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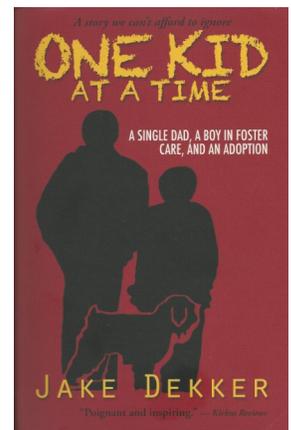
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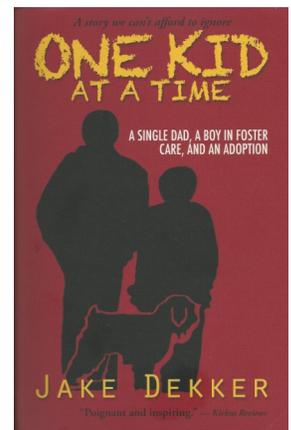


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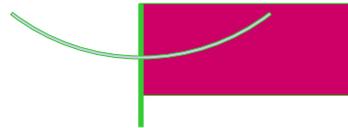


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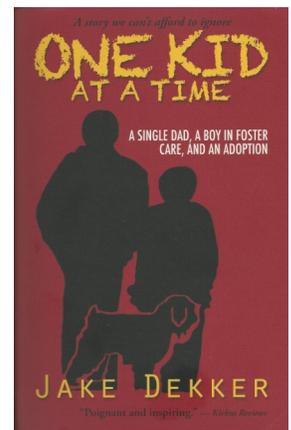
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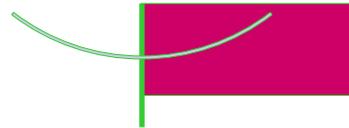


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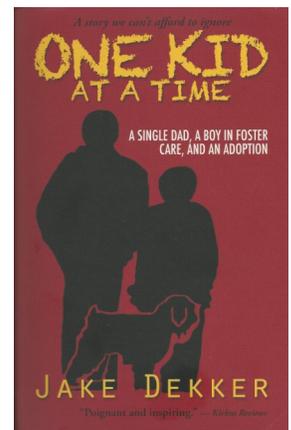


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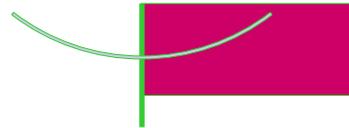


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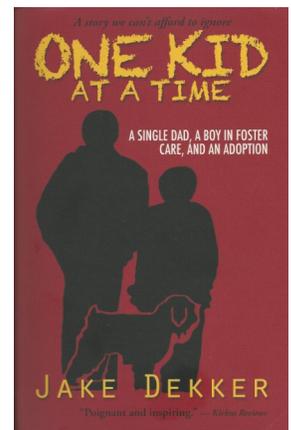


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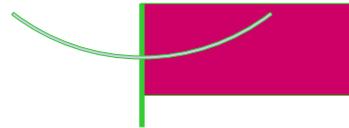


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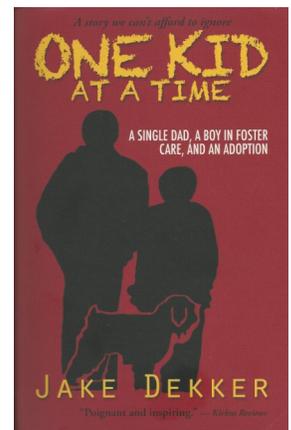


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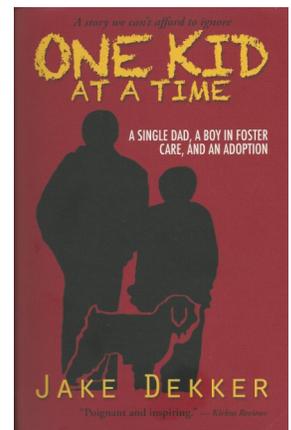
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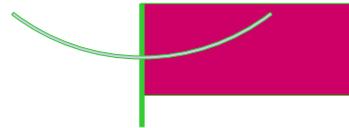


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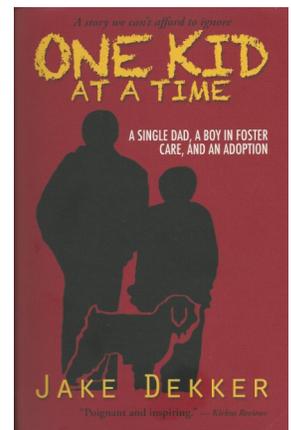


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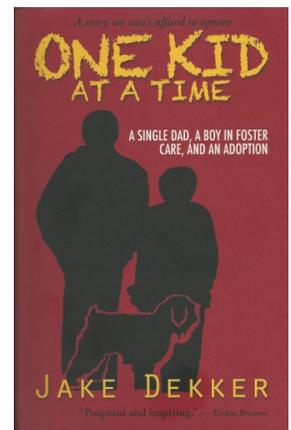


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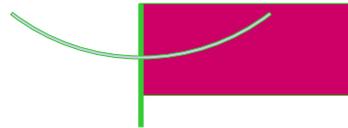


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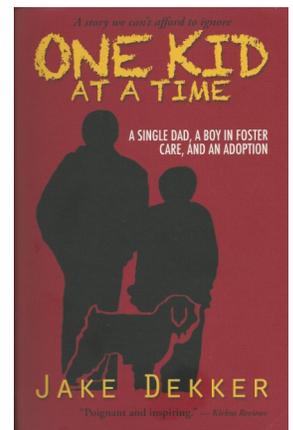
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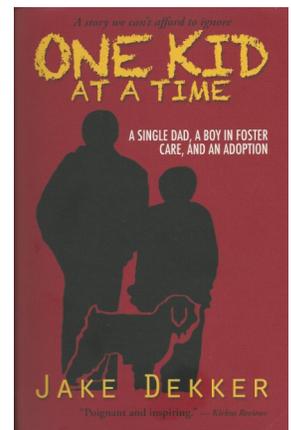


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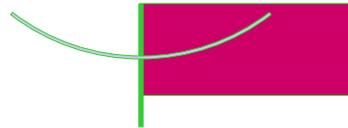


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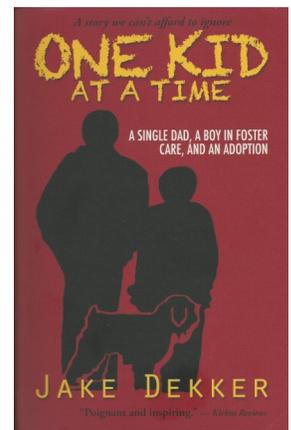
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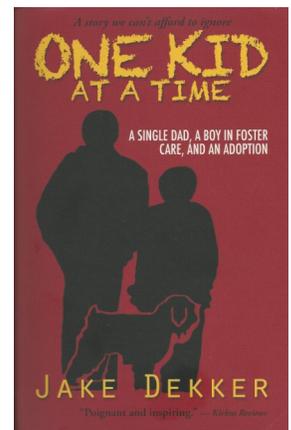


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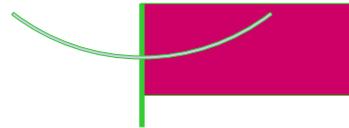


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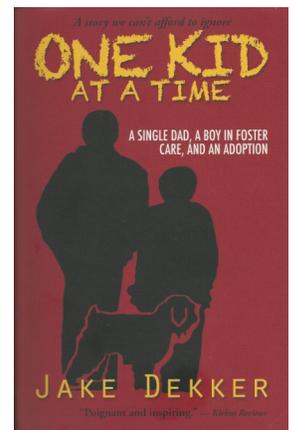


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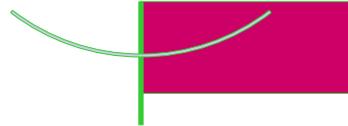


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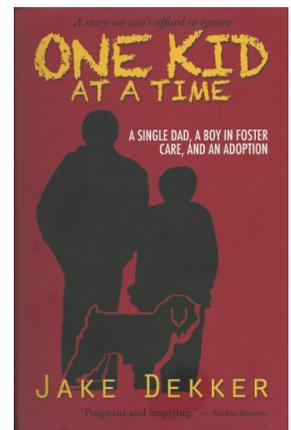
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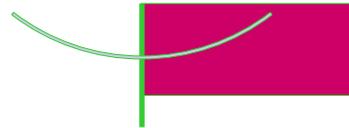


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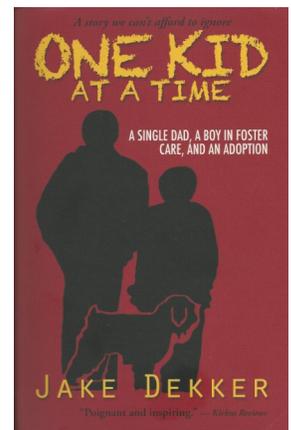


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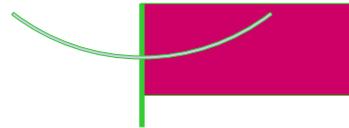


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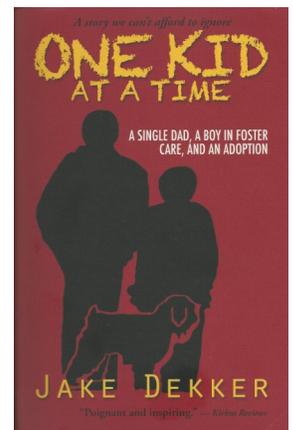
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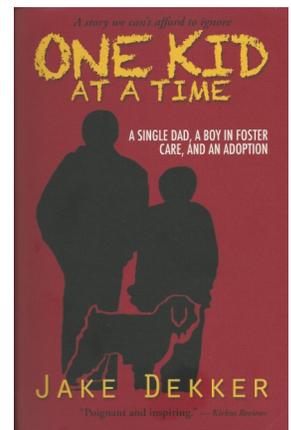
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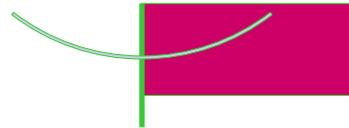


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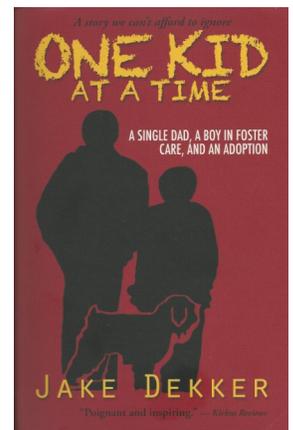
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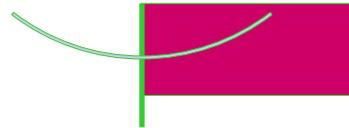


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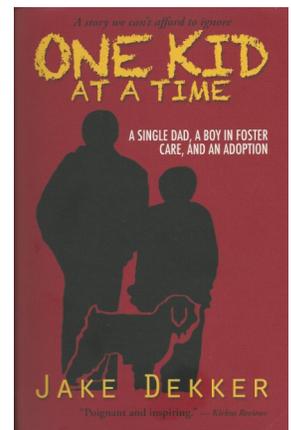


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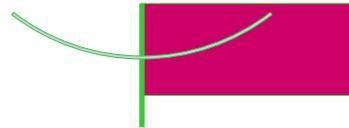


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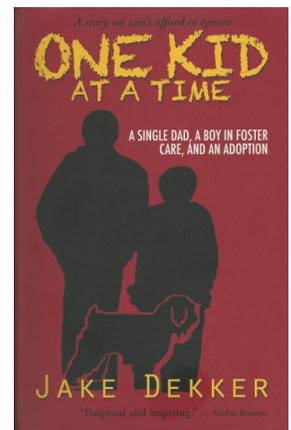


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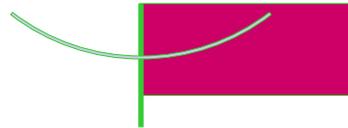


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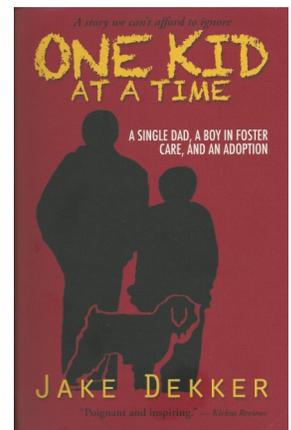
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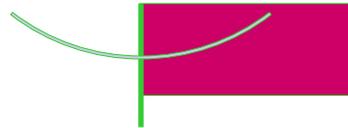


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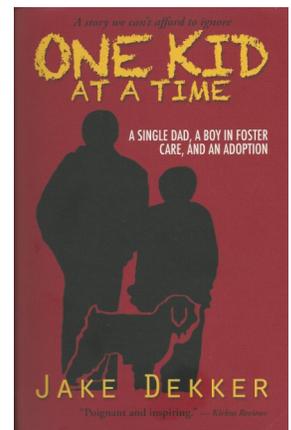
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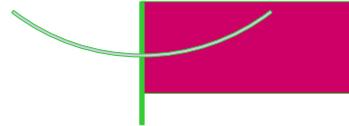


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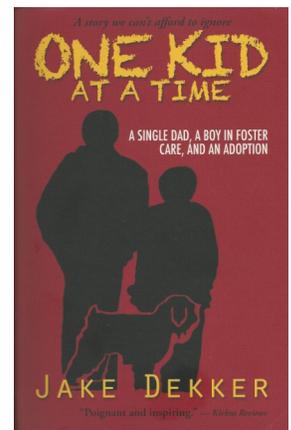


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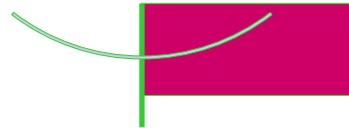


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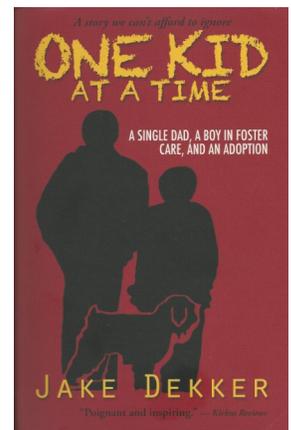


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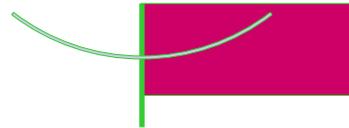


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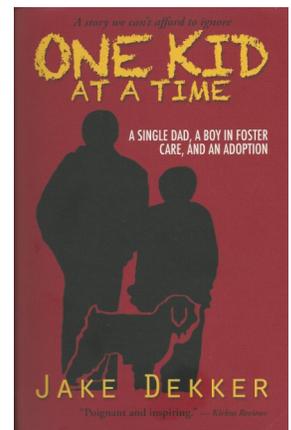


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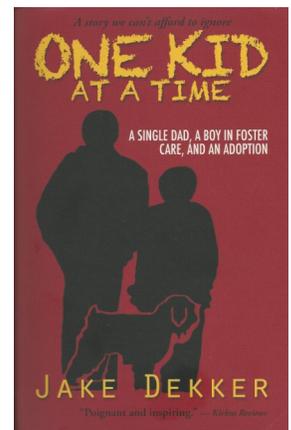


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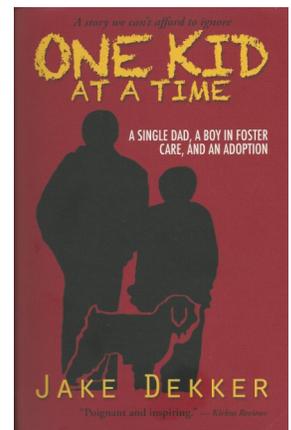


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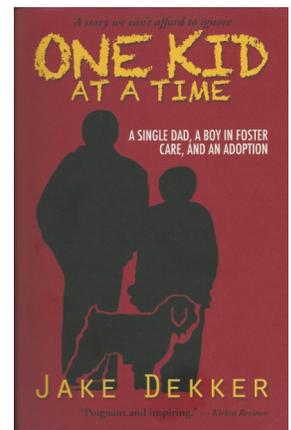


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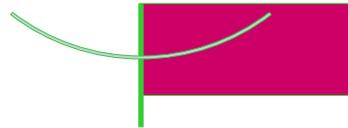


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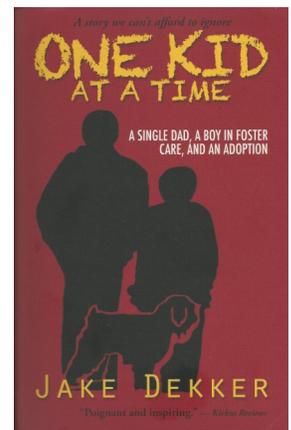
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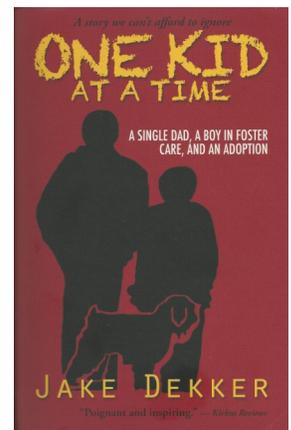


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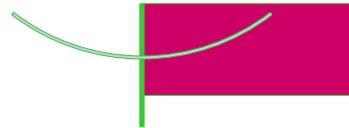


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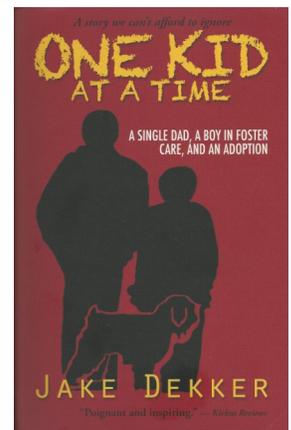
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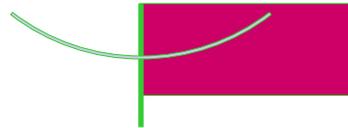


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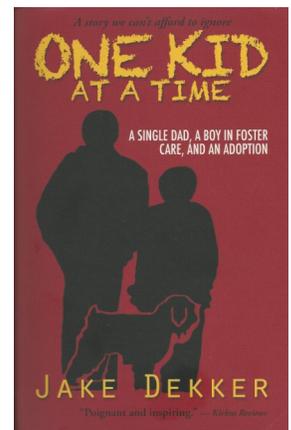
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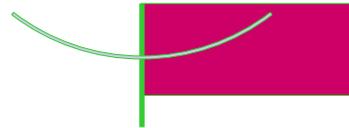


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North Iowa CASA News



New ICAB Administrator Named



Jim Hennessey has become the next Administrator for the Iowa Child Advocacy Board. Jim brings more than 30 years experience in leading and managing human ser-

vices programs. For the past three years he has been providing consultation services within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Previously Jim has

served as Director of the Child Welfare Resource Center at Michigan State University; Deputy Director for Children's Services in the Michigan Department of Human Services; a Vice-

President in Policy Studies Inc with responsibility for the company's child support consulting business line; Director of Iowa's Child Support Enforcement Program; and Children's Services Administrator for the Iowa Department of Human Services. Jim, who grew up in Osage, began his ICAB duties on March 4, 2013. Welcome Jim!

Book Report by CASA Jo Stumo

Can this be a recipe for success?

Mix together

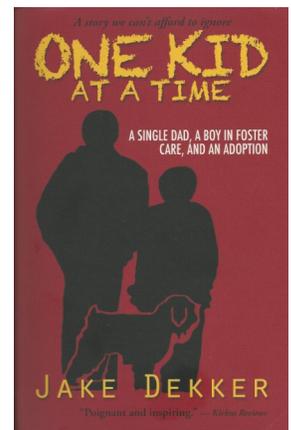
a single gay man who has overcome his past
 add a boy who was abandoned by his mother, abused by a grandmother and foster mother
 a biological dad in prison who wants a good home for his son



Add
 a CASA
 a social worker

Mix well

Read "One Kid at a Time" by Jake Dekker to see how this mixture turns out.. Available at the CASA office.





"Nothing you
do for children
is ever wasted."

~ Garrison Keillor



What have you learned from a child you advocated for or family you worked with in 2011?

January 2012 National CASA Volunteer Page

Optimism, resolve, patience and understanding were among the sentiments expressed by the many people who responded to December's Big Question. Their thoughts included the following:

- That true love knows no color, no boundaries, no limits and certainly does not know the meaning of giving up or giving in!
- I have learned to be patient when everything seems to be falling apart. It all works out.
- You don't have to have the outcome you want to make a difference. This year I had a foster parent call me, crying after a child she'd raised from three months to nearly two years was removed from her home to be placed with a family member, and say, "Thank you for making the system human."
- I have learned from the children and the family I advocate for that the "things" I thought were a big deal really are not that big and that my children and their happiness are a priceless gift!
- That a child can change and learn to trust again with nurture and love.
- My CASA child taught me to be an optimist. He teaches me patience....I have also learned he is always watching me, and listening to what I say, and how I say it. He teaches me to 'up my game' and be on top of everything, because he really needs me to be there for him. All the time.
- If folks could do better, they would. Despite what I think or what I believe I would do in a given situation, most people are doing the best they can with what they have to work with.
- To go deeper than first impressions...
- Learned from bio parents that controlling emotions and accepting your circumstances is the first step in moving toward a healthier situation. The bio and fosters have meshed their lives in an appropriate way, putting the needs and best interests of the children first!

-www.nationalcasa.com

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in communities.



CASA Angie Lien Opens New Prom Store in Northwood

Formalities in Northwood carries over 80 dresses in stock (all different from our Mason City store) and offers tuxedo rentals. They are located on Main Street - 721 Central Avenue and their phone

number is 641-324-PROM (7766).

The store is open on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. through April 11th. For each dress/tux that is purchased, Angie is donating \$5.00 back to the

school where the formal attire is worn.

Angie chose Northwood because it was a central location from Albert Lea to Mason City and from Lake Mills to St. Ansgar and it is also her home town.



A prom dress from Angie's store



CASA Jenni Lombard Opens One-of-A-Kind Store in Northwood

CASA Jenni Lombard has opened a new business in downtown Northwood featuring "one-of-a-kind items."

Finders Keepers opened in December, featuring antiques and artifacts, covering a long list of collectible interests.

Lombard intends to rotate inventory, keeping the store looking fresh and new. Jenni also operates a coffee shop, complete with pastry items.

Regular business hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, or by appointment.



Jenni Lombard

Chocolate Oatmeal No-Bake Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
- 1/2 cup peanut butter

Combine sugar, cocoa, butter and milk in a saucepan. On medium heat, bring to a boil for one full minute.

Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter, vanilla and oatmeal. Drop by spoonful onto wax paper. Let cool for at least 30 minutes.





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