

# Northern Hills Area CASA

## Director's Report

February 7, 2023 – March 6, 2023

### **Introduction and Professional Background**

#### **Goals:**

- **Enhance the work environment through the emphasis of teamwork.**
- **Promote retention of CASA volunteers through continuous support and educational trainings.**
- **Raise public awareness of NHCASA, child abuse prevention, and the unique role our volunteers play in the child welfare system.**
- **Maintain fiscal responsibility by increasing the amount of income received.**

#### **Foster a positive culture of the work environment.**

- Hold weekly staff meetings.
- Monthly one-on-one SOS (Source of Support) meetings between ED and staff members.

#### **Strengthen the quality and professionalism of advocacy efforts.**

- The Court Improvement Program hosts monthly virtual Lunch & Learn events dealing with child advocacy. We have provided the calendar to our volunteers and send email reminders inviting them to participate. NHCASA staff attended in January and February. Board members are encouraged to participate. Register at <https://www.sdcpcm.com/south-dakota-unified-judicial-system-court-improvement-program/>.
- Host quarterly Lunch & Learn events at NHCASA with guest speakers from local agencies.
- Amy attended the National CADCA conference in Washington, DC, January 30 - February 2, and met with representatives from U.S. Senator John Thune, U.S. Senator Mike Rounds, and U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson's office.
- Becky Helmberger and Anna Schmidt attended the Multidisciplinary Response to Victims Services Conference in Rapid City on February 9, 2023.
- Becky and Anna participated in the online/social media safety training on February 21, 2023.
- The Child Watch Tour is scheduled for May 4, 2023.
- Facilitate and/or participate in team collaboration with CASA volunteers, therapists, DSS, state's attorneys, and children's attorneys.
- New volunteer training was completed with eight evening sessions, consisting of 22 hours of classroom sessions, plus an additional 8+ hours of homework. Guest speakers included Judge Michael Day, DSS, veteran/rookie CASA volunteers, and a foster parent. Becky, Anna, and two new volunteers were sworn in by Judge Eric Strawn on February 27, 2023. Both CASAs are eager to take on a case.
- A retired CASA volunteer decided to be reinstated and was appointed to a case serving three children who are placed in a foster home in Sioux Falls.
- The five volunteers from the Fall 2022 training are all active on cases.
- NHCASA staff attended 26 court hearings from February 6 - March 6, 2023.
- We received a Realtors for Kids grant for a teenage boy, who has been in/out of DSS custody for 7 ½ years, and was in need of track/field apparel. The entire grant amount requested was received in the amount of \$308.18. The CASA volunteer took him shopping and submitted the receipts for reimbursement.

### **Increase public awareness of the mission of NHCASA.**

- Social media is utilized on a regular basis.
- A check presentation by the Belle Fourche First Interstate Bank was attended by Becky on January 10, 2023.
- We partner with other local organizations to promote our program. Becky, Anna, and Amy participated in the Northern Hills Interagency Meeting on February 14, 2023. Amy is a board member of the Lawrence County Coalition and attends monthly meetings. Amy also participates in the Sturgis and Butte County ABC (Action for the Betterment of the Community) meetings.
- Becky and Amy attended the South Dakota Kids' Belong Gala on February 24, 2023.
- As part of our recruitment efforts, Becky presented information on NHCASA at two local events.
- NHCASA Volunteer of the Month recipients are highlighted on our website, Facebook, and will be featured in the next newsletter.
- A video regarding volunteer opportunities and introductions of the new NHCASA staff was created by Black Hills TV.
- Host CASA socials. A Cup O'CASA was held on February 28, 2023, and included five CASA volunteers and one board member.
- A retirement party for Kate Kelley was hosted by her friends on March 3, 2023, at Studio 621, with the space donated by Michaela Anderson. Current/former board members, active/retired CASA volunteers, previous NHCASA employees, current NHCASA personnel, Spearfish Mayor John Senden, and Kate's family/friends were in attendance. NHCASA provided Kate with a plaque for her outstanding service to children, NHCASA, and the community.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are planning to host Cup O'CASAs in Spearfish, Sturgis, Belle Fourche, and Lead/Deadwood.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

- Grants: Application in-process--VOCA; Submission--First Interstate Bank Lead-Deadwood Community Fund; Upcoming--SD CASA Commission, Court Improvement Program, United Way; Recent confirmations of allocations/payments--Butte County (\$5,720), Lawrence County (\$7,500), City of Belle Fourche (\$2,860), City of Deadwood Parking Fund (\$500), City of Lead (\$1,500), First Interstate Bank Greater Belle Fourche Fund (\$2,000)
- Registrations are coming in for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon/5K.
- One-year "GrantStation" enrollment, with savings of up to \$600, received through *TechSoup* for \$99.

### **▪ CASA Connection (February 6, 2023 – March 6, 2023)**

- Eight visits were scheduled which involved five children, parents, and grandparents from three families.
- One family meeting was scheduled.

### **Questions/Considerations**

- **Board member orientation: Who is yet to complete this?**
- **NHCASA website instructions for BOD access to meeting documents**
- **What type of information would you like included in the Director's Report?**
- **Future Meeting Ideas: Mission Moments--Guest speakers regarding the child welfare system and the impact CASA volunteers have on the process.**
- **NHCASA Future Needs: User-friendly website; Technology maintenance options**

❖ **Case Reports for January 1, 2023 – March 6, 2023**

	<b>Total Children</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Butte</b>	<b>Meade</b>
<b>Currently Active</b>	49 (Includes 5 new children: 3 Meade, 1 Lawrence, 1 Butte)	14	11	24
<b>Children Closed</b>	7 (Guardianship--2; Case dismissed with opposition noted by CASA--3; Aged out--1; Custody given to other parent--1)	2	1	4
<b>Total Served</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>

<b>YTD COMPARISONS</b>	<b>Total Children</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Butte</b>	<b>Meade</b>	<b>Corson</b>	<b>Ziebach</b>
<b>Total Served (January 1, 2022 – March 6, 2022)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Upcoming Events:**

- **March:** Marathon Committee Meeting; TBD
- **March 15:** NHCASA Lunch & Learn; 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- **March 16:** Virtual Lunch & Learn; Topic--One Heart; Zoom; 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- **March 29:** Virtual Lunch & Learn; Hosted by the Court Improvement Program Topic--Situational Awareness; Zoom; 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **March 30:** CASA Bunko Social
- **April:** Child Abuse Prevention Month
- **April:** Bike Race Committee Meeting; TBD
- **April 6:** Cup O' CASA, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.; Sturgis; Location TBD
- **April 13:** Cup O' CASA, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.; Belle Fourche; Location TBD
- **April 13:** NHCASA Board of Director's Meeting; 12:00 p.m.; Spearfish Chamber of Commerce
- **April 14-19:** Amy out of the office
- **April 20:** Cup O' CASA, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; NHCASA (Co-hosted by the SD Center for Enterprise Opportunity)
- **April 26:** Virtual Lunch & Learn; Hosted by the Court Improvement Program Topic--Civil vs. Criminal Child Abuse Cases; Zoom; 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **April 27:** Cup O' CASA, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.; Lead/Deadwood; Location TBD
- **May 4:** Child Watch Tour
- **July 8:** Spearfish Canyon Half Marathon/5K
- **July 26-29:** Days of '76 Rodeo VIP Bar
- **August 19:** Black Hills Super 6 Mountain Bike Race
- **October 27:** Dueling Pianos

(This report is for deposits made from January 1 – March 6, 2023, and may not reflect subsequent income.)

<b>INCOME SOURCE</b>	<b>2021 Received</b>	<b>2022 Received</b>	<b>2023 Received</b>	<b>PymtSchedule</b>	<b>Pymt Date</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL-BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$19,675.63</b>	<b>\$24,023.78</b>	<b>\$2106.15</b>	As Received	3/6/2023
<b>FUNDRAISERS</b>					
Spf Canyon 1/2 Mar	\$34,808.84	\$39,000.70	\$5,553.97	As Received	3/6/2023
Ask Letter	\$16,786.00	\$12,948.75	\$3,590.00	As Received	3/6/2023
Dueling Pianos	\$0.00	\$24,191.00	\$0.00		12/27/2022
Raffle	\$10,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		11/1/2021
Black Hills Super 6	\$15,471.00	\$19,580.50	\$2,250.00	As Received	3/6/2023
Giving Tuesday	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00		12/27/2022
Days of 76	\$2,797.83	\$3,967.00	\$0.00		7/30/2021
Other Fundraising	\$2,027.00	\$925.00	\$0.00		7/18/2022
<b>TOTAL Fundraisers</b>	<b>\$82,490.67</b>	<b>\$100,922.95</b>	<b>\$11,393.97</b>		3/6/2023
<b>STATE/FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS</b>					
CASA Commission	\$21,387.96	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	6/17/2022
CIP Standard	\$24,000.00	\$28,500.00	\$0.00	Reimbursement	6/15/2022
CIP Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Reimbursement	11/5/2021
CIP Technology Reimb.	\$1,290.00	\$1,920.00	\$0.00	Reimbursement	10/26/2021
VOCA (July-June) \$102,300 FFY23 \$77,301.25 FFY22 \$86,088.00 FFY21	\$60,001.20	\$71,279.03	\$19,081.78	Monthly drawdowns	2/8/2023
<b>TOTAL State/Federal Grants</b>	<b>\$106,679.16</b>	<b>\$123,699.03</b>	<b>\$19,081.78</b>		3/6/2023
<b>NATIONAL CASA ASSOCIATION GRANT</b>	<b>\$12,510.00</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	Reimbursement	11/1/2021
<b>COUNTY GRANTS</b>					
Butte County	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,720.00	Annual payment	1/17/2023
Lawrence County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	Semi-annual payment	2/15/2023
Corson County	\$2,860.00	\$2,860.00	\$2,860.00		1/9/2023
<b>TOTAL County Grants</b>	<b>\$20,860.00</b>	<b>\$20,860.00</b>	<b>\$16,080.00</b>		3/6/2023

<b>CITY GRANTS</b>					
Belle Fourche City	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,860.00	One-time payment	2/24/2023
Deadwood City	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	2/25/22
Lead City	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	One-time payment	03/01/2023
Spearfish City	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	10/11/2022
Sturgis City	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	1/27/2020
Whitewood City	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	3/23/2022
<b>TOTAL City Grants</b>	<b>\$9,100.00</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,360.00</b>		3/6/2022
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>					
Adams Mastrovich	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	11/1/2021
Greater Sturgis FIB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	12/31/19
Greater BF FIB	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	One-time payment	1/10/2023
FIB Spearfish	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	12/31/19
FIB Fnd (match)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	Vol Project Grant	8/15/2020
Spearfish Community Fnd.	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	2/10/2021
Lead-Deadwood Fnd.	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	5/2/2022
Realtors for Kids	\$875.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	As requested	9/6/2022
Adams Mastrovich	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/31/19
Renaissance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/31/19
Wells Fargo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/31/19
The Seattle Fnd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/31/19
BH Community Fnd.	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	12/3/2021
SD Community Fnd.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	12/31/19
Vucurevich Foundation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/31/19
Foundations Other	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		9/6/21
<b>TOTAL Foundations</b>	<b>\$15,875.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		2/6/2023
<b>OTHER GRANTS</b>					
Sturgis United Way	\$3,125.50	\$2,530.00	\$0.00	Monthly auto-deposit	12/1/2022
NH United Way	\$3,705.23	\$2,083.66	\$1,666.66	Monthly auto-deposit	2/16/2023
United Way CI	\$833.34	\$13,074.64	\$0.00		12/15/202
Sturgis Charities Fnd.	\$5,720.00	\$5,720.00	\$5,720.00	One-time payment	1/6/2023
MDU Resources	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	June	6/28/2022
Zonta of Spearfish	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	4/11/2022
Midcontinent Media	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	6/1/2020
Spearfish Lions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	12/31/19
Spearfish Optimists	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	1/19/2022
RC Rush/Black Hills Energy	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		6/7/2021
Thrivent		\$25.00	\$0.00	One-time payment	2/9/2022
<b>TOTAL Other Grants</b>	<b>\$19,259.07</b>	<b>\$27,533.30</b>	<b>\$7,386.66</b>		3/6/2023
<b>IN-KIND DONATIONS</b>					
	<b>\$12,194.23</b>	<b>\$19,223.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		2/6/2023

<b>OTHER</b>					
Other Income	\$1,741.09	\$0.00	\$0.00		4/26/2021
Misc.	\$153.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Insurance Refund	2/28/2021
Checking Interest Inc.	\$15.82	\$104.39	\$39.23		2/28/2023
Grwth Fnd Unrlzd Inc	\$6,641.22	\$0.00	\$0.00		12/1/2021
Grwth Fund Income	\$0.00	(\$33,735.61)	\$0.00		12/30/2022
Rental Income	\$12,100.00	\$15,870.00	\$4,170.00		3/6/2023
<b>TOTAL Other</b>	<b>\$20,651.13</b>	<b>(\$17,761.22)</b>	<b>\$4,209.23</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$363,943.39</b> per Kate vs. <b>\$319,294.89</b>	<b>\$312,001.04</b>	<b>\$66,617.79</b>		3/6/2023