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THE VOICE

The Official Newsletter of Southeast Nebraska CASA

A Note from Our Director

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It is our silver anniversary in Seward County! CASA has been serving abused and neglected children in Seward County for 25 years. A lot has changed in those 25 years, but one thing is the same... Our volunteers continue to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Our program started as Seward County CASA in 1996 and expanded into York County between 2000-2002. In 2003, CASA for York County went on their own, and in 2006, Seward County CASA became our own 501c3 nonprofit organization. We expanded into Jefferson County in 2011, and became Southeast Nebraska CASA in 2012. Then we expanded into Saline County in 2014 and into Gage & Thayer Counties in 2015.

I started at Southeast Nebraska CASA as Executive Director in September 2016, so I am celebrating 5 years this year! I love my job, and become more and more amazed by our volunteers each year. I also love to meet with community members and tell everyone who will listen about CASA. I had so much fun this Halloween during Scare at the Fair meeting with the Seward Community!

For our Anniversary Campaign Celebration - we are hosting many community coffee events in November. This morning we met in Crete and enjoyed meeting with the Crete Welcoming Circle. We will be in Hebron on November 10th, in Fairbury on November 12th and in Seward on November 19th. Our last Coffee with CASA will be held on November 30th (Giving Tuesday) in Seward! During our Anniversary campaign we are hoping to raise \$25,000 to help us recruit, train and support 25 more CASA volunteers. To stay up to date on what is happening at Southeast Nebraska CASA, please be sure to subscribe to our newsletter and follow our social media pages... Also keep an eye on our calendar of events on our website.

November is a month I look forward to counting my blessings. I have so much to be thankful for. My health, my family, my friends and a job I love.

Community Trainings

Monday, Nov. 15 : 6-9 pm

CASA Movie Night

featuring "Blood Memory"

a film about the untold history of America's Indian adoption era
Bonham Theatre, Fairbury NE

Wednesday, Nov. 17 : 12 pm

ICWA Community Training

by Sheena Halverstedt

In-Person at the Berkley
Community Center in Fairbury
or on Zoom

Upcoming Events

See page 03 for a list of upcoming events in all of the areas we serve, to celebrate our anniversary campaign.









Southeast Nebraska CASA is celebrating 25 years in Seward County this year!! Help us to celebrate!!



We currently have 25 children in our 5 county area who are in need of a volunteer. Please consider becoming a volunteer to advocate for a child in need!

Take the CASA Challenge!!

CASA ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN 30 DAY CHALLENGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31-Bonus Entry Attend our Scare at the Fair Event in the Seward, NE Ag Pavilion	1-First day! Share our facebook post to your page to spread our mission!	2-GivingEveryTuesday Attend our Coffee on CASA in Crete at Artisan Mark Coffee in Crete, NE and donate \$25 to CASA!	3 Share a post from our Facebook page that includes our donation link!	4 Share this post to help spread our mission!	5- Giveaway!! Tag a friend who isn't involved in CASA.	6 Tell someone about our \$25k goal and send them the link to donate!
7  Take a walk outside with family to spread love!	8 Give your time back by volunteering at a place like Foster Friends!	9-GivingEveryTuesday Donate \$25 to signify 25 year of service we have provided!	10 Attend the Hebron Coffee Talk over zoom or in person for our CASA presentation	11 Sign up for our newsletter!	12-Giveaway!! Reach out to a business you know or work for about sponsoring CASA!	13  Go on a walk with loved ones and like post or share photo!
14 Clean out our closet and donate clothes to Foster Friends! 	15 Attend our Native American Movie showing at the Fairbury theater!	16-GivingEveryTuesday Donate \$25 to signify 25 year of service we have provided!	17 Follow us on Instagram or share this post!	18  Follow us on Twitter or share this post!	19-Giveaway!! Attend our Coffee and Contacts at our Seward CASA office!	20 Remind your child how much you love them and comment a heart emoji!
21 Donate a book to Foster Friends or read a book to a loved one!	22 Invite 3 friends to like our page and comment or like when done!	23-GivingEveryTuesday Donate \$25 to signify 25 year of service we have provided! 	24 Cook a meal with your family and post a picture in the comments!	25 Like this post to help spread the word!	26-Giveaway!! Share our post with the donation link!	27 Donate \$25 to signify 25 year of service we have provided!
28 Check out the National CASA page and comment when done.	29 Call 2 people to talk about CASA for 5 minutes!	30-Giving Tuesday! Attend our Coffee on CASA in Seward at Neutral Grounds and donate \$25 to CASA!	Grand Giveaway! We will have one grand giveaway for people have completed ALL challenges!	If you completed all challenges you would have donated \$125 to CASA!! #25yearsStrong		Together, we can provide a CASA for every child and raise \$25k for 25 years of service!

6 foster homes
5 new schools
4 case workers
 and **no** CASA.

Donate today to make sure every child has a CASA.





CASA Talk

The Official Podcast of Southeast Nebraska CASA

November marked the 25th Anniversary of CASA being in Seward County. To help celebrate this achievement, we did a 3-part mini series to bring you a bit of CASA history, and even spoke to a couple of our volunteers! You can listen to the episodes by clicking the links below....

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

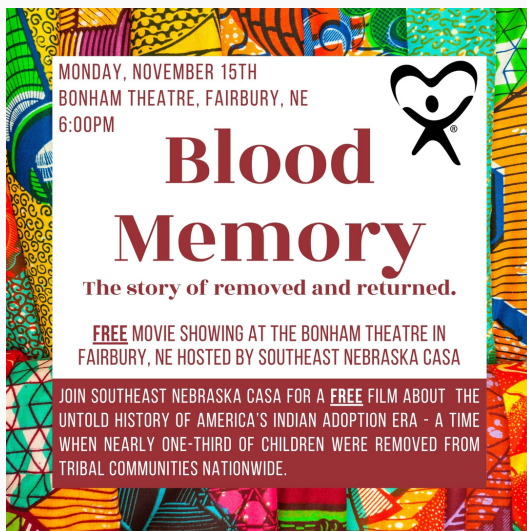
[Part 3](#)



Join Us for Our November Community Trainings!

We want to share our organization with you!

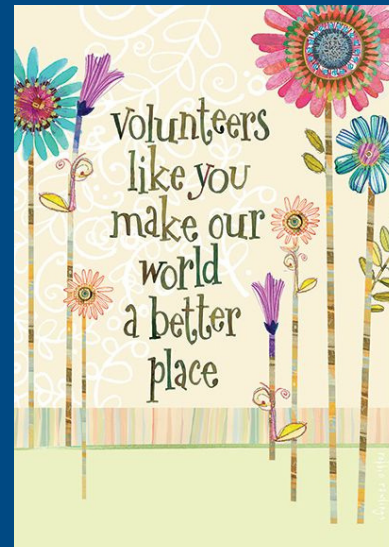
:: Monday, November 15th : 6:00 pm ::
Bonham Theatre | Fairbury, NE



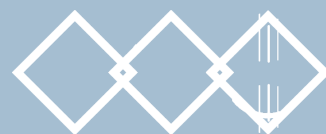
:: Wednesday, November 17th ::
CASA Open House from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Hope Crisis Center Presentation from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
FAIRBURY BERKLEY CENTER
423 5th Street, Fairbury NE 68352 ~or~ Join us on [Zoom](#)



Congratulations to Jeanne Stec!
OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER IN SALINE COUNTY!



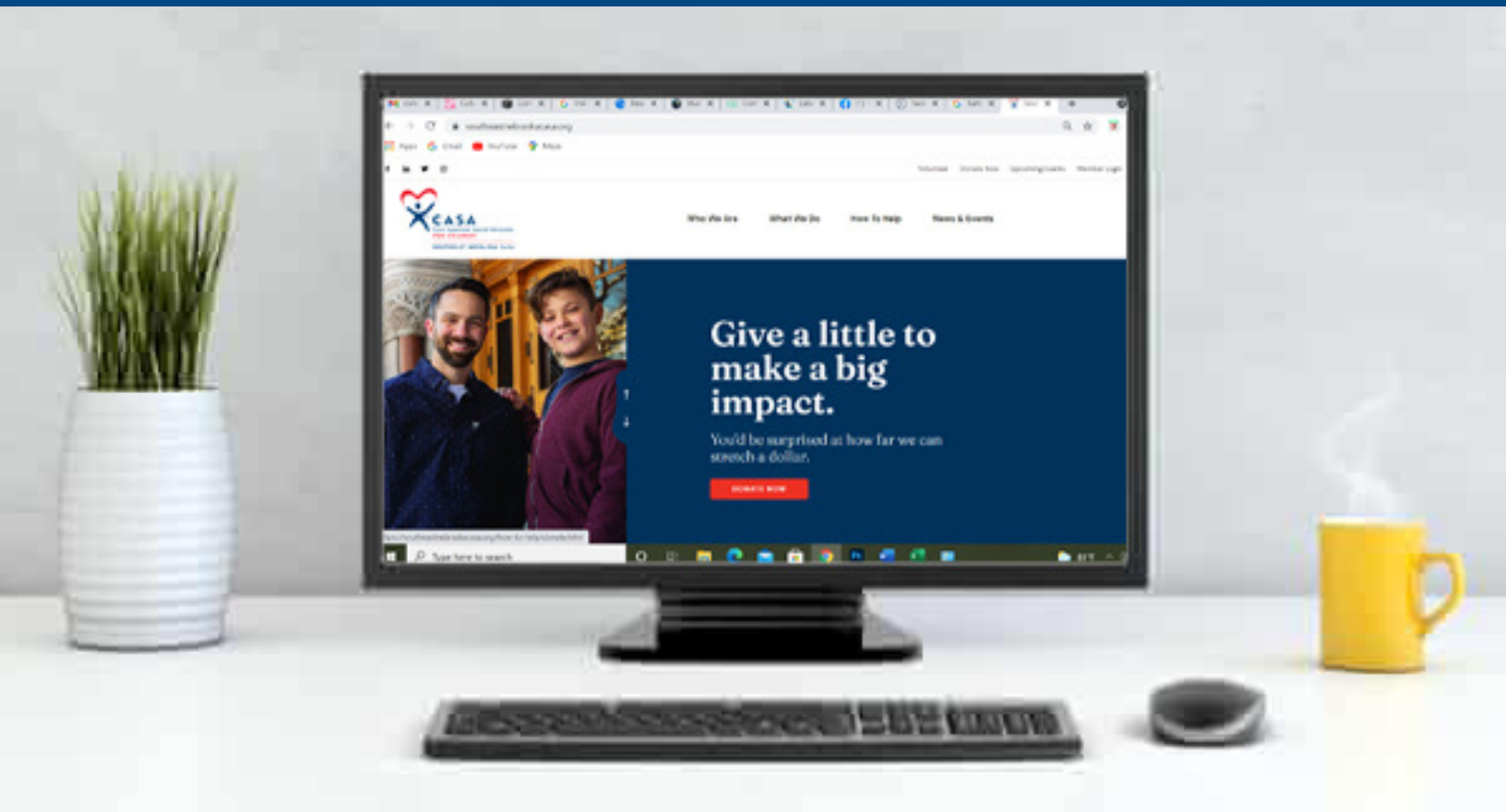
Are You Interested in Becoming a Volunteer??



Our Volunteers do
SO MUCH MORE than just
advocate for children inside
the Courtroom!

Visit our website to fill out the
[Volunteer Application](#)
and take the next steps toward
becoming a **CASA Volunteer!!**

Southeast Nebraska CASA Online



**Check out our website where you can find
all the information about **CASA!****

Fill out a Volunteer, Board Member or Internship Application

Stay up to date on CASA News & Events

Make a Monetary Donation

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Purchase CASA Apparel

Find out more about our Mission, our History, and our Location

Contact Us with Questions or to see how you can become involved with CASA

[Click here to visit our Website!](#)