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**CASA OF JACKSON COUNTY IS BEST SMALL NON-PROFIT TO WORK FOR IN OREGON**  
**Three Other CASA Organizations Make List of Top 100**

**Portland, OR – October 9, 2018** – CASA of Jackson County was identified as the #1 best small non-profit to work for in Oregon in the annual Oregon Business Magazine survey for 2018.

The Oregon Business Magazine survey of best non-profits to work for in Oregon also placed CASA of Lane County and CASA of Clackamas County in the top 32 for small non-profits of 20 employees or fewer.

CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties placed in the top 27 for medium-sized non-profits of 20-49 employees.

“CASA programs do amazing work across Oregon. To have four of those programs honored in the Top 100 Non-Profits to Work for in Oregon is both fitting and exciting!” said Heather Murphy, President, Oregon CASA Network Board of Directors.

The results of this year’s Oregon Business Magazine survey show CASA organizations provide employees and volunteers alike with challenging and satisfying work making a positive difference in the lives of abused and neglected children across the state.

More than 2,000 volunteers supported by 22 CASA organizations across Oregon provide high-quality advocates for more than 5,000 children who were traumatized by abuse and neglect and placed in foster care.

Children in foster care are less likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be trafficked, and experience higher rates of incarceration and homelessness as they enter adulthood.

CASA volunteers are game-changers for these youth. They make it substantially less likely foster children will languish in long-term care, increase their chances of good educational outcomes, and help everyone in an overburdened system remember these are kids trying to grow and develop the same as other kids.

Throughout Oregon, more than 11,000 children spend time in foster care each year. This means despite the dedication and commitment of CASA employees and volunteers, more than 6,000 still need the support of dedicated advocates.

Those interested in giving a powerful voice to abused and neglected children can find their local CASA organization online by visiting <http://www.oregoncasanetwork.org/programs> to volunteer or make a donation. Donations can also be made to the Oregon CASA Network online at <http://www.oregoncasanetwork.org/donate>.

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### **Oregon CASA Network (OCN)**

“Positive culture in a workplace translates directly into positive outcomes in the services a team provides. That four of our CASA organizations are among the Best Non-Profits to Work for in Oregon says worlds about the quality of CASA employees and volunteers,” said Debra Gilmore, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon CASA Network.

### **CASA of Jackson and Josephine Counties**

“The employees and volunteers at CASA of Jackson County work diligently each day to advocate for children who have been abused and neglected. This is a challenging, never ending effort and I’m proud to learn the members of our team feel we are one of the best non-profits to work for in Oregon,” said Jennifer Mylenek, Executive Director, CASA of Jackson and Josephine Counties.

### **CASA of Clackamas County**

“Our team of employees and volunteers has been working hard to advocate for abused and neglected children since 1993. It’s humbling to learn CASA of Clackamas County not only does great work, but is a great place to do it,” said Robin Christian, Executive Director, CASA of Clackamas County.

### **CASA of Lane County**

Heather Murphy, President, Oregon CASA Network Board of Directors, is also Executive Director, CASA of Lane County.