

# NM Kids Matter to PONM!



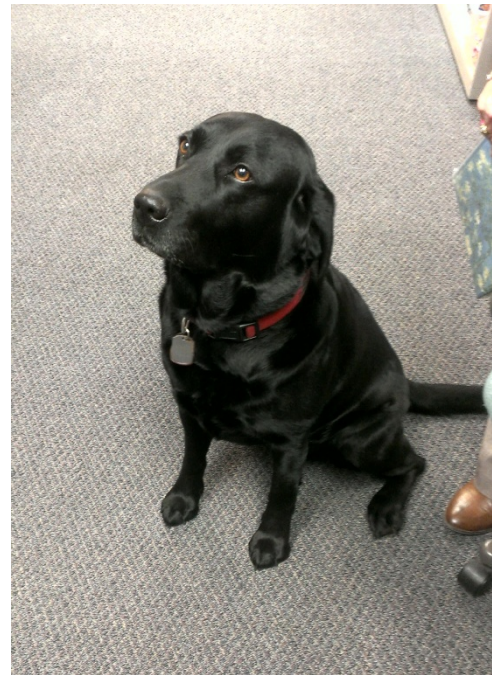
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We volunteered to help organize the offices of NM Kids Matter, our local CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Here are a few of the highlights.



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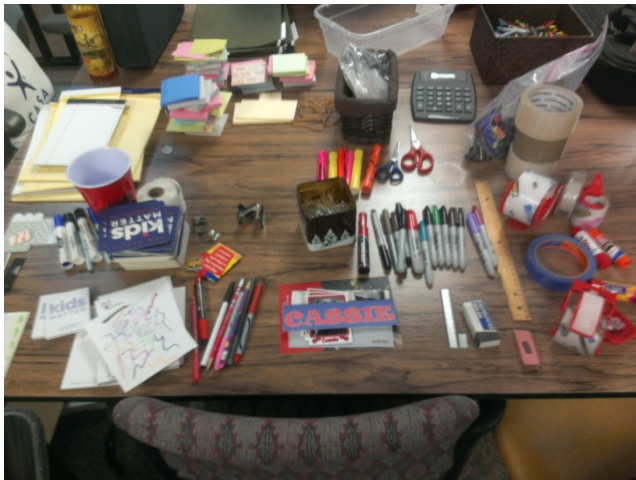
Cassie the Courthouse Dog provides comfort to children in stressful courtroom and visitation situations. She's a sweet girl!



Training Room BEFORE.  
Note the cabinets in back, cluttering the view and blocking light from the windows.



Training Room AFTER:  
Ahhh! Look, they got "new" matching furniture! After purging old training materials and unwanted furniture, we moved the remaining cabinets to a less visible, but equally handy, spot.



Office Supplies BEFORE:  
We gathered them all together,  
from multiple locations,  
and sorted them into categories.



Office Supplies AFTER:  
Miriam is showing off her handiwork.



Front Desk BEFORE:  
Not very welcoming  
for staff, visitors,  
volunteers, and trainees.



Front Desk AFTER:  
Only the things that are  
needed for classes are left out,  
with storage for instructors'  
materials underneath.





**Storage Room BEFORE:**  
A jumbled mess of both useful  
and useless items.



**Storage Room AFTER:**  
Except for the hand cart, everything on the left  
is designated for an upcoming event  
and will soon be gone.



Elizabeth is moving things out  
of the storage room  
to sort and purge.



Leigh Ann is organizing backpacks  
and school supplies  
for the kids.



**"Kitchen" BEFORE:**  
A bunch of random stuff,  
not all of which was actually  
needed or wanted.



**"Kitchen" AFTER:**  
They didn't really need this space for kitchen  
items anyway. We moved toys for kids and office  
supplies here so that they would be really handy  
for staff to make use of.



**Kitchen BEFORE:**  
Doesn't look too bad, but things were stored  
haphazardly and it was hard to find what you  
were looking for. Also, not knowing what you  
have can lead to re-buying and overbuying.



**Kitchen AFTER:**  
That's better! When everything has a  
designated "home" it's easier for everyone  
to put things back where they belong.  
This is especially important when there are  
lots of people using a space.





Hazel coordinated the project  
and lent a hand wherever needed.



Veronica,  
Director of NM Kids Matter,  
did her share of the work!



Copy Station BEFORE:  
Big table, big mess.



Copy Station AFTER:  
Smaller desktop and organized supplies  
provide MORE room for laying out copy projects.  
It's also a spare desk when needed.



### Toys BEFORE:

These toys are for the CASA volunteers to give to "their" kids. But they had overflowed their storage space, and were located in a spot where the volunteers kept forgetting to take the toys.



### Toys AFTER:

We moved the shelves to a more visible area and Brenda organized the toys, weeding out questionable items like glitter, and those meant for older kids. She also incorporated the quilts that are given to each child (top shelf).



Cindy worked mostly in the kitchen, but we didn't get a photo of her doing that.



Do you think they have enough crayons? ;-)





Carolyn organizing the Life Book (personal scrapbook) materials, which were occupying a whole cubicle meant for a volunteer.



We found space in a cabinet drawer for the Life Book supplies.



Veronica admiring the newly organized toy and quilt shelves.



Cassie was a big help and gives the project two paws up!



The wall of the long hallway leading to the offices was bare, so we added some memorabilia.



Thank you to the CASA volunteers and staff at NM Kids Matter. And thank you for reading our story!

## Testimonials:

*What an experience to have all of you assist us in becoming more "organized for life". You taught me that when you de-clutter your work space you organize your productivity.*

*In a fast paced work environment I do not need to search for a staple. I should know exactly what container they all reside in and when I am done with that container I should return it to its home.*

*Thank you for helping me see the value in organizing our work space!*

Veronica Montano-Pilch  
Executive Director  
New Mexico Kids Matter Inc.

*Thank you for taking on this project and thank you to all PONM members who donated their time and expertise! Loving our "new" space and I know our volunteers will find it more welcoming.*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!*

Teri Winfield  
NM Kids Matter Staff  
and CASA Volunteer