

SUMMER 2024



From the Desk of Executive Director

Jackie Horton

Keeping Families Safely TOGETHER

At CASA, our volunteers are the backbone of our mission, making a tangible difference in families' lives. We focus on reuniting children with their families, a task made possible by the essential support our volunteers provide. Through Continuing Education classes for staff and volunteers and pre-service training for new volunteers, we ensure everyone is equipped to support families effectively.

Our 46 volunteers, the heart of our mission, work tirelessly with experts to find and recommend the best services and support systems to keep families together. Your dedication and commitment are what make it possible for children to thrive in the safety of their parents or other family members' care.

By volunteering with CASA, you play a crucial role in strengthening families and empowering them to care for and protect their children. Your involvement directly impacts individual families, helping to create stable, nurturing environments where children can truly flourish.

Join us in making a difference. Your support and dedication can help change lives and bring families together. We are committed to this cause, and with your continued support, we can make an even greater impact in our community.

In gratitude,

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

Executive Director
Change a Child's Story™



JUNE IS
**NATIONAL
REUNIFICATION
MONTH**



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CASA Receives Acts of Excellence Award

On Saturday, June 1st, the SD Hall of Fame honored First Circuit CASA (also known as Mitchell CASA) with an Acts of Excellence award. Laurie Becvar, CEO of the SD Hall of Fame, gave us this prestigious award for doing amazing things in the communities we serve. Sandi Floyd, a former volunteer, nominated us. Volunteer Dale Houchin shared that handwritten notes inspire him to keep volunteering, saying, "Those notes don't just go on my refrigerator. They're going in my file. It's very special."



Thank You for Supporting CASA During Child Abuse Prevention & Foster Care Months

Thank you to everyone who helped recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April and Foster Care Month in May! Your incredible donations of gift cards, birthday cake kits, and funds have greatly supported our program. If you missed the chance to give to CASA, you can still support our work.



Jackie accepted a donation from Two Dreams Boutique for proceeds from Mission Mondays!



The First United Methodist Church donated gift cards! They'll help create memorable outings, fostering meaningful connections.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Dakota District at Zion Lutheran Church donated Birthday Cake Kits.

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Upcoming Classes!

June 18: Noon – 1 pm	Equine Therapy	Reclamation Ranch
July 16: Noon – 1 pm	Job Search Strategies for Youth,	CASA office
Aug. 20: Noon – 1 pm	Adoption vs. Guardianship	CASA office

Save the Date

Make Plans to Attend!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024
HIGHLAND CONFERENCE CENTER

CASA is gearing up to celebrate its 23rd year of advocating for abused and neglected children with the help of our dedicated volunteers. We are excited to invite you to support children across 45 communities in the nine counties we serve. This annual event is a testament to the impact we can make when we work together. So, mark your calendar and prepare to be part of something truly special!

Your attendance makes a difference in the lives of these children. Join us to give CASA's children a voice, a safe and loving home, and hope for a brighter future.

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Help CASA Recruit Volunteers

There are NUMEROUS ways to support CASA.

Invite CASA to discuss volunteering at your next employee lunch and learn organization membership meeting or special event. Display a CASA poster in your company break room or on a local community bulletin board.

Share your love for CASA on social media.

Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. Sharing our posts can help us connect with new volunteers and supporters.



Attend our next CASA 101 on the first Wednesday of every month via Zoom to learn more about our program and the impact YOU can make in a child's life. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6059961212>
We hope to see you virtually on July 3 or August 7.

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.

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

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

____ 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.

Nominee Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____