

**JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017**

*Celebrating 15 years*



Court Appointed Special Advocates

**FOR CHILDREN**

CASA/GAL OF PARK AND SWEET GRASS COUNTIES



## Wondrous Wildlife

In August, a few lucky CASA children accompanied by their foster families and volunteer advocates, were invited for an exotic evening with Jack Hanna. Hanna, an infamous zoo keeper and animal enthusiast (best known for his television appearances) was in Montana showcasing a few of his curious creatures.

The event was a fundraiser for Wildscapes, a Wildlife Conservation Foundation founded by John Banovich, a local, prominent, wildlife artist. Banovich graciously donated a few tickets to CASA in order to allow foster youth a rare opportunity to see exotic zoo animals in Livingston, MT. With the help of the Columbus Zoo and Zoo Montana, the children were able to view 25 live species in addition to Banovich's wildlife art.

Jack Hanna was also so gracious as to send a few signed wildlife children's books to CASA. Thank you to Jack and John for a one of a kind experience!

**Right:** Child looks on as Hanna presents a lynx to the crowd.



# A Letter from Ann

I'm running into my 15th year with CASA and I can honestly say it just seems like yesterday that we opened our doors and started taking cases. Perhaps because the older a person gets time does really fly by and each day does become more precious than the last. As I reflect back, I look at how far we have come. We started out in my home office, moved to a tiny closet above what is now the Obsidian and three moves later, we are occupying the upstairs suites of the Post Office building which were used in the filming of "A River Runs Through It". All this could not have been accomplished without the generous support of our community, both in monetary support and unselfish dedicated volunteerism.

The program started with absolutely no financial backing and now we are exploring our options in long term financial planning. The purpose being to ensure that CASA will be a stable and permanent organization within the communities serving abused and neglected children. How amazing is that! Our strategic planning is a credit to your continued philanthropy during our annual fundraisers and our first ever Champions for Children event.

This year we completely overhauled our web site, grew a larger Facebook presence, and created our very own YouTube channel. We were extremely fortunate to work with Tom Brokaw in filming and producing three different video ads promoting our local program. Some of you may have seen them on the big screen at the 4th of July Livingston Roundup Rodeo this summer, as well as local Montana NBC affiliate stations. If not, I encourage all of you to view each of them on our YouTube site.

Looking down the road, I anticipate that we will need many more volunteers to continue our mission and I encourage each and every one of you to move out of your comfort zone and become one of our most valuable advocates. These children need you. Please join our team and be a part of making our communities the best that Montana has to offer, a place where every child has a safe, permanent, and loving home.

Sincerely,

*Ann*

## Caring Quilts

Thank you to Cassie Burns, Netzy DeMott, Judy Hesketh, Kirsten HolyCross, Sheila Joronen, Clare Lemke, and Bev Rice for their wonderful donations of handmade quilts. These cozy creations are given to each of our CASA children when they are relocated to a foster home.



### A personal thank you to the following community members who assisted CASA with special projects in the last year:

ASPEN • Tom Brokaw • Doug & Karen Campbell • Bill Campbell • Lonnie Clark • Mike Gilbert • Rob Kaplan • Marcus Lilley • Marie Michelsen • Bob & Kathleen Mitzner • Suzy Osborne • John Payne • Dain Rodwell • David Stanley • Nels Swandal • Emily Yost

## Bugle Boys

Once again, our annual Bugle for Kids Sake hunting fundraiser was a huge success. This event offers a once in a lifetime experience for kids accompanied by an adult to participate in a guided elk hunt on private land. Both Kristopher Page from Sweet Grass County and Carter Bartz from Park County bagged beautiful bulls. We would like to thank the 12 Springs Ranch and West Boulder Ranch for continuously supporting this event, providing the land, guiding, and a 2-1 match on every dollar raised!



Above: Carter Bartz, Livingston



Above: Kristopher Page, Big Timber

***"This was one of the best days of my life. Thank you for what everyone did to help me come out with a big bull and good memories."***

**– Carter Bartz**

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*With the generous support of patrons like you, we can continue to protect and advocate on behalf of our community children.*

## Thank you.





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