

CASA Fundraisers Benefit Area Foster Youth

Two recent fundraising events will help support some of Oregon’s most vulnerable children, including those living in Columbia County.

CASA’s 5th Annual Columbia County Benefit Breakfast raised \$11,000 for CASA’s mission of advocating for the rights, safety, and well being of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the courts in Columbia County. Generous community members, partners, and foundations helped to make this year’s event a great success.

All proceeds raised directly impact and serve children with a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). The funds raised at the breakfast event directly support CASA’s work in Columbia County; funding will go towards the recruitment, training, and support of CASA volunteers to serve more local children in foster care.

Since expanding services into Columbia County in 2015, CASA for Children has more than tripled the annual number of children served by a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Currently CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties is responsible for serving one-third of the children in Oregon’s foster care system. The annual cost to support one child with one CASA is \$1,500. This year, CASA for Children will support 472 CASA volunteers who will serve 1,033 children, with the ultimate goal of finding them a permanent home quickly, safely, and effectively.

CareOregon was the Presenting Sponsor for the breakfast held on Tuesday, June 19 at the Elks Lodge in St. Helens. NW Natural presented a Challenge Match of \$5,000 at the breakfast, in support of CASA’s work, and to motivate guests to make their most generous gift to CASA for Children.

Inspirational speakers included Senator Betsy Johnson, Julie Nix of DHS, Columbia County CASA volunteer Don Baille and Bikers Against Child Abuse. Other notable guests included the Executive Director of the United Way of Columbia County Kathye Beck, CASA Board of Directors President Bill Gardner, and representatives from across agencies that CASA partners with, including Community Services Consortium, SAFE, and Greater Oregon Behavioral Health. Guests enjoyed a buffet breakfast and pastries generously donated by Brown Butter Bakery.

On Saturday, June 9 CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties hosted their 6th Annual Bowl-a-Thon at King Pins, presented by Avangrid Renewables. This annual event raised over \$41,000 and is a vital source of fundraising revenue in support of CASA’s mission.

The amount raised at this year’s Bowl-a-Thon will allow CASA to recruit and train 27 new CASA volunteers. A CASA passionately and tirelessly works to guide a child through the trauma of the court system. CASAs are trained to work with judges, social workers, teachers, foster parents, and family members to en-

sure that the safety and well-being of the child is front and center.

CASA’s Ambassador Board, featuring young professionals representing Oregon’s top business and corporate interests, organized and ran the event. Over 140 participants and volunteers came out to bowl and raise funds. Along with Ambassador Board members, bowlers consisted of members of the child welfare community, CASA volunteers, foster families and children represented by CASAs. Throughout the day, bowlers were able to enjoy food and drink, raffle prizes, and several lanes of bowling thanks to generous corporate sponsors and friends of CASA.

About CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington & Columbia Counties:

CASA for Children recruits, trains and supports CASA volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the court. Learn more at: <http://www.casahelpskids.org/>.

CASA for Children Columbia County branch office is located at 2514 Sykes Rd., St. Helens, OR 97051.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a CASA volunteer, please contact Susan Leipzig, Recruiter - Columbia County, at (503) 410-5097, sleipzig@casahelpskids.org.

Help Pets Keep Cool When Temperatures Soar

Hot summer weather can not only be uncomfortable for people, it can be dangerous for dogs, cats, and other pets. The Oregon Humane Society urges animal lovers to follow these simple tips to keep their pets safe:

- Keep drinking water bowls full of cool, fresh water.

- Provide shaded areas where a pet can rest if outdoors.
- Use a misting hose to provide a cool area for a pet while outside.
- Utilize a kiddie pool for dogs to splash and relax in.
- Keep an eye on pets around water—not all pets are natural swimmers.

- Do not leave pets unattended outside when it gets hot; bring them inside.
- Leave your pet at home when you are running errands – never leave your pet in the car when the weather is warm. Download an infographic that shows how hot a car can get.
- Light-colored pets can sunburn—check

with your veterinarian before applying sunblock to your pet’s nose.

- High energy dogs will likely not have as much energy on a hot day, so lowering the normal level of activity is very important. Walk or exercise your dog when the temperature is cooler in the early morning and late evening.

- Brain work such as using puzzle toys and teaching a new trick can be a good way to keep a dog busy in an air conditioned environment.
- Make sure your dog stays hydrated, especially during exercise. Reduce activity and give your pet frequent breaks to rehydrate.
- Be aware of your pet’s specific needs based on age, level of fitness, and breed.
- If your pet is overcome by heat exhaustion, immediately immerse or spray the animal with cool running water (avoid cold water as that could cause shock) and continue until the body temperature lowers. Give your pet water to drink and consult your veterinarian right away to determine if additional treatment is needed.



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