

Newsletter

Friends of Iowa CASA



CASA'S REACH 99

Congratulations to Haley Herbert!

In an effort to support CASA of Iowa in their goal of getting a CASA in all 99 counties this year (Reach99), we're cheering on the CASA volunteers who are intentionally helping make this happen.

Haley, a dedicated CASA volunteer in Johnson county, is our first Reach 99 Contest Winner! She's helping us achieve our mission of giving hope roots in every community, by sharing her CASA story. Haley will receive a \$100 gift card, sponsored by Friends of Iowa CASA, as a thank you for her incredible commitment. We love supporting CASA of Iowa and celebrating volunteers who make a difference every day.

Thank you Haley for being the a champion for Iowa kids!

DONOR APPRECIATION

Thank you to the generous donors of 2025, you made it possible for us to support Iowa CASAs! Also a shout out to our largest 2026 individual donor so far this year, who gave a \$20,000 donation to the cause, thanks **Richard Uluski!**

WEBSITE UPDATES

We have revamped our website with a new logo, a new feel, updated material and more content we hope all users find more informational. We are working on a new [calendar area](#) for CASA related trainings as well. Check it out at: www.iowacasafriends.org. To get to the calendar page click the heart logo located around the newsletter.



FILLING TANKS, FULFILLING MISSIONS: GAS CARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Exciting news, everyone! Friends has received a Variety grant for 240 gas cards, each worth \$25. If you are a volunteer who hits the road for their case, have your coordinator contact us and we'll make sure a [gas card](#) gets sent to you! These gas cards should be used for CASA's with case-related mileage.

CASA gas card donations at work, getting CASAs to their kids no matter the distance!

Donate
NOW



A CASA STORY



Megan's Story:

"I wanted to help children involved in foster care and the child welfare system, but fostering wasn't the right fit for my life at the time.

Finding CASA showed me there was a meaningful way to make a difference within my current circumstances.

Being able to advocate for a child and keep their best interests front and center throughout their case has been incredibly rewarding."

Thank you!

Megan
A CASA Volunteer for 5 years
North Central Iowa

Upcoming EVENTS



High Quality 2.0 CASA Trainings	March 5 th , 17 th , 20 th , 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th
CASA Pre-Service Trainings	Cohort 2: April 8th Cohort 3: June 24th Cohort 4: Sept 22nd
CASA Conference	August 2026

Check out Training Locations on our website at:
<https://www.iowacasafriends.org/events/upcoming-events1>

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR MISSION?



We seek Board members, including Secretary who are committed and visionary leaders to join the Friends of Iowa CASA Board of Directors. The Board is passionate about providing the best outcomes for children who experience abuse and neglect - every child and every time.

The Board of Directors work closely with Iowa CASA and Court-Appointed Special Advocates to advance Friends of Iowa CASAs mission: Promote and support volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children and public awareness of the importance of safe and permanent homes for all children.

These volunteer roles offer a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of vulnerable children across Iowa. Learn more about Friends of Iowa CASA at

<https://www.iowacasafriends.org/>.

Interested candidates are invited to **Connect** with us at:

<https://www.iowacasafriends.org/connect>

