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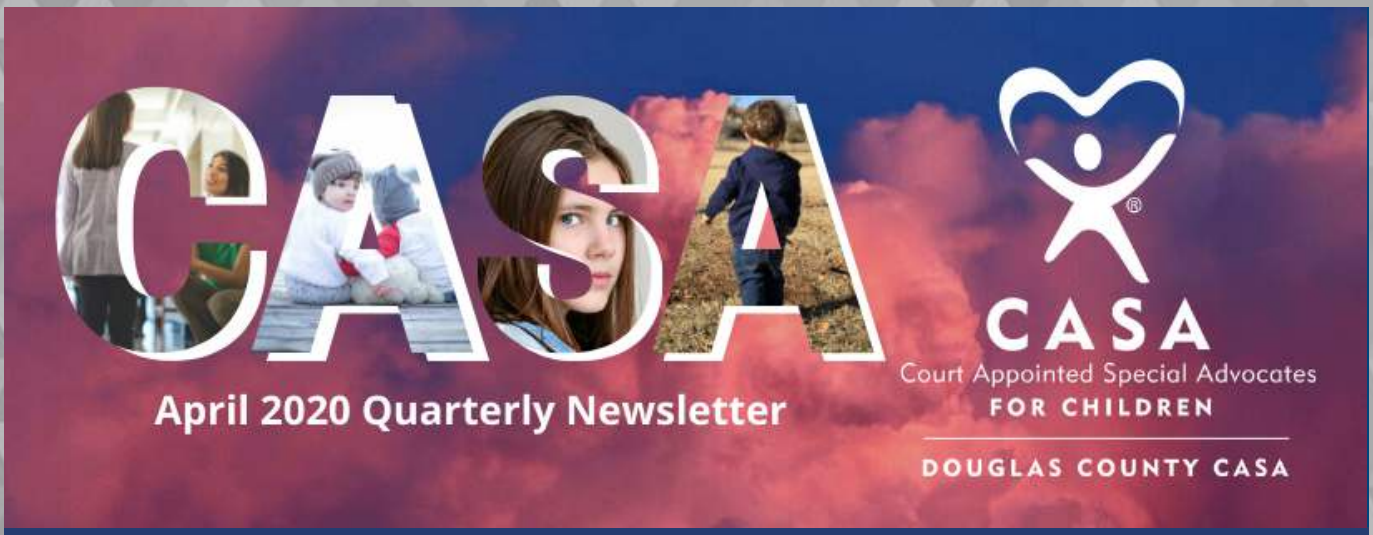


Dear CASA Volunteer,,

Child abuse. Child neglect. Social isolation of children and parents due to COVID-19. These are not easy topics. It is painful to think about children experiencing abuse or neglect. Sadly, it happens every day and, with the expected increase of abuse and neglect due to COVID-19, we need your support more than ever.

At Douglas County CASA we are more determined than ever to ensure that every child in our County who experiences abuse and neglect has a caring adult by their side to speak up for their needs and best interests. Even amidst the contact restrictions due to COVID-19, our volunteers are continuing their vital work – replacing face-to-face visits with virtual and using alternative means of communication to support and advocate for these children.

Please, join us in raising awareness about these issues and take action to help our most vulnerable children by making a gift today. Your support allows us recruit, train and support more volunteers so that we can help as many of the 117 children currently on our waiting list as possible.

Thank you,

Erick Vaughn
Executive Director

# First Quarter of 2020

- 75 volunteers
- Serving **126 children**
- Volunteering over **1,281 hours**
- driving over **9,087 miles**

**276 cumulative years of service**

## Ways to Support Us

**General Support Donation**

A donation of any amount to any of our funds will support our work in 2020

**Give the Gift of Hearing**

Donate to help provide hearing aids to one of our CASA kids.

**Donate to meet child needs**

Donate to help us provide much needed supplies directly to our kids.

**Apply for our Board of Directors**

We are currently looking for new board members, apply or encourage others to apply

Follow us on Social Media (using the links below) and share, comment.

Or simply have a conversation with your family, friends, or neighbors about why you love CASA!

**Start a Facebook Fundraiser**

You can start a Facebook Fundraiser for your birthday...or just because!

## Supporters & Funders

Although it is current quarter activity and not the prior quarter, **we want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Bank MidWest** (especially Janetlynn Zuk!) for their support in applying for Paycheck Protection Program funds that were made available via the CARES Act.

These funds will be a huge help in maintaining our services as we expect individual and business giving to decline due to the impact of COVID-19.

Bank Midwest
A division of NBH Bank, Member FDIC
Where common sense lives.

We are sincerely grateful to the businesses that donated at levels that made them **Agency**

Thank you to our **long-standing funders** ! We've been able to work with these funders over the past month to make modifications in fund usage to respond more appropriately during COVID-19:

- Douglas County
- Shumaker Family Foundation
- City of Lawrence
- Crime Victims Assistance Fund: Child Abuse and Neglect
- Ethel and Raymond F. Rice Foundation

**In-Kind Donations:**

**Communities in Schools** p rovided us 25 backpacks full of useful goodies (oral care kit, ruler, pens,

**Sponsors** for 2020:

- Ad AstraEye
- Kindred CPA, LLC
- Stephens Real Estate

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The following **donors** gave to us last quarter:

- First Presbyterian Church
- **Truity Credit Union**
- Bartlett & West

pencils, crayons, and blank notebooks.

Every backpack was tagged with a message of encouragement hand-written by the donors.

## Charity Recognition

In February, **Kindred CPA, LLC** recognized us as their nonprofit of the month, which resulted in a donation! Thank you!

**The Chiropractic Element** is currently recognizing us as their charity for the quarter.

## Save the Dates!

- **Playhouse Raffle Tickets** - available now through Oct 2020
- **Superhero Run** - Oct 2020
- **Winds Across the Prairie**: A **KU Wind Ensemble** Event - September 12, 2020
- **CASAblanca** - September 26, 2020

**Sign-Up for Superhero Run**

**Get Yer Raffle Tickets Now!**