

# CASA OF JOHNSON & WYANDOTTE COUNTIES



## HALF YEAR REPORT

January 2023 - June 2023

### CASA'S NEW LOCATION

We are very excited to announce that CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties has moved to a new location!

In 2023, we will further enrich and expand the programs that enable us to effectively serve children in our communities who have experienced abuse and neglect. This new location will provide many opportunities for CASA to grow and continue sharing our mission to a greater audience.



#### ADDRESS:

Cloverleaf Office Park  
6400 Glenwood St., Ste. 100  
Overland Park, Kansas 66202

### KANSAS CASA ASSOCIATION AWARDS

#### 2022 Kansas CASA Program of the Year

We are very pleased to announce that CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties has been chosen as the recipient of the 2022 Kansas CASA Program of the Year! Thank you to our staff, volunteers, board members, and the support we have received from Kansas CASA.



#### 2022 Kansas CASA Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer advocate, Denise Gaddy, was awarded the 2022 Kansas CASA Volunteer of the Year award! Since becoming a CASA in 2019, Denise has made a huge impact on CASA and the children we serve. As Program Manager, Julie, notes "Denise understands what needs to be done to help our youth" and is an integral part of the success of every child she has served. Persistent, Denise "exudes everything that a CASA should be and is" and we are beyond grateful for her advocacy.



### MILESTONE VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to our volunteers who are celebrating their service milestones in 2023!

#### 15 YEARS

Marsha Affolter  
Ballard Yeates

#### 10 YEARS

Carol Dykman  
Linda Jackson  
Beth Koelker  
Cindy Meeker  
Dawn Novascone

#### 5 YEARS

Chloe Anderson	John Leavens
Jennifer Butler	Jennifer Luginbill
Faith Brown	Karen Mauer
Ann Bush	Anne Rellihan
Kathy Conder	Mark Schmid
Carolynne Holden	Debbie Tann
Dave Huston	Tony Wilson



Scan the QR Code to learn more about our volunteer opportunities at CASA!

## PROMISE OF HOPE: STORIES ON STAGE

This year's Promise of Hope: Stories On Stage event consisted of an unforgettable theater performance by the talented group of actors at GoodCapp Arts Youth Theater Ensemble. Guests also enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, an exciting silent auction, and a chance to get involved with CASA.

CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties was able to raise \$56,301 through event sponsorships and gifts!

Thank you to our committed event sponsors and underwriters, community partners, event committee members, CASA Board Members, volunteers, and all of you who helped make this event possible. Your ongoing support toward our organization and belief in our mission increases CASA's capacity to not only serve more children who have experienced abuse and neglect but also remain a valuable resource in our community.

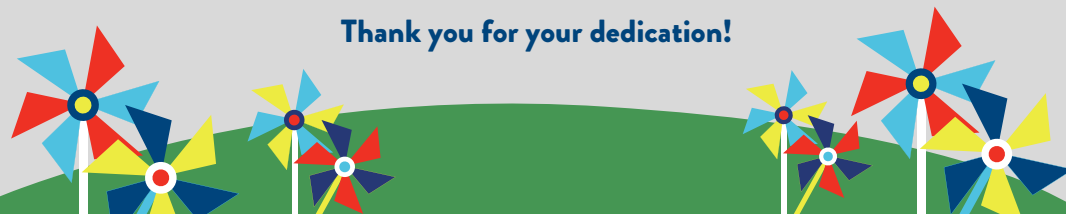
### PINWHEELS FOR A PURPOSE

CASA would like to thank everyone who participated in Pinwheels for a Purpose throughout April in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month!

**In total, we were able to provide 163 pinwheels to members of the community.**

Each pinwheel planted helped raise awareness not only for CASA and our mission but for all the children living in our communities who have experienced abuse and neglect as well. Your involvement was essential to the future expansion of CASA resources we are able to provide to our children throughout the year.

**Thank you for your dedication!**



### 2023 ADVOCACY

In the first two quarters of 2023, CASA has certified 26 volunteers!



**2023 Goal: Certify 60 New Volunteers**

Our next training classes of the year will take place in September, offering both a day and night class.

Contact Volunteer Manager,  
Courtney Mead, for more information:  
[cmead@casajwc.com](mailto:cmead@casajwc.com)

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### HOPS & BARLEY

#### THE VENUE AT WILLOW CREEK

CASA's annual Hops & Barley event features beer and wine tastings from local businesses, a wine pull, a silent auction, patio games, live music, and a guest appearance from Voice of the Jayhawks, Brian Hanni, as our event emcee and auctioneer! Your involvement directly supports our mission and with your help, we can provide resources to children who need a safe and loving home.

To learn more about how you can stay involved with CASA's annual events, contact President & CEO, Natalie Julien:

[njulien@casajwc.com](mailto:njulien@casajwc.com)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### ANNUAL MEETING

#### JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This educational meeting provides a perfect opportunity to stay involved with CASA, connect with staff and community members, and learn how CASA continues to share its mission.

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