

On October 21st we held the "Motown Get Down" dance party benefitting CASA of Jackson County, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. A sold out house danced the night away while the Danielle Kelly Soul Project rocked the event with CASA of Jackson County receiving almost \$3,400 following the event.

CASA of Jackson County, founded in 1990, is a non-profit organization that serves the Southern Oregon community through advocating for children's welfare. CASA volunteers are well-trained, everyday citizens appointed by judges to advocate for the safety and well-being of children who have come under the care of Child Welfare due to parental abuse and/or neglect. CASA volunteers speak up for these children and focus on the need for a nurturing, safe and permanent home.

Jennifer Mylenek, Executive Director of CASA of Jackson County, noted, "CASA works with 190+ CASA volunteers, the courts, child welfare and others to improve children's lives and outcomes every day. At the same time, we are constantly searching for ways to fund the work of reaching 650 children annually. The Ashland Elks gave us a valuable gift by hosting the Motown Get Down Party to benefit CASA of Jackson County. The funds from that event will go directly to providing three abused or neglected children with a CASA for a full year. Those are three children from our waiting list of over 450 who will have someone to walk beside them, mentor them, speak for them, and ensure they find safe permanent placement and do not suffer re-abuse. We are thrilled and honored that the Ashland Elks chose CASA as the beneficiary of this event."

This partnership was created by our Public Relations Chairman, Paul Shefrin to raise awareness of both local non-profits working to make a difference here in our communities. Thank you Paul for making this possible! Big thanks also to Lisa Smith, Mike and Libby Sturgill, Joey Ngan, Ron Corallo, Erica Anticono, Kenny Hernandez, Fred Hatfield, Rob Werfel, Kris Torrey and all who showed up and made this event a huge success!



Pictured during the check presentation are from left to right, Ashland Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Russell Anticono, CASA Executive Director Jennifer Mylenek, CASA Board President Erik Carlson and Ashland Elks Lodge Public Relations Chairman Paul Shefrin.