



SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CASA

WINTER 2025

YEAR-END GIVING

As the year ends, we're grateful for the volunteers, donors, and community members who help children across Southeast Nebraska have a consistent, caring advocate in their lives. Because of you, every child we serve knows they are not alone.

This Giving Tuesday and through year-end, your gift goes twice as far thanks to Rembolt Ludtke LLP. They have generously offered to match donations up to \$1,000. Every dollar helps us reach more children who need a voice and a champion.

Thank you for standing with CASA and making a difference that lasts a lifetime.

Special thank you to: **Rembolt** | **Ludtke**



CASA'S IMPACT IN 2025



CASA volunteers are community members who advocate for children in the foster care system, making sure their voices are heard and their needs are met.

This year, we've seen firsthand the incredible impact our volunteers have on the lives of children in our communities. One moment that stands out involved a CASA volunteer who responded when a teen was in crisis. She stayed with the youth until she was calm, and as she was leaving, the teen asked why she wasn't driving a state car. The volunteer explained that she isn't a state caseworker — she's a volunteer, driving her own car to be there. The teen paused, realizing for the first time that the volunteer was there because she wanted to be, not because she had to be.

Another highlight was witnessing a teen achieve permanency through adoption. The courtroom was packed with her support system — a testament to the network of people who showed up for her along the way.

Stories like these inspire us every day to keep fighting for children's voices to be heard.

- * 45 children served
- * 5,022 miles driven
- * 1,205 hours
- * 21 active volunteers

(numbers expected to increase by Dec 31)

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Board Member
Brian Peters



Volunteer
Tori Perry



Board Member
Andrea
McInerney

SCARE AT THE FAIR



This year's Scare at the Fair was an absolute hit! We welcomed over 400 kids for a night filled with games, candy, and community fun. We've heard nothing but great feedback, and it's all thanks to the incredible support from our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who donated.

A Huge Thank You to Our Sponsors!

- Union Bank & Trust – \$1,000 Carnival Sponsor
- Borchers Ag Inc. – \$1,000 Candy & Fidget Sponsor
- Cross Creek Animal Center – \$750 Photo Booth Sponsor
- Cattle Bank & Trust – \$250 Popcorn Sponsor
- Jones Bank – \$250 Food Sponsor

And of course, a big thank you to all of our additional sponsors who helped make the night possible. Your generosity allows Southeast Nebraska CASA to continue supporting children and families in our communities.

We're already looking forward to next year — keep an eye on our Facebook page for the Save the Date!

**Raised
\$3,811!**



Southeast Nebraska CASA staff pause for a photo before the fun begins!



Jones Bank employees pose with their trophy for winning best decorated booth!

MICROPHONES FOR A MISSION

In early October, Southeast Nebraska CASA was honored to be part of KOOL Radio and Max Country 104.9's first-ever "Microphones for a Mission" radiothon! The two-day event dedicated airtime to raising awareness about CASA — who we are, what we do, and how our communities can get involved.

The event was a huge success and so well received by listeners. Our staff and volunteers loved the opportunity to share stories about the incredible work of CASA and the impact it has on children and families. We're also grateful for the chance to connect with other CASA programs who took part — it was inspiring to see our shared mission highlighted in such a meaningful way.

A heartfelt thank-you to KOOL Radio and Max Country 104.9 for their generosity in hosting this event, and to our volunteers and board members who shared their voices and passion for CASA!



Shelby Pedersen and other local program directors prepare to kick off "Microphones for a Mission!"

**Raised
\$726**

SEWARD COUNTY GIVES



This year's Seward County Gives was an incredible success! Our goal was to raise funds to provide an advocate for five additional children in Seward County and to help cover the cost of a special activity for each child — things like swim lessons, soccer cleats, or a baseball glove.

We were thrilled to see our community rally around this effort. To help encourage donations, Carla Ketner donated a \$100 Chamber gift card, Hux & Quinn Photography donated a gift certificate, and The Velvet Hour donated a facial — all of which were included in a donor drawing for anyone who gave \$10 or more. These giveaways provided by local businesses helped us reach even more supporters!

This year, we also partnered with Hope Crisis Center and Sixpence to host a free family event in the community to bring awareness to our cause and connect with families.

Thank you to everyone who donated during Seward County Gives — your support, along with the matching funds, makes a tremendous difference for the children we serve.



Southeast Nebraska CASA staff at Seward County Gives "Lunch on the Lawn."

**Raised
\$10,913!**

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CASA IN 2025...



Evie Hoff and Maverick Pedersen enjoy free movie hosted by Southeast Nebraska CASA!



Volunteer, Nyla Helge, with her CASA children on their adoption day!



Jessica Hilderbrand interviews with KOOL radio for Microphones for a Mission.



Jennifer Eickhoff and Stephanie Scott take their oath and are sworn in as CASA Volunteers.



Shelby Pedersen presented with colleagues on writing court reports at the 2025 CASA conference.



Centennial Public Schools principal, Brad Luce, became an ice cream sundae after the students raised money for CASA!



Hope Crisis, Sixpence, and Southeast Nebraska CASA hosted a family fun event for Seward County Gives.



Jessica Hilderbrand and Brandi Klaassen take their oath and are sworn in as CASA Volunteers.

INDIVIDUALS

Abbey Feulner
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