

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Merry December!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday! Reflecting on this past year, I have realized how resilient we all are and how deep our dedication to changing the lives of some of the neediest kids in our county really is! We have had to be creative and flexible in how we serve our kids, which is not always easy.

Sadly, we have lost some of our most treasured advocates. With that, we have had to make adjustments and we've worked tirelessly to add more of you to be able to serve kids in need. Thank you to those of you who stepped up, took extra cases, became peer coordinators, and decided to become advocates! We could not do it without you!

This year we have opted to participate in Breakfast with Santa on December 10th where we will be handing out pajamas, blankets, and backpacks. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out that day!

We are also going to have a Holiday Open House on December 13th from 3-6pm. We hope you will stop by, enjoy some holiday treats, and just be together!

Our fifth annual CASAblanca will be held March 18, 2023 and tickets will go on sale in January. If you are interested in attending, donating an auction item, know of a good sponsor, or just want to help out, please let us know. This event truly does take a village!

We have had a lot of changes, but I think we are getting our groove back. I want to thank you all for being so supportive while I have taken time to care for my parents. I also want to thank Nancy, Dana, Teresa, Kami, and the Board of Directors for always working so hard to make our program successful.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Cheers,

CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Join us for our annual

Pajama Drive

ALL SIZES
NEEDED*

Now accepting new, unwrapped

Pajamas, gloves, & hats

Through December 9th

Please call or email us to set up a drop-off time



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*Infant - Adult sizes needed

WELCOME, NEW CASAs!

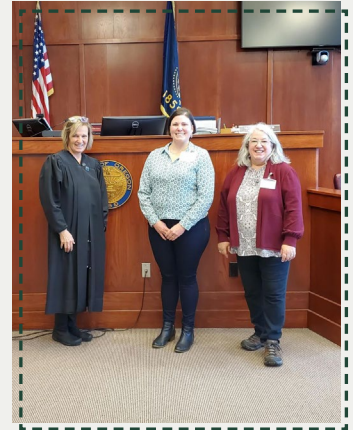
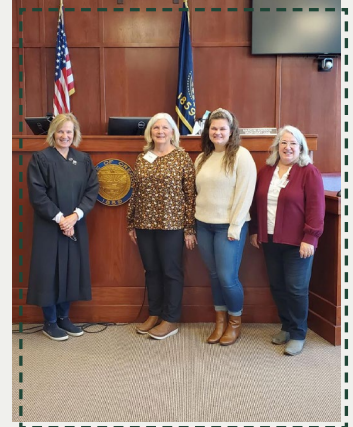
Please join us in welcoming our newest advocates, Jenny Wentz, Katelyn Rashid, and Jane Spangler!

Jenny moved to Klamath Falls from California to be closer to her daughter, Katelyn Rashid. Jenny worked with school children in California and volunteered with teen girls in the juvenile detention system. We will miss Jenny and her spouse, who will be moving at the beginning of the year.

Katelyn moved to Klamath Falls from Utah for her spouse's relocation to Kingsley Field for the US Air Force. Katelyn has a Masters Degree in Behavioral Analysis and has worked with children in many capacities in relation to their mental health.

Jane moved to Klamath Falls with her spouse from Arkansas. Jane is a Fish & Wildlife Biologist and works with endangered species of fish. She has special insight into the foster care system, as her mother and sister have both fostered children for over a decade.

We appreciate your commitment and can't wait to work with you in the new year! Welcome to the CASA family!



AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that CASA for Children of Klamath County has an AmazonSmile account? We sure do!

If you're looking for a way to give back during the holiday season, Amazon has made it simple.

- * Just visit: smile.amazon.com*
- * Sign in with your Amazon account information
- * Select "CASA for Children of Klamath County"
- * Start shopping!

Amazon will donate a small percentage of your purchase to CASA at no extra cost to you! While this feature is available year round, this is an awesome way to donate, especially during the holidays. Happy shopping!

*Clickable Links

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Constructive Conversations and Quality Relationships



with
Ernie Mendes, PhD

Relationships are the foundation for success in everything that you do as a parent, educator, and provider.

Join us in this learning opportunity to strengthen communication skills and build, nurture, and maintain productive relationships even in the most challenging situations. You'll learn the science of effective relationships and practical ideas to use immediately at work and at home.

Questions?
530.918.7222

SEPT
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DEC
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JAN
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Virtual classes
all at
2:45pm - 5:00pm

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EMendes22-23>





BRING HOME A STORY



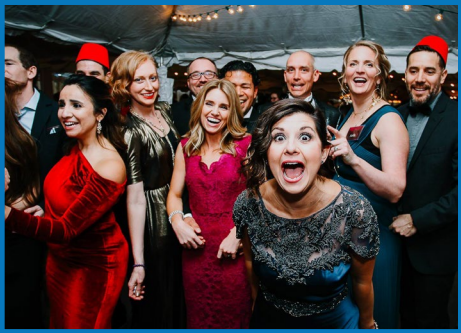
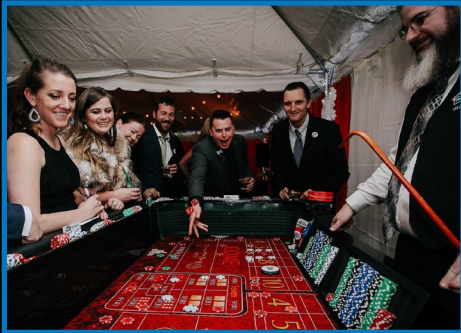
Save the date
**MAR 18
2023**

THE 5TH ANNUAL **CASABLANCA** GALA

**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

- ***Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel***
By Shelby Van Pelt
- ***All My Rage***
By Sabaa Tahir
- ***What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma***
By Stephanie Foo

Shows

- ***Alaska Daily***
On Hulu
- ***Firefly Lane***
On Netflix

Videos

- ***Be a CASA or GAL Volunteer****
By National CASA/GAL Association for Children

Articles

- ***Native Families' Right to Stay Together is at Stake at The Supreme Court****
By Theodora Simon for ACLU of Oregon

Please remember to track your educational hours on Optima.



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IMPORTANT DATES

December

- Human Rights Month
- AIDS/HIV Awareness Month
- National Giving Month
- National Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- 12/8 **Constructive Conversations Course***
- 12/9 **CASA Pajama Drive Ends**
- 12/10 **Breakfast with Santa**
- 12/13 **Advocate Open House**
- 12/15 **Coffee with CASA**
- 12/19 **Hanukkah (First Day)**
- 12/20 **CASA Office Closed until 1/2/23**
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve**
- 12/25 **Christmas Day**
- 12/26 **Kwanzaa**
- 12/31 **New Year's Eve**

**Clickable Links*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/4 **Nellie Spicher**
- 12/24 **Teresa Perry**
Jenny Wentz
- 12/28 **Karen Strickland**
- 12/30 **Jane Spangler**

