

CASA of the Heartland's Newsletter is back!

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## CASA of the Heartland Newsletter

SUMMER 2017



### Message from the Executive Director

Throughout this last quarter, we have seen more evidence of the difference CASA Volunteers make in the lives of children. I am constantly amazed at the dedication and compassion of our CASA Volunteers, their stories of interactions with the children they serve; this motivates me to keep going. [Read More](#)

### CASA OF THE HEARTLAND YEAR-TO-DATE



**95**  
CHILDREN  
SERVED



**46**  
ACTIVE  
ADVOCATES



**16**  
CHILDREN  
HAVE  
REACHED  
PERMANENCY



### **Congratulations to Our Spring Volunteer Training Class!**

Congratulations to our six newest advocates who completed training and were sworn-in by Honorable Judge Pamela Addington this past Spring. Thank you to these individuals for choosing to serve as advocates for children!



### **United Way of Central Kentucky Awards \$56,139.48 to CASA!**

CASA of the Heartland received a pleasant surprise at our office on Friday, May 26th. Our program was awarded \$56,139.48 in United Way grant funding for the 2017-2018 grant year! We greatly appreciate United Way's continued support of our important work.

[See Grant Award Announcement](#)



## CASA Participates in Kentucky Gives Day

Kentucky Gives Day is a 24-hour online fundraising event to promote giving and increase philanthropy across the Commonwealth. Our community answered the call and helped CASA raise \$1,625 in 24 hours! CASA was also awarded a \$50 prize from the Central Kentucky Community Foundation for raising the most funds during Power Hour bringing our Kentucky Gives Day total to \$1,675!

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You are Cordially Invited to  
**CASABLANCA**  
Here's Looking Out for Our Kids  
Fundraising Benefit  
September 9  
7:00 - 11:00PM  
The American Legion, 1251 Ring Road  
Hors D'Oeuvres,  
Casino Gaming, Cash Bar,  
Dancing & Mystery Boxes

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**LIVE UNITED**  
United Way  
United Way  
of Central Kentucky

### SAVE THE DATE!

You are Cordially Invited to **CASABLANCA: Here's Looking Out for Our Kids Fundraising Benefit** on Saturday, September 9th from 7:00-11:00pm EST at The American Legion, 1251 Ring Road in Elizabethtown. A formal invitation to follow.



**MAKE THE DROP AND BE THE CHANGE.  
DONATE SUPPLIES TODAY.**



CASA of the Heartland is proud to be an official drop-off location for the **Don't Miss the Bus School Supplies Drive!** Stop by our **245 W. Dixie Avenue** location now through July 21st to donate school supplies for local students in need. Visit [bluegrasscellular.com/dontmissthebus](http://bluegrasscellular.com/dontmissthebus) for a list of most requested items. Thanks for your support!



*144. The number of children in Hardin County who are on the wait-list for a Court Appointed Special Advocate, a consistent person in their lives. That person can be you. Contact us today: 270-982-2272, 270-982-2274, or [CASASTAFF@CASAHEARTLAND.ORG](mailto:CASASTAFF@CASAHEARTLAND.ORG).*

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT JOHN HOUSE**



John House, A-1 Vacuum Sales and Service Owner in Elizabethtown, not only supports his community, including CASA of the Heartland, with their vacuum needs but advocates for our community's most vulnerable individuals, child victims of abuse and neglect.

John began serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate 2 1/2 years ago when he visited CASA of the Heartland's booth after seeing a friend of his at the tent during the BBQ, Blues, and Bikes Festival. He also knew Honorable Family Court Judge Pamela Addington who comes to his store; she encouraged him to volunteer.

John has served and is continuing to serve the same child since becoming a Volunteer Advocate. John describes his CASA child as being a "fantastic young man" who has a "fantastic foster family". He spends quality time with and encourages his CASA child. Advocates build trust-based relationships with children and visit their children at least twice a month. "It is more of a blessing to me than it is to him," says John.

When asked if he had any advice for someone who may be interested in serving as a CASA Volunteer, John says, "Take a deep breath, and jump in. You'll be happy you did it. Someone needs to step up."

"John is always looking out for the best interest of his CASA Kid, a young man aged 18. He has lunch/dinner with him on a regular basis and attends sporting events that his kid is participating in, always encouraging him and cheering him on. John also advocates for his CASA Kid's relationship and continued communication with his sibling who is in a separate placement. John continues to be a positive adult role model and mentor in his CASA Kid's life." - *David Vice, CASA Volunteer Advocate Coordinator*

Thank you, John, for your commitment to make a difference in your community and in a child's life!

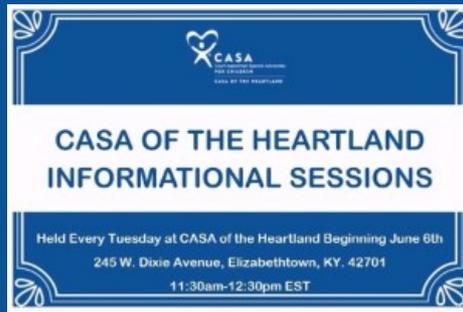
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an advocate for children like John, please contact us at 270-982-2272, 270-982-2274, or [CASASTAFF@CASAHeartland.org](mailto:CASASTAFF@CASAHeartland.org).



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### Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

JULY 18-29	SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING	CASA OF THE HEARTLAND OFFICE
AUGUST 21-23	NEW CASA TRAINING CURRICULUM SEMINAR	KENTUCKY CASA NETWORK
SEPTEMBER 9	CASABLANCA 2017	AMERICAN LEGION HARDIN POST 113
SEPTEMBER 18-19	KIDS ARE WORTH IT! CONFERENCE	CROWNE PLAZA LOUISVILLE
SEPTEMBER 25	KENTUCKY REGIONAL CONFERENCE	NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM
OCTOBER (TBD)	FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING	CASA OF THE HEARTLAND OFFICE



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