

CASA of the Eighth Judicial District



From Our Executive Director

Welomce to 2021!

We are looking forward to a great year! 2020 was a very unusual year for all of us. Despite the shut down and courts being closed for a period of time, our program served 127 children. Thankfully, we also certified new CASA Volunteer Advocates as well. Our amazing CASA Volunteer Advocates, staff, and Board Members did an excellent job of navigating the trials of video visits, new policies and procedures, taking care of the children we serve, and each other during 2020.

Volunteers and Staff

We are very excited that our CASA volunteers are able to do in-person visits again. This is strictly on a volunteer basis. Staff members are still staggered by working partially from home at the current time. We look forward to getting on a regular office schedule in the coming months.

Outreach Coordinator

Due to some health issues our Outreach Coordinator, Terri Levin, had to step down. We appreciate all the wonderful work Terri did and we will greatly miss her. We wish her well on her road to recovery from surgery.



We are happy to announce that Angelina Brankley has accepted the position as our new Outreach Coordinator. She has shown a passion for the work we do here at CASA. Angelina cannot wait to join our mission in advocating for children in need. We would like to welcome Angelina aboard and look forward to working with her.

The Community Foundation of

Like last year, the Community Foundation of Dickinson County Match Day will be a virtual event on March 26, 2021. Donors will have the ability to give online for 24 hours. Donations will be matched! There will also have the drive-thru window open for local giving if someone would want to write a check instead of donating online.

If you are interested in supporting CASA of the 8th Judicial District on "Donate Dickinson County Match Day", the website is www.donatedickinson.com. Again, the donations should be made within that 24-hour giving cycle in order to be matched.

The date is March 26th.



International Women's Day



We would like to recognize all the amazing women that work for CASA. You all do an amazing job and we could not do it without you!

Plans are being made for the Symphony of the Flint Hills to be held in Morris County on June 12, 2021. Tickets go on sale March 6th. It has been two years since this event was held. Weather cancelled the event in 2019 and COVID 19 cancelled it in 2020.

<https://symphonyintheflindhills.org/>



Did you know that you can support CASA of the 8th Judicial District when you shop at your local Dillons? CASA is now a part of their Community Rewards Program!

All you have to do is connect your Dillons Plus Card with CASA of the 8th Judicial District and every time you shop, CASA will earn. This is of no cost to you and only takes a few minutes of your time to help raise money to support our mission of advocating for a child's best interest while they are in the court system. Please follow the steps below to get signed up today!

If you already have a Dillons online account:

TO ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

* Members must visit Dillons website

account at our website)

* Click on "Enroll Now"

* Enter the 5-digit CQ 669 and search

* Select your Organization and click on "Enroll"

If you do not already have a Dillons online account:

CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT AT DILLONS WEBSITE:

* Visit website at www.dillons.com/communityrewards

* Click on "Register" at the top of the page

* Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us

* Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page

* You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

* Proceed to Enroll in the Community Rewards Program instructions above

Thank you for taking time out of your day to help support CASA of the 8th Judicial District! Share this information with your friends and family! The more people that sign up, the more funds CASA can earn to help serve the children in our community!

Grant Awards

We would like to recognize that the Peabody Community Foundation has awarded our program with a \$500 grant this year! That funding will make a huge difference to our program and efforts in the Peabody community.

We are also excited to announce that the Hillsboro Community Foundation has awarded our program a \$250 grant! We appreciate their generosity.

Thank You



Plans are being made for a CASA benefit on April 8, 2021. This will be a take-out meal of Chicken & Noodles with mashed potatoes at the Council Grove First Baptist Church. Details to be announced soon.

Upcoming Trainings

There are two upcoming online Volunteer training courses that are ready for you to join!

Our next training will be a morning training. It will be 100% online and held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The morning training dates are April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, and May 27.

Our next evening Volunteer training will begin in the end of May. Classes are from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. online. The classes will be on Wednesday evenings on May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, and June 30.

For more information on training courses, please contact us at casa@8thjd.com.



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