

Fall 2020

Newsletter

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Happy Holidays

Throughout these past months we have all had to use a little more effort and show a little more grace. We wish you all health and happiness throughout the holiday season and look forward to a time when we can gather again.

During these holidays we are particularly thankful to our supporters. We could not do what we do without the financial support we receive. Large or small, grant or individual donation, we appreciate the funding to support the children who need us the most.

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Changes to the Board

With the end of 2020 we say goodbye to three long-time board members:

April-Dawn Knudsen
Tom Marmins
Imane Deininger

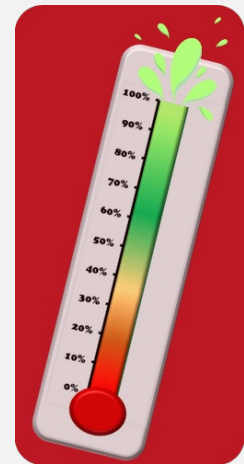
We cannot thank them enough for their years of support, service, and passion for the work we do.

While April-Dawn and Tom most recently served as Co-Chairs, Imane was the board Secretary. Along with Hanna Thomas, Treasurer, they recently lead the organization through two changes in

ColoradoGives Day Success!

Our goal for Colorado Gives Day was \$18,000. Thanks to your generosity we surpassed that at **\$20,400.60**

You can help support vulnerable children year round by giving through ColoradoGives.org



Welcome our Eagle County Team!

Eagle County is home to over 50% of the total population of the 5th Judicial District. It is also the largest in geographic area. Late summer we hired two staff who reside in and focus their work on Eagle and Lake counties. Lisa Reeder is our part-time Outreach Coordinator and Rebecca Dorn as our full-time Program Coordinator. The board voted in two Eagle County members Margaret Olle and Karmen Serbinski. The Eagle County Team is making connections and increasing our presence there, making it easier to make recommendations for and support the children we serve. It also reduces the amount of travel and time we spend on the road, particularly during the winter

leadership, a move, COVID-19 and all the challenges the pandemic presented. We wouldn't be here without their consistent support.

Welcome Hanna Thomas to the Chair position. Bob Tate is taking on the Treasurer position and Karmen Serbinski is our new Secretary. Don Langmuir continues to serve on the board along with newer board members Marilyn Manco-Johnson and Margaret Olle.

We hope to expand our board with members from Clear Creek and Lake counties as well as additional members from Summit County. If you are interested and/or know someone who would be a good fit, please reach out.

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Volunteers

We want to thank all of our volunteers for their passion to change a child's story. The COVID Pandemic made it more difficult to spend time with children but our volunteers persevered with creative ways to connect.

*Thank
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2020 Year in Review

Serendipitously, we chose 2020 to move our fiscal year from July 1 to January 1. Having a short 6-month budget from July 1 – December 31 during these challenging times has been a blessing, making it easier to plan.



In FY2020 (July 1 2019 – June 30 2020) Dependency and Neglect Cases we served 60 children from 39 families.

	Children	Cases	Volunteers	
Clear Creek	26	16	10	
Eagle	13	9	13	
Lake	18	12	3	
Summit	3	2	19	(travel to Clear Creek and Lake to cover case)

D&N Volunteer Child Advocates dedicated 2,057 hours (4,720 contacts) to change the story of CASA children.



Truancy

We served five cases in Eagle County within our new Truancy Program. We held Truancy Court in January and February and then continued to work with the students to help them adapt to remote learning. The program continued in fall 2020 and is expanding. We are currently training five additional truancy child advocates increasing our number to 12.

Events

We postponed our Child in for Kids Golf Scramble from June to September. This gave Frost Creek in Eagle time to develop strategies for socially distanced golfing. While we had fewer

We Moved!

To reduce our rent, we moved down the hall to suite 206. When we are able to congregate again, please stop by to visit our new space. We are now at the

golfers this year (76), the day was still a success raising \$45,317.90 after expenses.



top of the stairs.

Best Wishes from the CASA Staff

Dr. Karen Kaminski, Executive Director
Dawn Gundersen, Executive Assistant
Cathy Hyde, Development and Events Coordinator
Lisa Reeder, Outreach Coordinator

Kathi Brown, Program Director
Rebecca Dorn, Program Coordinator
Janine Mariani, Program Coordinator
Melissa Keil, Program Assistant

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