

SEEDS OF JUSTICE AWARD

Nebraska Appleseed will be honoring the pro bono legal team that was formed to demand accountability for and change to Nebraska's broken foster care system through the courts with the inaugural Seeds of Justice Award. The law firms and lawyers involved in the pathbreaking legal effort, *Carson P. v. Heineman*, will receive this special recognition for their willingness to join in this major initiative to improve the lives of thousands of Nebraska's children. The legal team was a unique combination of national and local law firms, local Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers (an involvement spearheaded by the late Kevin Colleran, the Chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers' Nebraska Access to Justice Committee), and national and state public interest law projects. The legal team behind *Carson P. v. Heineman* not only created the first significant comprehensive legal challenge to Nebraska's broken foster care system, requiring the State of Nebraska to respond, but opened the door to a range of legal actions that, in league with our friends and allies at both the political and civic level, is truly helping accomplish meaningful reform for Nebraska's children in foster care.

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