

JAN-APRIL 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn About CASA
February 20

Bunko Social
February 21

Paper Tigers Movie
March 12

New Volunteer Training
Begins March 18

Lunch & Learn
March 20, April 17

Cup o' CASA
March 28

Volunteer Banquet
April 25

Child Watch Tour
May 3

Fostering Futures
May 15



THE ADVOCATE

- 88 children
- 56 families
- 39 NHCASA volunteers
- 33 children from Meade County
- 15 children from Butte County
- 29 children from Lawrence County
- 2 children from Perkins County
- 9 children from Corson County

Case closed for 34 children:

- 9 children adopted
- 13 children reunified
- 2 children placed in guardianship
- 8 children case transferred /removed
- 2 children aged-out

The ages of all children served:

- 0-5 years – 34 children
- 6-11 years – 26 children
- 12-15 years – 19 children
- 16-17 years – 7 children
- 18+ years – 2 children

CHRISTMAS WISHES

58 CHILDREN
350 + GIFTS

Thank you! NHCASA is so grateful to all of you who support our mission. Our program could not operate without our volunteers, board members, community partners, donors and grantors, and the many people who help us out in so many different ways. Thank you!

Thanks to our volunteers and Department of Social Services partners, 24 children found their forever home this year. Of these, 13 children were returned to their parental home, 9 children were adopted, and 2 children were placed in a guardianship. Many others continue on the journey to permanency with their CASA volunteers staying the course to help judges make decisions in the best interests of these children.

Thank you to the NHCASA board members, who guide the program's direction and provide so much support to our events and sustainability. This year we lost a great champion, Chuck Turbiville, who served on our board for eight years. We are so proud to have known Chuck and are very thankful for everything he did for our program and for children everywhere.

Thank you to all the community members, grantors, and event participants who contribute to our funding needs. Because of you, we can continue to recruit, train and support volunteers and provide every abused and neglected child in our communities with a court appointed special advocate. Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference? Consider becoming a CASA volunteer, board member or event committee member.

Our program—and our children—rely on you!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

March 18- Orientation & Welcome (6-7 PM)
 March 21- CASA Role
 March 25- CASA Responsibilities & Child Development
 March 28- Communication & Childhood Trauma
 April 1- Mental Illness, Poverty, Substance Abuse
 April 4- Court Reporting
 April 8- Cultural Competency & Advocacy
 April 11- Courtroom Training in Deadwood (5-7 PM)
 April 25- Swearing in at Volunteer Banquet

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

New volunteer training will begin March 18. The training focuses on preparing new volunteers while also serving as a refresher for active volunteers. To become an advocate, volunteers must complete the initial training which consists of 7 evening sessions (6 -9 pm at the CASA office). If you have already completed the training but would like a refresher in a certain area, you may attend any sessions. You will receive annual in-service hours.

FREE ACE INTERFACE EVENT

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Matthews Opera House

FREE screening and ACES discussion of the movie PAPER TIGERS.



LUNCH & LEARN

meet. eat. be informed.

February 20 Learn About CASA

March 20 TBA

April 17 TBA

Held at NHCASA

RSVP Required www.nhcasa.org

CHILD WATCH TOUR MAY 3

Join us for a tour of facilities that serve children. CASAs, educators, social workers, attorneys, judges, and others instrumental in children's lives are invited to spend a day with us touring the various agencies in the Black Hills that offer services for children.

8:30 am	Leave Spearfish
9-10	Compass Point Sturgis
10:30-11:30	Wellfully
11:30-12:45	Lunch
1-2	SD Juvenile Services
2-3	Arise Youth Center

RSVP for travel and lunch coordination.

FOSTERING FUTURES MENTOR TRAINING

Learn important mentor skills and laws affecting older foster youth. This class, for existing volunteers, includes an online component with a class on **Wednesday, May 15, from 9 am—3 pm.** [RSVP on the calendar at www.nhcasa.org.](http://www.nhcasa.org)

Last day to register is May 5. Online module login will be emailed to you after registering.

- ◆ Belonging
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Self-Worth
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Health

SAVE THE DATES

Half Marathon

July 13, 2019

**Mountain Bike
Race**

August 24, 2019

**Volunteers will be
needed for these
events!**

NHCASA VOLUNTEER BANQUET

**WE TREASURE OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**

**April 25, 2019
6PM**

The Joy Center BHSU

RSVP for events
at nhcasa.org

BUNKO NIGHT

February 21 5-7 pm

@ NHCASA

TRIP RAFFLE

Winner will choose from a trip to Hawaii,
Jamaica, OR \$2000 Cash

HAWAII OR JAMAICA

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
NORTHERN HILLS AREA

Hawaii Trip:
7 days in 2 BD/2BA Condo in Maui
up to \$2500 airline voucher for 2

Jamaica Trip:
5 days at Montego Bay Jamaica
roundtrip airfare for 2

Cash:
\$2000 cash

**TICKETS
\$25 EACH**

Sold March 25- April 25

**VOLUNTEER OF
THE MONTH**

March

Lori Kennel

February

Margie Coy

January

Lindsay Olson

December

Carol Edwards

November

Calvin Reilly

Learn more about volunteers
at www.nhcasa.org
[Volunteer Spotlight Page](#)

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"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." ~Mother Teresa



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