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Did you wave to us at the Junction City Christmas Parade? We were there with our CASA means no Grinch float! We gave away candy and had a blast being a part of kicking off the Christmas Season!

The "Best Interest" Principle

The CASA/GAL volunteer is guided by the "**best interest**" principle when advocating for a child.

This means that the volunteer **knows the child** well enough to **identify the child's needs**.

The volunteer makes **fact-based recommendations** to the court about **appropriate resources** to meet those needs and informs the court of **the child's wishes**, whether or not those wishes are, in the opinion of the CASA/GAL volunteer, in the child's best interest.



Our next CASA Volunteer Advocate training will begin January 2022! We will be offering an evening class and a daytime class. Want to learn more or sign up? Contact Jeremiah at casavolunteer@8thjd.com before December 30th!



Amazon has a great opportunity for you to not only give to friends and loved ones, but to help CASA of the 8th Judicial District as well! Want to know how?

Follow these steps:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Log into your Amazon account (if you are not already logged in)
3. Under the big Amazon search box you will see the word "Supporting" in orange, to the right of that you will see the charity you are currently supporting, click on the charity
4. Click "Change Your Charity" or "Pick Your Own Charitable Organization"
5. Under "Or Pick Your Own Charitable Organization", type in "CASA of the Eighth Judicial District Inc" then hit search
6. Click "Select"

THAT'S IT! THAT SIMPLE! CASA will receive a percentage of your purchase as a charity donation! Click on the Amazon Smile image above to get started!

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hatt at casa@8thjd.com

177 Road Construction

K-177 Updates & Information:

The Kansas Department of Transportation will start road improvements on K-177 from Council Grove to I-70.

For the next several months, off-roadway work will have minimal impact to traffic flow.

Reconstruction will be completed in two phases.

Phase 1: March 27, 2022 - November 17, 2022

Phase 2: March 28, 2023 - October 13, 2023

In phase 1 it is anticipated that K-177 will be closed between Council Grove (beginning north of Munger's Creek) and Alta Vista.

In phase 2 it is anticipated that K-177 will be closed between Alta Vista and I-70.

Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. and Subsidiaries of Wichita is the primary contractor for this \$52.3 million project.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a work zone.

Check kandrive.org for updates and more information.

Morris County will provide further information and detour routes as it is released by the State.



GIVING TUESDAY

Today, CASA of the 8th Judicial District will be participating in the Giving Tuesday campaign. Giving Tuesday is an event that celebrates giving and philanthropy. It combines the ease of donating through online giving and/or social media and the needs of nonprofits. Any and all donations made through Facebook or PayPal to our program on GivingTuesday are potentially matched by others and the full amount of the donation is received by our program as Facebook and PayPal waive their processing fees on that day. We invite you to kick-off your Holiday Season by making a donation to help the abused, neglected, and trafficked children we serve in your community and by following our Facebook pages as we share the power of each donation to our program. Want more information? Follow this link: <http://www.casa8jd.org/givingtuesday>.



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