

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Our office will be closed on February 12th in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and February 19th in observance of President's Day. Our office will be otherwise open for normal business hours.



Happy February Birthday to
Dana Larson on the 9th!
Enjoy your special day!!

*"To ease another's heartache is
to forget one's own"*
~Abraham Lincoln

If there are specific items you would like to see in our CASA Library, we welcome your suggestions! Checking out items from the library is a wonderful way to complete your continuing education requirements.



Be on the lookout for your Annual Dinner Fundraiser invitation in the mail!

There will be a free ticket for you and a guest as a sign of our appreciation.

Please be sure and submit your RSVP card.

Upcoming Events.....

- **February** Noon-Networking will be on **8th** featuring Preferred Family Health.
- **March 8th** will be our Noon-Networking with JoAnn O'Rourke from SIU School of Medicine. JoAnn will be discussing home safety and attachment.
- **Friday March 9th** will be our Annual Dinner Fundraiser for the agency. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Similar to making suggestions for the Library, if there are topics that you would like discussed at Noon-Networkings or our In-Services, we welcome your input!

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Dear CASA Volunteers,

The purpose of this letter to share with each of you that I have made the decision, with the support of my family, to step down from my role as CASA Coordinator. This is a decision I do not take lightly, as my passion and belief in the program, each of you and the impact on these children is profound.

This is a letter than I'm not sure I ever thought I would write. As many of you know I have been at CASA since 2003. During these years my husband and I have been blessed with our two kids Paige and Riley. So to say my life has changed and grown during my years here is an understatement.

After careful consideration it is clear to me that the time has come for me to be home full time with our kids. Some of you are aware, the past six years we have been homeschooling our kids. As time has gone on it has become more clear to me that I can no longer invest all that I need to , and all that our kids deserve, while still working part time.

I hope that each of you can support and understand this big change. I will miss seeing and interacting with each of you as you all have become like family over the years. I'm thankful that Quincy is small enough that I will be able to still run into you all.

It has been my pleasure to support each of you as you advocate for the best interests of the children you serve. You each have grown and blossomed into an amazing group of volunteers.

My last day will be February 26th so I hope to see you all before then.

This isn't "good-bye", just "see you soon"

Fondly,

Laura

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*Thank
You*