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Dear CASA Volunteer,,

The year is half over, and it has certainly presented us with various challenges. However, we have also been encouraged and inspired. Recently we passed our 100th day of working from home and implementing various practices to keep children, families, volunteers, and others safe during the COVID pandemic. Our amazing volunteers have adapted quickly to respond to the need to protect children, the professionals they interact with, and themselves. Recently we have started allowing meetings by appointment in the office when necessary, and have started working with volunteers to resume some face-to-face visits with children when the placement allows it and both the child and volunteer can ensure safety protocols are followed.

Our staff, board, and various committees have also adapted. We are working from home and by video conference, and working to make changes to planned activities and events, like modifying **CASAblanca to be a virtual event** on September 26, 2020 rather than a large face-to-face gathering (see the save the date information below!) and implementing a wonderfully successful **Hundred Hole Hike fundraiser, and raising more than $16,000!**

We continue to be amazed by the generosity of individuals and businesses that support our work. Please take time to review the list of businesses that have been able to support us so far this year, and do what you can to support them.

Although we still have work to do this year to sustain our current work, we were grateful to learn in May that our grant application from National CASA Association was successful. We will soon be adding another amazing Volunteer Advocate Coordinator to our team!!! This addition will allow us to recruit, train, and support at least 30 new volunteers and serve at least 45 more children.

Thank you for your continued support, we need it, and we are grateful for it.

Sincerely,

Erick Vaughn
Executive Director

Second Quarter of 2020

78 volunteers served **129 children**

Volunteering over **2,036 hours**

Making **10,286 contacts** and **571 visits**

driving over 10,417 miles

Save the Dates!

Watch Our CASAblanca @ Home Video Announcement

Sign-Up for Superhero Run

Get Yer Raffle Tickets Now!

CASAblanca @ Home
September 26, 2020

Superhero Run
October 24, 2020

Playhouse Raffle Tickets
Get them now through Oct 24, 2020

Supporters & Funders

We are sincerely grateful to the businesses that donated at levels that made them **Agency Sponsors** for 2020:

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LMH Health

Thank you to our **long-standing funders** ! We've been able to work with these funders over the past month to make modifications in fund usage to respond more appropriately during COVID-19:

- Douglas County
- Shumaker Family Foundation
- City of Lawrence
- Crime Victims Assistance Fund: Child Abuse and Neglect
- Ethel and Raymond F. Rice Foundation

In-Kind Donations:

Serve785 donated gift cards to support the immediate needs of families and children.

The McFadden Group LLC
Bradley Animal Hospital, P.A.
Bartlett & West Inc.
Kindred CPA, LLC
Ad Astra Eye, LLC

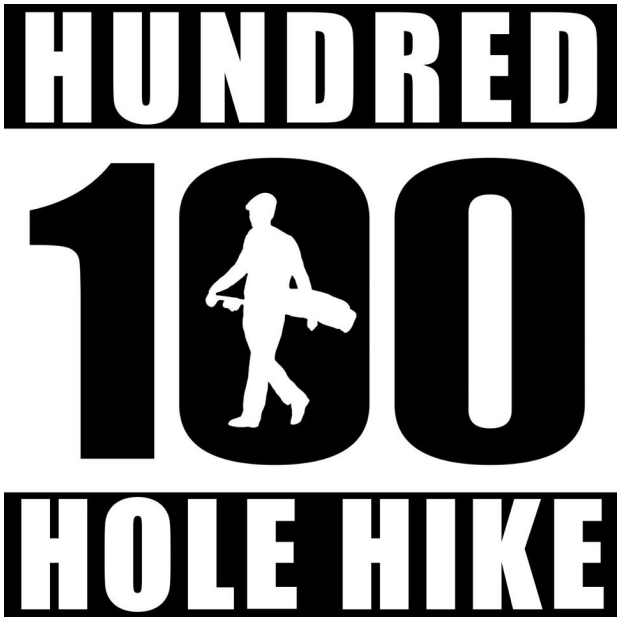
The following **donors** have also supported us this year:

- First Presbyterian Church
- Truity Credit Union
- Stephens Real Estate
- Sabatini Architects
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- Crandon & Crandon Optometrists, PA
- Drs. Dobbins & Letourneau Eyecare

Charity Recognition

The Chiropractic Element recognized us as their charity for the entire quarter, we even got to participate in their Anniversary celebration! And we received a wonderful donation of $1,460!!! THANK YOU!

We want to extend a huge THANK YOU again to Bank Midwest (especially Janetlynn Zuk!) for their support in applying for Paycheck Protection Program funds that were made available via the CARES Act.



We are thrilled to announce that four amazing supporters raised $16,635 for our agency by playing 100 holes of golf on June 22nd, walking the whole way!

With only three weeks of planning and training time before the summer solstice (and its many daylight hours) arrived, Catherine Shenoy, Kristen Samp, Patrick Hoppa & Christopher Anderson saw the funding crisis that our agency is currently facing and decided to take action. They revived the enormously successful Hundred Hole Hike challenge from 2013 to raise critical funds and help us serve the most vulnerable children in our community.

They teed off just as the sun was rising on June 22nd, averaged about 2.5 hours per round, and finished their 100 holes between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. We had dozens of fantastic volunteers helping caddy, ball spot and run supplies. Thank you to Margann Bennett, Cynthia Smith & Jolene Meister for managing logistics all day. Thanks also to Truity Credit Union, Sprouts Farmers Market, HyVee, Natural Grocers, Checkers, 23rd Street Brewery & Morningstar's New York Pizza for donating food & water for everyone taking part. The Lawrence Country Club staff could not have been more gracious and supportive. It was a marvelous community effort and we were so grateful to surpass our fundraising goal.

Ways to Support Us

General Support Donation

A donation of any amount to any of our funds will support our work in 2020

Give the Gift of Hearing

Donate to help provide hearing aids to one of our CASA kids.

Donate to meet child needs

Donate to help us provide much needed supplies directly to our kids.

Apply for our Board of Directors

We are currently looking for new board members, apply or encourage others to apply

Follow us on Social Media (using the links below) and share, comment.

Or simply have a conversation with your family, friends, or neighbors about why you love CASA!

Start a Facebook Fundraiser

You can start a Facebook Fundrasiser for your birthday...or just because!