

FALL 2023



From the desk of Executive Director  
**Jackie Horton**

**CASA celebrates first ever volunteer & child activity, thanks to Salem Community Foundation!**

We're thrilled to share some sunny news from this summer! ☀️ Thanks to the generosity of the Salem Community Foundation, our CASA volunteers and children got to enjoy their very first shared activity!

Given the choice between a refreshing pool party at Hitchcock and a tranquil fishing day at Cabela's Lake, our volunteers made a splashy decision, voting overwhelmingly for a pool party! 🌊 On July 27, with sun hats and sunscreen applied, we gathered at the picnic shelter for an unforgettable day.

The day was filled with laughter and joy, from savoring delicious pizza, refreshing drinks, and tasty desserts to playful moments at the park. The highlight, of course, was diving into the pool, where the splashes and giggles echoed our collective happiness. 💧

It wasn't just about fun, though. The event also covered admission fees for our CASA representatives, the wonderful children we advocate for, foster parents, and their children, ensuring everyone could partake without worries.

The aftermath of this delightful day has been heartwarming. The foster families and children couldn't stop raving about how much they appreciated these moments. These events serve as precious opportunities for our dedicated CASAs to relish quality time with their children without the stresses of organization.

Thank you to the Salem Community Foundation for making this dream a reality and our wonderful volunteers for making the day run flawlessly! 🎉

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie Horton".

**Executive Director**  
**Change a Child's Story™**



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## *Mission Moment of the Month*

In a recent meeting discussing the well-being of the CASA child, Lacy, and her foster mom, Amanda, she opened up about some of the challenges they've been facing together. Yet, despite the difficulties, there are rays of hope and positivity. Before concluding our discussion, the Social Worker encouraged Amanda to shed light on the brighter moments. Amanda warmly shared, "Lacy truly cherishes her time with her CASA Advocate. Those visits are a highlight for her, and she talks about them for days, always eagerly anticipating the next one,"



## *Honoring the Foundation of Family*

When parents cannot care for their children, children are best served by staying within their extended families. National Kinship Care Month recognizes the unconditional love, support, and sacrifices of those caring for a loved one's children. These kinship caregivers include young adults who postpone going to college to support and care for younger siblings and keep them out of foster care. They are retired grandparents who return to work to provide for their grandchildren. They are close family friends who make room for one more to ensure a child stays connected to their family, community, and culture. They are the kids who willingly share their space with their cousins whose parents are struggling. (source: *Coalition for Children, Youth & Families*)



A recent report from the National CASA/GAL Association for Children said that out of many kids in care in 2021, 28% were living with family members. That's a big number!

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

**The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."**

*~Mahatma Gandhi*

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# 📣 CASA's Got Talent is Almost Here! ✨

Are you ready for an unforgettable evening?  
Seats are filling up quickly, so grab yours now!

Here's what you can look forward to:

🎤 **Stellar Performers** - Witness some of the most talented individuals as they light up the stage!

🎮 **Engaging Games** - Try your luck and skills; you might win big!

🔨 **Live Auction** - Bid on exclusive items and experiences you won't find elsewhere!

🎁 **Silent Auction** - Browse through a range of wonderful items and place your stealthy bids!

🍷 **Delectable Food & Drinks** - Feast on gourmet delights and sip refreshing beverages.

A massive shoutout to our esteemed sponsors:

Vern Eide, Toothology, A&B, Avera, BankWest, Keith Goehring Law Office, and many more.

Join us for an evening filled with excitement, camaraderie, and, most importantly, support for a cause close to our hearts. We can't wait to see you there!



CASA'S GOT  
**TALENT**  
NOVEMBER 18, 2023  
HAPPY HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM  
*Make plans now to attend!*  
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## Help CASA Recruit Volunteers

There are NUMEROUS ways to support CASA.

- Introduce your company, organization, or church to CASA.
- Invite CASA to talk about volunteering at your next employee lunch & learn, organization membership meeting, or special event.
- Display a CASA poster in your company break room or local community bulletin board.
- [Share your love for CASA on social media.](#) Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. Help us connect with new volunteers and supporters by sharing our posts.

First Circuit CASA's goal is to ensure safety and permanency for children whose lives are in turmoil. Our ultimate goal would be that we are able to advocate on behalf of 100% of the abused and neglected children in our jurisdiction.

Please return this contribution form with a donation to:

**CASA, 115 E. 11th Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to CASA in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my payment in the form of a check (made payable to CASA)

Contact me; I am interested in volunteering as a CASA Advocate.

I want more information about CASA speaking at my business, service club, or church group.

*(Contributions to First Circuit CASA are tax deductible.)*