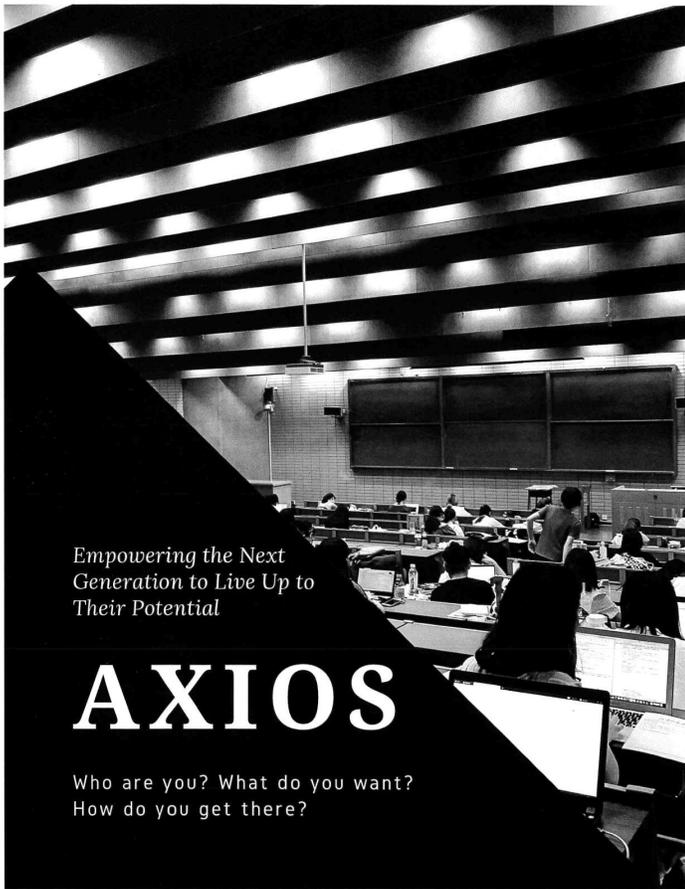
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The Nebraska CASA Conference finally happened on August 29th from being postponed from back in March. However it was all virtual, opening speaker, Aaron Davis, was such an inspiration to all participants. In a time of unknow with the current pandemic Aaron reminded us that now more than ever to not give up and to keep moving forward. The next Nebraska CASA Conference will be August 27 & 28, 2021.



The AXIOS Program is geared towards investing in the next generation of workforce by mentoring and equipping them to discover their purpose in life and learn how to use their gifting to impact their community positively.

WHAT WE DO



Provide support to graduate from high school



Link participants to career fields best suited to their talents and skills



Assist students to explore best post-secondary training for their career goals such as technical school, a two- or four-year degree



Connect students to high demand jobs



Connect companies and organizations with students who are interested in their industries



Develop personal qualities that translate to into successful job performance and retention

HOW WE DO

Holistic approach through workforce development, education, faith, and collaboration in preparing this young generation of workforce to be innovative and have an entrepreneur mindset.

WHO: Young men and Women 8th grades – post secondary education level

WHEN: We meet once a week after school or in school for 1 hour

Interested?
Alex Mahundi at 308-293-8320
or email alexander13.mahundi@gmail.com

Check out this pilot program that is being offered to all Holdrege and Loomis students from 8th grade on up. If you or someone you know would be interested in partaking in these services please reach out to the contact info on the flyer.



A HUGE shout out to The Friends of The Library for their donation of kids books to the abused and neglected children that we serve!!! We love receiving donations like these that we can throw in a goodie bag for all the children that we are currently serving!



When we put out the call that we have a child in need, someone always pulls through. Thank YOU!!!



On July 25th, Phelps/Harlan County CASA had an informational booth at the Holdrege Car Show/Torch Run and handed out bottles of water along with CASA Swag. Pictured from left to right are Kelly Jensen, Executive Director, Kalei Freeland and Brandy Orme, Resource Committee members. We would like to thank everyone that came out that day and helped with our booth and also that helped themselves to some CASA freebies.



Hosting coffee connection is always a great way to interact with people from the great community that we live in. We would like to thank everyone that came out on July 31 and joined us.



At our state conference, one of our fantastic speakers Christy Prang reminds us that all Nebraskans are mandatory reporters of child abuse.

Who do I call?

In Nebraska:

Reports are to be made to this toll free number:
1-800-652-1999
 (Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline)

If it is an emergency call **911.**





Big news is coming soon!
Country singer, Luke Mills, along with CASA are in the planning stages of bringing an all new event to the area. Stayed tuned to Phelps/ Harlan County CASA's Facebook page for more details.

Pictured from left to right: Ginger Linder Board of Directors member, Country singer Luke Mills and Kelly Jensen Executive Director.

Making A Difference Amongst a Pandemic!!



Phelps/Harlan County CASA Volunteer, Cari Sughroue, is making a difference amongst the current pandemic. It's what she does well. Cari became a CASA Advocate in October of 2019 and has been serving abused and neglected children ever since.

Not only does Cari serve children in the Phelps/Harlan County CASA Program, but when she was first sworn into the court system as a CASA Advocate her first appointment came from Lincoln County with the children that she was serving being placed in Holdrege. Since she has been sworn in as a CASA Advocate for abused and neglected children, Cari has served five children in both of the CASA programs together. When asking Cari why she became involved in CASA and continues to do what she does, Cari states, "First and foremost, I became involved with CASA to be an advocate, a voice and support for children who are experiencing an often very traumatic event in their life." Cari works for ESU 11 and at the time that she signed up to be a CASA Volunteer she wanted

to be more involved in the community that she lives in, since her employment had her working out of county. Cari stated, "I had the opportunity to ask questions and to hear real experiences from Heather Hunt, CASA Volunteer Coordinator in Franklin County. When I was ready, she referred me to Kelly Jensen, Phelps/Harlan County CASA, where I completed the required classes. I received my first CASA case shortly after being sworn in. I am now working my second case. Even for myself, I was on the fence about becoming a volunteer. Professionally, most of my career has involved working with people in high risk situations- but this commitment would be different. Different because the focus is on the child." "Cari has always been willing to jump in where needed when it has come to working her cases or by just helping out any way she can with CASA in general. Cari has not allowed this current pandemic to slow her down from advocating for the children that she serves." states Kelly Jensen, Executive Director for Phelps/Harlan County CASA. Cari states that if she could let others know just one thing about CASA and the job that she does it is this, "It is a team effort. Everyone has a very unique, important role and we all work together for the best outcome for the children. Kelly Jensen plays a vital role on this team and she is also the CASA volunteer's number one supporter. Kelly has tremendous compassion for the CASA program, she has expectations of growth for the volunteers and is always available to help when needed. Unfortunately, there is always a need for CASA volunteers. Children are in need of men and women, who will commit themselves to becoming an advocate. Children need to know that they can trust adults and that their best interests are being heard. As a CASA volunteer, you will be supported and part of a team that can impact a child's life." Kelly Jensen adds, "It truly does take a team effort, but most importantly it takes a village to raise a child. There are many people that form the teams that we work with for the sake of the children, but the CASA Volunteer is a vital part to each one of those teams and during this current pandemic unfortunately child abuse and neglect does not stop. Phelps/Harlan County CASA has actually seen an increase in cases since the beginning of this pandemic which means we need more CASA Advocates for the children even more now than before."

Quarterly Report: July 1, 2020 to September 31, 2020

Children served:	35	Children's Age Range	Case Outcome
Cases Closed:	2	0-5: 10	Adoption: 2
Waitlist:	0	6-11: 12	Reunification: 0
		12-15: 11	Other: 0
Male:	18	16-17: 2	Guardianship: 4
Female:	17	18+: 0	

Our Volunteers time w/ CASA	Ages of Our Volunteers	Type of Cases
< 1 year: 8	21-29: 2	Neglect: 27
1 year: 0	30-39: 4	Physical Abuse: 5
2 years: 0	40-49: 3	Sexual Abuse: 1
3 years: 3	50-59: 4	Other: 2
4 years: 3	60+ : 6	
5 years: 5		

Miles driven by our Advocates:	1572
Hours our advocates put in:	269
# of New Advocates:	0
# of Active Advocates:	19

CASA Advocate Birthdays

November

Gale Dorn

Judy Carr

Amanda Perez



January

Mary Hock

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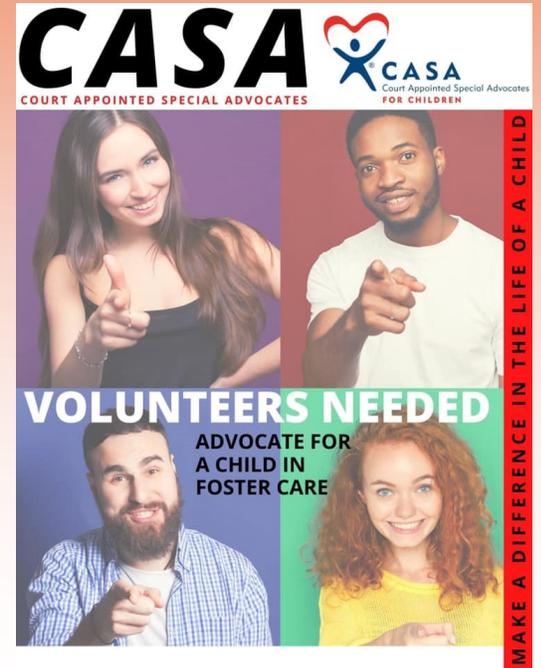
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Court Appointed Special Advocates are appointed by the Court judge to represent the best interest of abused and neglected children in the court system. A CASA advocate acts as the "eyes and ears" of children involved in court proceedings, and offer 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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