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PLANNED GIVING

Did you know there are ways to support CASA of Jackson County that will not affect your current lifestyle or your family's security? You can support CASA with gifts that do not impact the way you live by designating CASA of Jackson County to receive estate assets in the future.

THE BENEFITS

- You can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime.
- You can make a gift that leaves your cash flow and current financial planning unchanged.
- You don't have to use cash to make your gift; you can "buy low and give high" by making your gift with appreciated securities.
- You can give an asset you no longer need or want.

GIFTS FROM YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Need to preserve your assets during your lifetime? You can plan a gift to us that will only take effect after your other obligations have ceased.

- Include a bequest to CASA in your will or trust.
- Make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to a specific purpose.
- Indicate a specific amount, or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.

GIFTS FROM A RETIREMENT PLAN

Give us assets subject to double taxation, then leave more to your family.

- Name CASA as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other qualified plan.
- Designate us to receive all or a portion of the balance of your plan.
- The balance in your plan passes to CASA after your death.

GIFTS OF STOCK AND APPRECIATED ASSETS

Here is how to take advantage of appreciated securities without incurring capital gains tax.

- You transfer appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares you have owned for more than one year to CASA.
- CASA sells your securities and uses the proceeds for its programs.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

You don't need a large estate to make a significant gift to us.

- You transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to CASA.
- CASA elects to cash in the policy now or hold it.



Giving
THAT
GROWS



New CASA Advocates

SWORN IN FEBRUARY 15, 2019



David Whitehead, Wenonoa Spivak, Lincoln Boyd, Liz Andersen, Paula Baca, Gary Plano, Stefanie Moss, Kim Wood, Marilyn Borkin, Scott Morgan, the Honorable Benjamin Bloom, Kristen Danielson, Michael Gutman, Kim Clarkpugsley (back), Jolie Elan (front), Loretta Ellis, Rebecca Buck, Kathy Gallego, Roger Seaman, Russ Gallego, Sarah McCrate, Kathryn Flyte, Sandy Estlund, Bob Herriott, Katie Jantzer, Katina Dittberner, Jeff Kinsella

HAPPY ENDINGS

Two children re-entered the court system. The CASA had known these two children for nearly half of their young lives. The CASA was appointed for a total of four years to these children, spanning two different instances while they were in the care of DHS with a return to mom's care in between. When removed the first time from their mother's care, the youngest was just under 1, and the oldest barely over 4 years of age.



For most of her life, mom had struggled with substance abuse issues and mental health challenges. One of the children's fathers was recently deceased and the other was caught in a tragic cycle of substance abuse and homelessness. With the support of a network of services, mom was able to engage in recovery and her children were returned to her care. CASA was a strong proponent of mom as she was doing great in her recovery, was meeting expectations, and was able to have the children back with her safely. During this time, the CASA was helping maintain a solid relationship between the mom and with the grandparents of the children, to increase familial connections. Everyone was hopeful mom would be able to maintain her success.

Just a few months later after the case left the court system, mom relapsed. This time, mom was unable to overcome the addiction, leaving the children as she tried to focus on herself. The boys, a little older now, were taking care of themselves and trying to prepare their own food and get themselves to school. The CASA came back on the case and advocated for a quick move to place the children with their grandparents, who had maintained a close connection with them through mom's struggles. The CASA was another constant in the lives of these children and advocated for guardianship and consistency with the grandparents. The Judge ruled in favor of this plan and the children are now in a safe and permanent home with their grandparents and with the CASA maintaining a continued connection. Eventually, the hope is that mom will be able to find the help she needs and be able to have a future relationship with these amazing children. For now, they are safe, doing well in school, and building a strong, healthy future with their loving family.

COMMUNITY HOPE



Jennifer Mylenek
Executive Director

I love April! My heart lights up seeing the trees budding and flowers blooming in April. My hope always returns at the sight of new life. It is the month of hope and rebirth for me. It is also Child Abuse Awareness Month, with an emphasis on Awareness. I think many of you already know how many children face fear and abuse here locally and across our State. It is a tough subject, but let me help you to be aware of the community of hope that surrounds them and fights against abuse. You have probably been standing next to a CASA (a hope giver) in line at the grocery store and did not know it. We had 212 CASAs in 2018, so chances are pretty good you know a CASA or have passed one on the street. If you have ever met a teacher, you have met a hope giver; a physician, counselor, dependency or family court judge, or foster parent....all hope givers. The organizations that our CASAs are blessed to

work with such as Hearts with a Mission, Children's Advocacy Center, The Family Nurturing Center, Addictions Recovery Center, and so many more...all hope givers. Each of us works in different departments, providing vastly different services, but we are all part of the same group of people giving hope, providing a voice, standing in the gap for babies, toddlers, children, youth, and parents, giving our time and our hearts to make children's lives better, safer, hopeful.

Therefore, don't lose heart at the injustices you know are in the world; for every injustice there is someone who will rise to fight against it. That someone could even be you.

J Mylenek

Jennifer Mylenek, Executive Director and Child Advocate



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UPCOMING EVENTS

benefiting CASA of Jackson County

May 11, 5:30 p.m.	Building Foundations Gala
July 19, 7:45 a.m.	Southern Oregon Classic Golf Tournament
July 20, 5:00 p.m.	Southern Oregon Classic The Feast

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July 19 & 20, 2019
Centennial Golf Club



GOLF TOURNAMENT, FRIDAY JULY 19, 2019

The event gets started with a double shotgun golf tournament. Golfers will enjoy a continental breakfast and a barbeque lunch between rounds. Sponsors and tents will be positioned on each hole to interact with up to 240 golfers throughout the day.

THE FEAST, SATURDAY JULY 20, 2019

This is considered the main event, The Feast. Over 1000 people enjoy the best night of summer. On Saturday beginning at 5 p.m. at Centennial Golf Club's event lawn, guests will be allowed to enter a culinary and beverage heaven.

BENEFITING:

100% of the net proceeds raised will go to benefit children's charities in the Rogue Valley including donations to CASA of Jackson County and the Asante Foundation.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



APRIL 7-13, 2019

CASA volunteers (Court Appointed Special Advocates) speak up for children who are in the court system due to parental allegations of abuse or neglect. These CASAs are highly-trained and motivated to make a difference in our community, one child at a time. CASAs are experts on the children they are appointed to, as they are the only people dedicated solely to speak up for the child. There are many other individuals involved in the case, and the CASA is the only adult who is solely dedicated to seeking the best interest of the child, a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible. CASAs interact with all aspects of the child's life, educational, psychological, medical, dental, familial, etc. While the CASA interacts in the court system and writes reports that will be entered into the legal record, they are not experts in the law. CASAs do not have to possess any special skill to be a CASA, they have to care about kids, be motivated to speak up when they see something is lacking for that child, and be able to communicate effectively and professionally with a multitude of people. Most importantly, CASAs have to have hope that they can make things even just a little bit better for a child in our community. And that is what our amazing superhero CASA volunteers do every day.

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The Second Annual Tom Basgen Inspiration Award was presented to CASA Ken Englund.