

# SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CASA NEWSLETTER



**Welcome to the homestretch of 2020!** What a year this has been... We had a lot of great things planned for 2020 at Southeast Nebraska CASA, but once COVID hit in March, a lot of our plans quickly changed.

Our training for new and existing volunteers is now online. Our volunteers are working very hard to stay in contact with the children they serve, but those visits look different now. Most of our volunteers continue to meet with their CASA children remotely, but some have started visiting the children in person again. But even these in person visits look very different. With masks, hand sanitizer, pre-health questionnaires... **We are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers who have not only been extremely flexible, but have gone above and beyond this year to be the voice for the children.**

We have a lot of exciting things happening at Southeast Nebraska CASA! We received two Community Cares Grants for COVID Relief which have allowed us to hire two temporary employees. Hope Dunbar is our temporary Marketing and Recruitment Specialist and Sonia Almodovar is our temporary Administrative Assistant. They will be with us until December 30, 2020 (unless I can find another grant and keep them!) They both fit right into our team, and have helped us build momentum in the office and out in the community.

Since Hope and Sonia joined our team in August, we have launched a podcast, CASA Talk on October 1st and we will launch a capital campaign A CASA for Every Kid on October 16th. (We will talk more about these throughout this newsletter).

In September, I celebrated four years with Southeast Nebraska CASA. These four years have not been easy. Administratively, we had a lot to clean up when I started in 2016. You all walked through my cancer fight in 2018, and now we are learning how to work through a pandemic in 2020.

Since I became Executive Director in 2016, I have learned that some days are hard, but when I see what the kids we serve have to go through... my hard days seem pretty easy in comparison. I am so thankful for our wonderful volunteers and staff who help make Southeast Nebraska CASA the amazing program it is. I feel very blessed to work for this amazing organization, and I know whatever happens, we can get through it....together.



# Meet Monica

Our First Guided Learning Graduate!

Monica and her hubby live on an acreage in Blue Springs. They have 2 children, ducks, and chickens.

Monica has worked in Early Childhood for 18+ years.

When asked why she decided to become a CASA she said, "*I chose to be a CASA volunteer to help children who need a positive role model and someone to speak up on their behalf. I am looking forward to building relationships with the children, and their families.*"

Monica recently graduated from our new Guided Learning Program. Her response to the new program was, "*The online Guided learning was ideal for me. I was able to complete the trainings on my own time and in the comfort of my house.*"

We're excited to have Monica as part of  
Southeast Nebraska CASA!



## VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Have you been interested in training to become a CASA, but worried about fitting it into your busy schedule?

No More worrying about traveling in inclement weather!

# WE HAVE THE SOLUTION!!

## ONLINE GUIDED LEARNING



No More Waiting for the next class to start!

Train on **your own time**,  
At **your own pace**,  
In the comfort of **your own home!**

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# Capital campaign starts


## October 16th!

We all know how Covid-19 has effected our lives and changed our routines.

It has limited how much face to face time we can have with our CASA kids and how much face to face time CASA can enjoy with its volunteers.

It has also been a time to rethink how we do things and plan for the future.

***Our capital campaign is a perfect opportunity to reaffirm what makes CASA so important and reaffirm our commitment to serving the children of Southeast Nebraska as best we can.***

Our  volunteers are the heart and soul of our work and our goal to strengthen and support them will ensure the kind of strength and support we offer children in crisis.

Starting **October 16th** and running until **December 1st**, we aim to raise **\$10,190.00** to represent **10** new CASA volunteers.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, "Southeast Nebraska CASA," and watch our progress on our campaign page;

**[www.mightycause.com/story/CASAforeverykid](http://www.mightycause.com/story/CASAforeverykid)**

In addition to our campaign, we've planned some fun things along the way thanks to singer/songwriter, Hope Dunbar.

Because of our social distancing limitations, we will be relying very heavily on our social media pages to get the word out, give you updates and tell the story of CASA as we go.

The more people we have talking about the power of a CASA volunteer to change the story of a child the better!

Won't you please join us in this exciting time?

# A CASA for Every Kid

# A CASA FOR EVERY KID CAMPAIGN

## AN ONLINE EVENT



October 16-December 1

**Follow us on Facebook so you dont miss out!**

October 18-31 donate \$50 and get a Social Distance Song Serenade delivered to the place of your choosing!\*

Nov. 1-7 Donate \$150 and get a Kid Song Commission dedicated to that special kiddo in your life!\*



Nov. 8-20 Donate \$250 and get a custom song commission for that special someone or that special memory!\*



Go To @SoutheastNebraskaCASA  
Facebook Page every Friday of the campaign at  
7pm for an online concert!

Donate at

[www.mightycause.com/story/CASAforeverykid/](http://www.mightycause.com/story/CASAforeverykid/)



\*Limited quantity available of each reward so don't delay!

# SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CASA LAUNCHES BRAND NEW PODCAST!



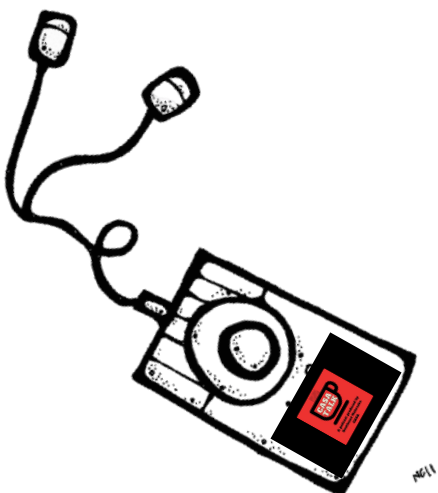
**Looking for a way to get training hours in?  
Looking for a way to know more about connecting with  
your community and contemplating our role as advocates  
and neighbors?**

Well, we're inviting everyone to listen in to "**CASA Talk**" every  
Thursday- our brand new podcast project!

Our goal is to reach a wider audience using our voice and  
mission while we enter into conversations on topics that shape  
our communities and our world.

**"CASA Talk"** is available anywhere you listen to podcasts and  
it's completely free!!

We would love it if you could review, rate and share the show  
with people you know!





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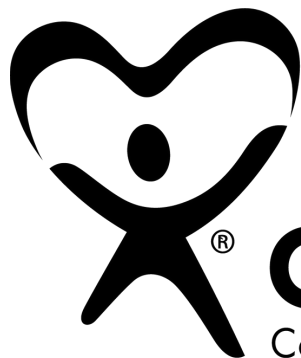
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