

2018 – 2019 District Grant Final Report

Final reports are due within 30 days of the project ending, and no later than June 1, 2019. Please complete this form by filling in the fields below. You must also provide a scanned copy of valid Proof of Payment (PoP) for all expenses listed. Acceptable PoPs include: cancelled checks, bank statements, bona fide itemized receipts. Once you have completed the report, please save it as a pdf document at <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/> on the Documents tab of the project page before clicking the "Reported" button on the Administration page.

Rotary Club Channahon-Minooka Rotary Club District Grant # P 2543

Project Title Be the Voice of Abused and Neglected Children

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? List any changes that might have occurred.

"Be the Voice of Abused and Neglected Children" funded advocacy services for two children in the Channahon-Minooka area through CASA of Will County from November 2018 until May 2019. CASA is unable to give the names of the beneficiaries because of confidentiality in the juvenile abuse cases. The first child was brought into care in September 2018 and the second was brought into care in November 2018, both after being born substance exposed. The grant funded over 18 hours of advocacy which includes monthly child visits, court reports, and court recommendations. These services help the children in care heal from their trauma and ensures their safety and wellbeing.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Nate Ferguson and fellow Channahon-Minooka Rotarians

3. What did they do? Please give at least 2 examples.

Nate Ferguson and fellow Channahon-Minooka Rotarians allowed CASA to advocate for two abused and neglected children from the Channahon-Minooka area. Along with their aid in advocacy, the Channahon-Minooka Rotary raised awareness on CASA's mission in the community and provided CASA with stuffed toys for the children.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project?

2 Children

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

The project has made a lasting difference on the two children served. With a CASA they are more likely to receive necessary services and on average spend less time in foster care. CASA works on providing these children the safe, permanent, and loving homes they so deserve. For the community this means that these children are more likely to succeed in school and half as likely to re-enter the foster care system.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

CASA of Will County was the cooperating organization. They provided advocacy services for

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both children and serve their best interest as their Guardian ad Litem. CASA met with the children once a month and followed up on parental services. CASA also made recommendations to the judge and attended important child and family team meetings. Even as the grant funding period is over, CASA continues to serve as the Guardian ad Litem for both children and will continue involvement until their case closes.

7. How did you share the news of your project?

CASA promoted the Rotary Club of Channahon Minooka as a community partner in their 25th Anniversary Annual Report which was sent to over 500 supporters and posted on their website.

Financial Summary – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

8. <u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
District Grant funds received	<u>\$1,000</u>
Club contribution	_____
Other funding (specify)	_____
Total Project Income	<u>\$1,000</u>

9. Actual Expenditures Valid Proof of Payment must be saved in pdf on <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Total Project Expenditures			_____

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