



Seventh Circuit CASA Program

September 2011

CASA Connection

Dear Angie,

I recently heard a speaker who was placed into care at age 3. Over the next 9 years in foster care, she 'lived' at 14 different placements. While she had multiple social workers, therapists, schools, and attorneys, there was one constant in her life; her CASA volunteer. Her CASA was the one individual who believed her when she would tell she was being abused in a foster home, her CASA was the one who would see her regularly and not discard her when a placement was tired of her in their home. Ashley needed someone to be on her side and she found that person in her CASA. Ashley waited nine long years before she met her adoptive parents. They provided a stable, nurturing environment where, after time, she learned what it was to be safe and loved. Right now, there are 149 children, like Ashley, that need a CASA volunteer in our community. I ask that you consider dedicating one hour a week to become a CASA and speak up for children like Ashley.



For the children,

Chad F. Catron
Executive Director

I Am For The Child

The National CASA Association has set a goal for 2020 to provide a voice for every child who needs one. As part of their effort to meet this goal, they have pursued a new marketing campaign. This campaign is provided to all CASA Programs, over 1,000 of them, so we all can present a unified message to communities throughout the country. The 'I Am For The Child' Campaign will be unveiled in the coming months. The campaign will address funding needs, advocate needs, and allow for member programs to pursue any

Training Corner

In-services

Voices For Children

October 25, 2011

[click here to get more information](#)

Please RSVP for all trainings

individual needs to ensure that every child receives an advocate to speak up on their behalf in court.



Note: In-service trainings are for sworn-in volunteers only. Please do not bring spouses, children, or other guests to in-services as some case sensitive information may be shared.

New Volunteer Training

next class:
Saturday, February 4, 2012
8:30a - 4:30p

[click here for more information](#)

Giving To The United Way Helps Many

Every September, the [United Way of the Black Hills](#) kicks off their fundraising campaign to help ensure that over 50 organizations are better able to serve those in need. The goal this year is **\$2,306,000!** With your donations to the United Way, you will know that you're not only helping one organization, you are helping the whole community. As a United Way organization, the Seventh Circuit CASA Program would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who donate. If you would like to donate to the United Way, you can donate online [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

CASA Holiday Open House

December 13, 2011
11:30a - 1:00p
CASA Office

10th Anniversary Fire & Ice Gala

March 10, 2012
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn

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