

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year!

We are all rejuvenated and ready to kick off 2023 with a bang! At the top of our list is recruiting and training more volunteers so that we can serve more children. Our next training starts Tuesday, January 10th. Please contact us if you know of anyone who is interested in becoming an advocate.

Next up is prepping for CASAblanca which is on Saturday, March 18th this year. If you know of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring, donating an auction item, or volunteering at the event please let Dana or me know. It's a great opportunity to connect with our community while supporting local children in foster care. This is always a wonderful event and this year is especially exciting as it's the first year back since 2019; we hope to see you there!

As we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. this month, we took care to find some resources that highlight the experiences of people of color within the foster care system. We hope you'll take this opportunity to check out these new books in our little CASA library! If you have any good books or other resource recommendations, please pass them along to Kami or me.

It's definitely cold and flu season, so we hope you are all staying healthy and warm.

Have a wonderful start to your New Year!

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SNAPSHOTS FROM 2022 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



DONOR HIGHLIGHT: KERRY FOUNDATION

We would like to thank Charolette Robotcek and the Board of Directors of the Kerry Foundation for their generous donation to CASA for Children of Klamath County. The Kerry Foundation turns 42 this year and is a living memorial fund established in 1980 in memory of Kerry Lyle Robotcek. The Kerry Foundation and Robotcek families have been champions for those in need. Their kindness enables us to recruit, train, and support community volunteers who provide advocacy to children in foster care. The founder, John Robotcek, served as an advocate for CASA and personally witnessed the positive changes that can be realized when neglected and abused children are represented in the juvenile court process. The Kerry Foundation is a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to helping those in need.

FASTER INTERNET OREGON CAMPAIGN



Faster Internet Oregon is a coalition of organizations from across the state, including Oregon Economic Development Districts, Onward Eugene, SpeedUpAmerica, and Link Oregon, that are working to ensure faster, more affordable Internet for all residents in Oregon.

Better data will support more equitable funding allocation decisions to assist the communities that need it most. The Faster Internet Oregon project will provide decision-makers with data that will:

- Identify Oregon homes that lack high-speed Internet
- Clarify which households do not have an Internet connection and why
- Provide cost estimates and assess competitive viability of a variety of solutions for areas with identified gaps

Visit fasterinternetoregon.org for more information and to run your own speed tests.

Save the date
**MAR 18
2023**

THE 5TH ANNUAL **CASABLANCA** GALA

Tickets on Sale January 9, 2023

**If you'd like to sponsor our fifth annual CASAblanca,
please contact our office at 541.885.6017**



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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Books

- ***No Way to Treat a Child: How the Foster Care System, Family Courts, and Racial Activists Are Wrecking Young Lives***
By Naomi Schaefer Riley
- ***Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story***
By Theresa Cameron
- ***Our Gracie Aunt***
By Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care***
By Jennifer Wilgocki

Workshops

- **1/4: The Healing Art of Showing Up***
With Ce Eshelman, LMFT
- **1/19: Constructive Conversations***
With Ernie Mendes, PhD

**Clickable Links*

IMPORTANT DATES

January

- Mentoring Month
- Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/9 CASAblanca Tickets on Sale
- 1/10 January Training Begins
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/17 National Day of Racial Healing
- 1/19 Coffee with CASA



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