

# CASA NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Court Date</u>	<u>Report Due Date</u>
Emily Brooks	July 14	July 7
Jim Duval	July 14	July 7
Sean Griffin	July 17	July 10
Eysabeth Kierl	July 21	July 14
Abbi Stoddard	July 24	July 17
Jackie Koepke	July 27	July 20
Nancy Roth	July 27	July 20
Roy Panwitz	July 28	July 21
RuAnn Root	August 1	July 25
Maureen Mohlman	August 1	July 25
Marty Pinkerman	August 4	July 28
Debbie Kramer	August 7	July 30



## The Starfish Story

*One of our volunteers recently shared this story with me, reminding me of the importance that each one of you make in the lives of the children you serve.*

**Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing.** He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference." The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"



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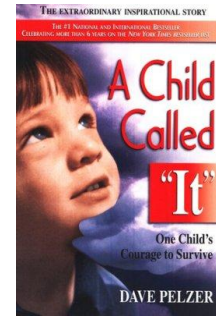


CASA volunteer please have them contact the office.

Meet Melodee Spady, Tiny Miss Great Plains 2017. She collected these handmade blankets and delivered them to our office to distribute to kids in need. Thank you, Melodee, for your kindness and

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**CASA BOOK CLUB** – We are planning book study group which would meet 2 month for discussion over lunch. This great opportunity to earn continuing credit, and to meet with and learn from CASAs. The first book we are considering Called It, by David Pelzer. If you are participating in this group please contact CASA office. Check it out at: <http://www.DavePelzer.com/about.html>



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**Lunch & Learn Wednesday, July 26th, Noon – 1:00 p.m.** at the Adams County Courthouse Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> & St. Joe 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room. Bring your lunch! Our featured speaker for July is from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program! This counts as 1 hour towards continuing education for volunteers.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CASA OFFICE

**We've Moved!** Stop by our new offices at Burlington Center, 835 South Burlington Ave., Suite 106. Things are starting to shape up as we adjust to a larger space that we share with the Teen Court team, conveniently putting everyone together in one office. Our ribbon cutting with the Chamber is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45. Stop in and say hello!

**We will be scheduling and conducting a new Volunteer training class in the Fall of 2017.** If you know of anyone interested in becoming a

## Happy Birthday!!

Jamie Bittfield

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jackie Koepke

July 19<sup>th</sup>

Emily Brooks

August 4<sup>th</sup>

Jade Bartunek

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Vera Zabloudil

August 9<sup>th</sup>