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CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It's been too long. Happy August!

Wow, what a whirlwind! We know we've been away since May, so we wanted to fill you in on all the CASA happenings since our last newsletter.

First and foremost, we hope you're all staying cool and safe. August is Family Fun Month as well as National Wellness Month, so we hope you all get the opportunity to spend some quality time with your loved ones (and don't forget to focus on your own wellness, too!)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended our very first Sunset Soirée! Because of you, we had a successful night raising funds to help us continue our advocacy in Klamath County. We had a great time and hope you did too.

We're also looking forward to some upcoming events. On August 16-17, OIT will be hosting the annual Klamath County Symposium. This year's sessions will cover human trafficking, an unfortunate and all-too-real threat to the safety of local children. If you're able, we hope you'll join us for some invaluable information.

As always, our Coffee with CASA event will be held on the third Thursday of this month (August 18th) from 10:00am-11:00am at The Daily Bagel. We encourage you to join so prospective advocates get an opportunity to hear your experiences as a CASA.

Lastly, we wanted to bring your attention to our 5th Annual CASAblanca Gala! After a four year hiatus, we're excited to say we've chosen a date for its return: March 18, 2023. If you're interested in volunteering, finding silent auction items, or sponsors, please let us know.

We also have a few great resources for you to check out this month. *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliot is a new recommendation from the National CASA Summer Reading Series.

Thank you again for all you do! We couldn't do it without you.

Much gratitude,

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A SPECIAL FAREWELL

Lloyd King is retiring after 22 years of advocacy with CASA.

Lloyd King has been with CASA for Children of Klamath County for 18 years. He came to us as a retired postal service employee, a father, and a grandfather. Lloyd is wise beyond his years regarding advocating for children, pulling from his own experiences.

He began his journey with CASA in Butte County in Chico, CA with their first CASA group in January of 2000.

During his time with us, he went through CASA pre-training in November 2004 and later, in 2010, became a Peer Coordinator. Lloyd oversaw several CASAs as a Peer Coordinator, had numerous cases of his own, and advocated for many children. He was also awarded the CASA for Children of Klamath County *Myron Gitnes Volunteer of the Year* in 2015.

Through his years with CASA, he has advocated under five Executive Directors and eight Program Coordinators. He was assigned 16 cases, advocating for 27 children. As a Peer Coordinator, he oversaw 14 CASAs, which included 13 cases and 22 children. He took on these Peer Coordinator cases while he oversaw his own CASA cases. One of Lloyd's longest lasting cases was 12 years from 2006 until his CASA child turned 18 years in 2018.

Lloyd was always willing to help recruit new CASAs and would join staff at many outreach events including Coffee with CASA, pre-training events, such as the Introduction to CASA, and during pre-training to discuss his experiences as a CASA.

During all his time with CASA, Lloyd was also the Director of the non-profit program Grandparents as Parents.

Lloyd, we wish you the very best in this next chapter. Your advocacy, witty humor, and dedication will be greatly missed. From everyone at CASA, thank you.



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CASA's Sunset Soirée



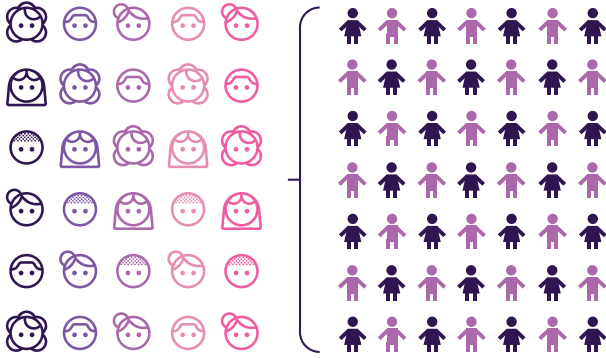
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sunset Soirée! A special thank you to all of the sponsors, volunteers, silent auction donors, vendors, and guests who made this night possible.



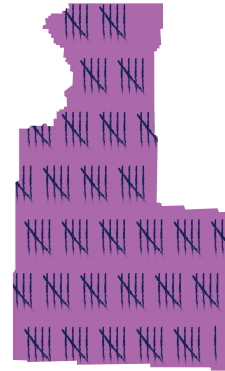
LOCAL & NATIONAL CASA IMPACT

KLAMATH COUNTY STATISTICS

TOTAL CASAs IN 2021: 30
TOTAL KIDS SERVED IN 2021: 49
Each CASA advocated for 1-2 children last year.



TOTAL NUMBER OF KIDS IN CARE: 146
In 2021, we were able to serve 34% of children that came into care in Klamath County.



IMPACT OF CASA APPOINTMENT

Foster children are
MORE LIKELY



to find **safe, permanent housing** when they've been appointed a CASA

Foster children are
MORE LIKELY



to **succeed in school** when they've been appointed a CASA

Foster children are
HALF AS LIKELY



to **re-enter the foster care system** when they've been appointed a CASA

NATIONAL STATISTICS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASAs IN THE U.S. IN 2020: 93,225
TOTAL NUMBER OF FOSTER KIDS WITH CASAs IN THE U.S. IN 2020: 242,236
Annually, CASA is able to provide advocacy for 242,236 foster children with 93,225 advocates. On average, each CASA advocates for 2-3 children per year.



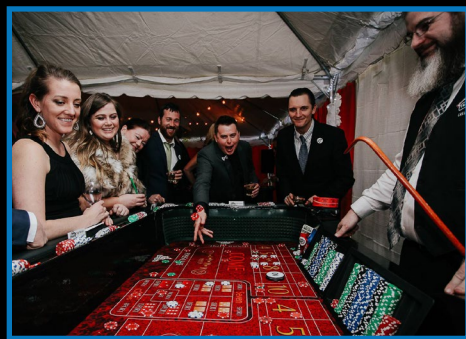
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**MAR 18
2023**

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

- *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City*
by Andrea Elliot
- *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*
by Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller
- *What Happened To You?*
by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey

Courses

- [Advanced Stop Yelling 201 Course Registration*](#)

*Clickable Link

Please remember to track your educational hours on Optima.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- Family Fun Month
- National Wellness Month
- 8/12 International Youth Day
- 8/16 Klamath County Symposium Day 1
- 8/17 Klamath County Symposium Day 2
- National Non-Profit Day
- 8/18 Coffee with CASA

September

- 9/13-16 National CASA Virtual Conference

October

- 10/4 CASA Pre-Training
- 10/24 Shoulder to Shoulder Virtual Conference Day 1
- 10/25 Shoulder to Shoulder Virtual Conference Day 2

ADVOCATE BIRTHDAYS

August

- Brian Fitz Gerald - 8/10
- Brittany Montjoy - 8/13
- Jay Otero - 8/17
- Jim Brown - 8/18



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