

# 13th Circuit Court: Family Division & Probate Court Volunteers

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## Celebrating A Great Year in 2019

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Event in November! We had such a wonderful evening of celebrating YOU!

Congratulations, and thank you again to the many volunteers celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Your time and efforts are more valuable than words and parties can express!

We look forward to a great year of working together in 2020.



## Learning Partners Meetings:

Tuesday, January 7th, 4-5pm

Tuesday, February 4th, 4-5pm

At our Volunteer Services Division Offices.

All interested Volunteers are Invited to Attend.

We have requests for support in out-lying areas of the county, such as Kingsley and Courtade Elementary Schools. There are a number of opportunities for our new Learning Partners that are willing and able to begin working with a child! Thank you, and welcome to those new volunteers.

Learning Partners will be hitting the ice in February. All students, their families and their Volunteers will be invited to enjoy some time and improve their skills at an Open Skate session in February. Details will be sent to actively-matched Volunteers. For any of our Volunteers: If you'd like to come and help on the ice, please contact Laura.



### Did You Hear?

CASA training will begin again on Monday, April 13th, 2020. Sessions will run on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4–7:30pm. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks!



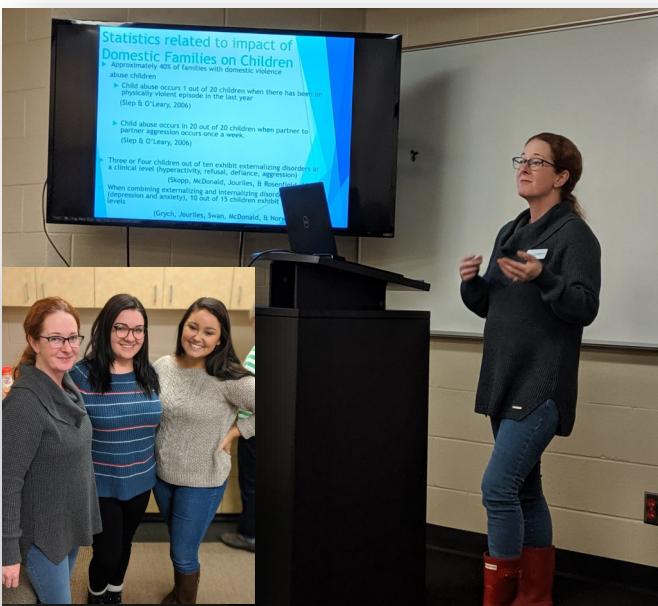
On November 19th our CASAs and Learning Partners had a joint monthly meeting, which was facilitated by Kristi Boettcher and her team from the Grand Traverse County Women's

Resource Center. They discussed their services for the community and different ways they offer support for victims of domestic violence. Did you know that the WRC Thrift Shop brings \$500,000 in to their organization each year?

With the generosity of donations and the success of their Thrift Shop, they are able to hand out over \$9,000 in vouchers for goods for families in need each month. The WRC also provides housing at a low rate for families for up to two years while they rehabilitate.

We discussed barriers that individuals face in rehabilitation after leaving abusive relationships, including housing, finances, and access to therapeutic services.

Thank you again to Kristi and her team for such an informative meeting!





## Congratulations, Heidi!

Heidi McNichols was awarded the 2019 Governor's Service Award for Senior Volunteer of the Year. Heidi has proudly served as both a Learning Partner and a Transporter since 2015. Congratulations, Heidi, and thank you for all you do!



Referees Matt Hagen and Stacey Truesdell sent this lovely card of thanks to our Volunteers. They were unable to attend the Volunteer Recognition Event and send their sincere apologies for their absence. The card is on display in the main Volunteers Office as a reminder of their appreciation!



### January

Caroline Hirth  
Katy Ramsdell  
Henry Tenbrink  
Joellen Evans  
Maswe Hennrick  
Caron Alpers  
Rose Coe

### February

Kenneth Watson  
Matt Service  
Ann McPhail  
Dana Boals  
Martha Keltner  
John Roeser  
Victor Dinsmoore

Kate Perkins  
Donna Thoma  
Anastasiya  
Zubaryeva

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Or Current Resident

**Learning Partners**

**Tuesday, January 7th, 4-5pm**

**Tuesday, February 4th, 4-5pm**



**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

**Tuesday, January 21st, 3-5pm**

**Tuesday, February 18th, 3-5pm**



**\*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless  
otherwise mentioned.**