

NEW MEXICO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SUMMER MEETING

June 19-20, 2026

“CARING FOR AMERICA” REPORT

Chairing this Program has been very rewarding and exciting and, also a learning experience.

Just for background as you know, the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) program is a non-profit designed to support children who are in the custody of the State of New Mexico after removal of these children from their homes and placed in a Foster care due to issues within the home. We hear more and more about the many issues with our state program, Children Youth and Family Division, and those issues highlight the continued need for support from organizations such as ours.

During the past six months multiple of our chapters have had the opportunity to be engaged in this effort. Below are some examples of the work that has been accomplished:

Four Corners Chapter – Donated \$150.00

Metro Chapter – Donated \$150 in personal products

Dona Ana - DACA Chapter – Donated \$250, CASA Director as Guest Speaker in June

Zia Chapter – Hosted Albuquerque Director in June – Donations of School Supplies

Rio Grande – Working with Local Chapter – Collecting Items for Distribution in July/Holidays

Rio Rancho Chapter - Presented Checks (\$500/\$500/\$200) - Delivered Warm Weather Clothing

Our children are our future. They may be the teachers, pharmacists, landscapers, restaurant workers and potential leaders of tomorrow. They

need to know that others care about them and are invested in seeing their lives improve.

By providing donations in the form of clothing and suitcases to carry their belongings from one home to another (not unusual for children to simply have a trash bag in which to place the few things), we can play a small part in improving their lives and bring a smile to some traumatized children.

I still have copies of the points of contact for your area to share if you need them.

Respectfully submitted,

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NM Chair, Caring for America