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See It Through Our Eyes

I've always loved the phrase — “A rising tide lifts all boats.”

At First Circuit CASA, this is more than a saying. It is how we work.

Real change doesn't happen all at once. It happens when people — **all of us** — step up for one child, one family, one case at a time. When enough of us do this together, lives are transformed, families have a chance to heal, and brighter futures are built.

If you are new to CASA, we recruit and train volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children removed from their homes across nine counties: Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, and McCook.

Our goal is simple yet profound: to help children find safe, permanent homes. When it is possible, this means supporting families as they overcome their challenges and reunite with their children.

I have been with CASA since 2011, and every day I am inspired by the stories I witness. Volunteers stand beside children and families in their most difficult moments, ensuring a child's voice is heard in court. Our staff work tirelessly behind the scenes, building connections and creating brighter futures. In June, during National Reunification Month, we celebrated victories like these — families reunited, second chances embraced, and futures reshaped.

However, the truth is that **we cannot do this work alone**. We need your help as a volunteer or supporter to ensure every child has someone standing by their side. Your time, your voice, and your gift can make a difference. **Together, we can recruit and train more volunteers, help a child feel safe and seen, and support families as they overcome challenges and reunite stronger than ever.**

If not you, then who? An hour of your time, a conversation about CASA, or a donation can help create a brighter future for a child and support a family finding its way back to each other.

Thank you for considering joining this mission. Together, we can lift children and families across Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, and McCook counties, one child, one family, and one case at a time.

For the children,

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

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Our next online CASA volunteer training begins on July 10.

CASA Service Numbers

▲ Jan - June ▼



To learn more, call 996-1212 or visit mitchellcasa.org.



Welcome to our
New CASA
Volunteers,
John, Sandra,
& Abby



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Upcoming Classes!

July 10, 17, 24, 31 & August 7, 14	Virtual volunteer training is held on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with flexible weekly homework you complete at your convenience.	Online
July 25: 10 am – 12 pm	Volunteer Roundtable and Tour of St. Joe's School	Chamberlain Chamber & St. Joe's

Save the Date. Make Plans to Attend!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025
HIGHLAND CONFERENCE CENTER**

We're excited to invite you to be part of this special celebration as we honor the impact CASA has made across 45 communities in nine counties. Together, we've changed lives — and this event is a beautiful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together for its children. **Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening filled with purpose, gratitude, and hope.**

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**WANT TO HELP US
SAVE ON
POSTAGE?**

Please send us your email address, and we will send you the newsletter via email instead of mailing it to you.

Join us in making a Difference!

Help us Recruit Volunteers. Your voice can help us find dedicated advocates for children in need. Share our mission with friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested in becoming CASA volunteers.

Spread the Word on Social Media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Please share our posts to help raise awareness about our critical work. Your engagement can amplify our message and reach more people who care about children.



Your Gift Made This Possible

During four years in foster care, a 10-year-old girl has had many placements — but only one consistent person by her side: her CASA volunteer. From ensuring she received needed counseling to help prepare her new family for her unique needs, the volunteer has been a steady source of hope and stability. Even after her move across the state, the child still reaches out weekly — a powerful reminder of the lasting bond they've built.

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

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

____ I am nominating them; they would make a fantastic CASA volunteer.

Nominee Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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