



CASA's Dancing With The Stars Cancellation Led To Local Partner Providing Virtual Fundraiser

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AUGUST 5, 2020, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO - Due to the uncertain and ever changing COVID-19 pandemic and the health and safety of our community in mind, Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA has decided to cancel Dancing with the Stars (DWTS) 2020. DWTS is Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA's largest fundraising event and contributes substantially to its yearly operating budget, allowing CASA to continue to provide training to its volunteers, supervised visitation, community education, and advocacy for abused and neglected children in the local community. CASA will plan to proceed with the event in May 2021 with the original stars and choreographers. All donations and sponsorships received for DWTS 2020 will essentially roll over to DWTS 2021. Once the new event date is confirmed, it will be posted on <https://kidscasa.org/>.

“Our DWTS is a wildly popular evening out for locals, and we were truly hoping to be able to postpone the DWTS event to the fall of 2020,” commented Alan Hallman, Executive Director of NWRM CASA. “However, it seems that unless we held the

fundraiser virtually, it would not be possible with the current situation. Unfortunately, to lose the income typically generated from this event will have a significant impact on our ability to serve the children in Routt, Moffat, and Grand counties.”

In an effort to raise funds for Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA during these uncertain times, The Steamboat Group has launched an online fundraiser for NWRM CASA where they will match all donations received up to \$5,000. The link to give a donation to The Steamboat Group Fund is https://yvcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1267.

In response to the news from The Steamboat Group, Hallman remarked, “We were very happy that The Steamboat Group chose CASA as one of the nonprofits to raise funds for through a virtual fundraiser. We have been conducting supervised visitations to families in Routt county free of charge (typically \$50 per hour) since March 2020. We are trying to ease the burden during this difficult time and to help ensure safe and vital time between children and their families.”

The money raised from the virtual fundraiser will help to offset the cost for the free visitations and allow CASA to continue visitations for free, or at a reduced rate, while families continue to recover and handle the far reaching impacts of the pandemic. The Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA remains committed to children having the opportunity of forming healthy and safe bonds with their families.

About CASA

At Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA, it is our vision for children to have safety, stability, and hope for the future. We strive to inspire, empower, and educate the

community and volunteers to advocate for the best interests of the child. With a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), our 14th Judicial District's most vulnerable children will have someone speaking up for their best interests.

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