



CASA Connection Newsletter

October 2019
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CASA Connection Out & About in the Community

Colfax County Fair Outreach booth July 19-21, Leigh



Our Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Rosendahl, enjoyed meeting everyone who stopped by our booth during the Colfax County Fair.

Coffee with CASA August 2 at 38th Street Coffee



CASA Connection held its first Coffee With CASA on August 2 at 38th Street Coffee. Lisa, along with volunteer Renee Held, visited with several guests who were interested in learning more about volunteering with CASA Connection.



As a partner agency of the Columbus Area United Way we were invited to share their outreach booth during *Festival de las Americas* at Ag Park in Columbus on September 6-8. This festival was hosted by Centro Hispanos, Heartland Workers Center & the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. The festival was a 3-day event to honor all of our Latin American countries celebrating independence days.

“Aloha Columbus Days” 2019

The annual “I’m a Little Cutie” Baby Contest and fundraiser was held on August 17 in Frankfort Square during the festivities.



“I’m a Little Cutie” Baby Contest Winners:
1st Place Winner, 0-6 months
Isabel Lay with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, mother Elizabeth Lay

2nd Place Winner, 0-6 months
Emberleigh Donoghue with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, Courtney & Scott Donoghue

3rd Place Winner, 0-6 months
Bentlee Jarecki with [left to right]
parents Jennifer & Brian Jarecki, Wal-Mart store Director Lexi,



“I’m a Little Cutie” Baby Contest Winners:
1st Place Winner, 7-12 months
Ocean Izaguirre with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, parents, Oliver Izaguirre & Marjorie Figueroa

2nd Place Winner, 7-12 months
Ellie Mae Wachal with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, parents April & Steven Wachal

3rd Place Winner, 7-12 months
James Channer with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, father Nathan Channer



“I’m a Little Cutie” Baby Contest Winners:
1st Place Winner, 13-18 months
Palmer Carlson with [left to right]
mother Stephanie Carlson
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi

2nd Place Winner, 13-18 months
Stelyos Leander Trevino with [left to right]
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi, parents Alfredo & Eilda Trevino

3rd Place Winner, 13-18 months
Atlas Cyza with [left to right]
mother Kathy Cyza
Wal-Mart store Director Lexi

A BIG THANK YOU to:

★ **Our hard-working judges: Ed Wemhoff, Denice Kollath & Vanessa Ocegueda.**

They had a tough job with all the cuteness.

★ **Our awesome emcee: Riley Scott!!** You do a fantastic job every year of keeping all those names straight

★ **Renee Held & Lisa McFarland for helping with the scoring of the contest.**

★ **Wal-Mart for being our corporate sponsor for the baby contest.** They provided our prizes for the winners & treats for all the participants.

CASA Connection had a booth that included a guessing game for children as well as fans & information for adults. Our hand-held fans were a very popular item in the heat. Everyone had a good time celebrating Columbus. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth.



Lisa Rosendahl had great helpers in the CASA Connection booth. From left to right: Nevaeh, Alex & Heaven. They had a good time helping children guess the number of goodies in each prize container.

Even Miss Nebraska Teen, Erin Swanson, enjoyed the fans we handed out to warm Columbus Days attendees.



Volunteers with CASA Connection are required to complete 12 hours of continuing education each year. Along with training opportunities the staff share with the volunteers we offer monthly hour-long CEU sessions held at our office. These sessions, often with guest speakers, are on various topics such as the GAL's role in child abuse/neglect cases, child behavior counseling and youth substance abuse.



Attorney Jason Mielak was our guest speaker for our July volunteer Continuing Education session. He spoke on the role of GAL's in child abuse and neglect cases.



Jamie Rodriguez from the Back to BASICS Coalition taught our group about vaping: what it is, how it's used and misused and even the various ways users hiding it in plain view. This topic was very timely with the current vaping crisis in the U.S.

UPCOMING C.E.U SESSIONS

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

CASA Connection Conference Room

October 24 : Training on the new CASA Connect computer system for volunteers

November 21: The Director of the THRIVES Program will be our guest speaker.

December: No session due to holidays

January 23: Program TBA



CASA Connection will be starting 2 New Volunteer Training Classes in October. One will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm while the second one will be held from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, to make it easier on all our new trainees. If you or someone you know would like to be in our winter session which will begin in January email Lisa Rosendahl at casacoord@gmail.com or call our office: (402)563-4944.

What's Happening



CASA Connection Fundraiser

Help raise money for CASA Connection
Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm at
Panda Express, 120 E. 23rd Street, Columbus.

How:

In-store or drive-thru: Show paper or digital version of this coupon.

Online: Enter 274162 in the promo code box during online checkout.

20% of event sales will be given to CASA Connection.

FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money For: CASA Connection

When
Saturday, October 12, 2019
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Where
Panda Express
at E 23rd & US 30
120 E 23rd St.
Columbus, NE 68601

How
In-store:
Show paper or digital version of this flyer
Online:
Enter 274162 in the promo code box during online checkout.

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Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

Sunday, October 13 1:00-4:00 Ag Park Columbus

“Play Their Way” Family Fun Farm Day

FREE & open to the public

Come out & enjoy a fun farm themed family event with activities for all ages. While you're there come visit the CASA Connection booth and game.



Our Board of Directors had their annual meeting during which the new officers were appointed. We appreciate our officers donating their time & talents to CASA.

2019/2020 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Lisa McFarland
Secretary: Shelley Stempek
Treasurer: Robbin Cutsor
Travis Hill Doug Pauley
Zach Johnson Theresa Seipel

CASA Connection sends a huge Thank You to the following for all of their past support, funding, and in-kind donations!

Platte County, Nebraska
Colfax County, Nebraska
Columbus Area United Way
Nebraska CASA Association
National CASA Association
Nebraska Crime Commission
Cornhusker Goodwill Fund
Walmart
Linda K. Price

Current Program Statistics January 1 to September 30

86 Children referred to our program	39 Cases monitored
45 Children served with an advocate	24 Active volunteers
52 Family groups	26 Cases closed



Volunteer Advocates

Tami Altstadt	Julie Anderson
Mike Applegate	Rolaine Blaser
Dan Britt	Jean Britt
Tom Cleary	Dee Condon
Robbin Cutsor	Joy Dannelly
Tracy Duncan	Tricia Dusatko
Renee Held	Kaye Karmann
Carrie Kreber	Bonnie McPhillips
Tammy Micek	Jamey Price
Jeanne Quinn	Rhonda Scott
Kim Schmidt	Karmen Thompson
Carrie Trofholz	

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<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Tami Altstadt	October 11
Julie Anderson	October 19
Robbin Cutsor	October 24
Dan Britt	November 11
Renee Held	November 20
Kaye Karmann	December 9
Dee Condon	December 14
Doug Pauley	December 28
Bonnie McPhillips	December 28

CASA Connection is affiliated with the Nebraska CASA Association and the National CASA Association. CASA Connection is a United Way agency.

