



CASA's Heart



Volunteers are the heart of CASA/Prince George's County

News & Information for CASA Volunteers

CASA Executive Director Honored as a Community Bridge Builder

CASA is proud to announce that our fearless leader, Ann Marie Foley Binsner, has been honored as a "Community Bridge Builder" by the Prince George's Community Foundation. The Community Foundation works to foster positive change throughout the county and supports Prince George's County nonprofits. Ann Marie was honored at the 2009 Civic Leadership Awards gala held on April 23rd. These awards were established in recognition of individuals and nonprofits who have made a difference in the lives of their neighbors and community through their service and commitment "at the ground level."

Ann Marie was honored for her innumerable contributions that have directly influenced the continual advancement of Prince George's County. She is an exemplary servant leader who has proven her dedication to creating the best possible community for all citizens. Ann Marie has led CASA/Prince George's County since the beginning, over 8 years ago. Under her leadership, CASA has served more than 300 children and trained more than 400 volunteers.

A CASA Challenge: Spread the Word!

You are our best resource when it comes to growing an effective volunteer base and building positive community partnerships. Spreading the word about CASA to your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, is critical to the growth of our program.

CASA has partnered with CASA of Fairfax to launch a metro-wide public relations campaign. As part of this effort, we have developed a website: www.speakforthechildren.org to educate people about CASA. We challenge you to email this website to at least five of your contacts who may not know about the valuable work you do as a CASA.

Additionally, we need you to get involved in outreach to community groups and businesses! Interested in making a presentation using our new CASA video?, please contact Ann Marie. If you know of a group that would like to learn more about CASA, please let us know.

In these tough economic times, more children are coming into care even though less dollars are coming in. We need more volunteers to serve these children! All of our volunteers work so hard to make life better for children in Prince George's County; be proud and spread the word!

Happy Birthday!

July

- 4th Lucretia Harris & Regina Schumate
- 14th Nancy Diehl
- 28th Cynthia Goudeau-Jordan & Joyce Hinckley

August

- 1st Guernica Borne
- 5th Theresa Walker
- 7th Monique Jones & Ann Marie Binsner
- 18th Catherine Epps
- 20th Bernadine Dwarka & Karen Cotton
- 22nd Donna Washington
- 25th Terrance Moore
- 31st Zelma Renee Stiles

September

- 1st Mary Ann Libcke
- 3rd Kimberly Keys
- 4th Cynthia Snavely
- 13th Carlana Vaden
- 18th Diane Diekman
- 23rd Endi Piper & Gabrielle Smith
- 24th Kelly Franks
- 29th Jerry Thigpen

CASA Anniversaries

1 Year of Service

Renee Carter-Moton, Charles Gaines, Carrie Johnson-Akridge

2 Years of Service

Terrance Moore, Marsha Voigt

3 Years of Service

Endi Piper, Erika Parker

5 Years of Service

Guernica Borne

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What activities can I do with my CASA youth?

I have been hearing this question a lot lately! Here are two examples of activities CASA's have recently done with the youth they serve:

Mary Clarke works with an 18 year old young lady who is from El Salvador. Mary and her young lady enrolled in a Salvadoran cooking class. Not only did this class help this child learn life skills, but it showed her that her CASA appreci-

ated her culture and wanted to learn more about it. Perhaps most importantly, this was a great bonding experience for Mary and her CASA youth.

Lucretia Harris works with a 16 year old girl, "Kiesha*," who is shy and lacks self confidence. Lucretia and this young lady enrolled in a "RAD" class (Rape Aggression Defense) sponsored by the local police department and free to community residents. At first, Kiesha was not happy with having to shout and partner with people she did

not know. By the third and fourth weeks of the class, Kiesha was shouting with the best of them! Kiesha is overcoming her shyness and would like to be enrolled in additional classes this summer!

For information on local classes or for other ideas of activities you can do with your CASA youth, go to www.pgparcs.com. There you will find lots of great free and cheaply priced activities!

**Names changed.*

***June 30th is the last day of the Fiscal Year!
Have you turned in all of your Case Activities Forms????***

Welcome to our Newest Volunteers Our Spring 2009 Class:

Kia Chandler	Karen Cotton	Joyce Hinckley
Martine Ingabire	Mary Ann Libcke	June Martin
Jacqueline May	Julia Pressley	Lisa Thomas
Virginia Waters	Ellen White	Juanita Wilder
Dawn Williams		

Free Parking Near the CASA Office

The parking garage on Toledo Road, one block up from our office (heading toward the library), has **free parking** for up to 2 hours! It is open late and is well-lit.

You can also take a chance and park at the mall or the library, but be warned, cars have been towed from these lots!

CASA's CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Need more Info?
July 3rd		Office Closed		
July 14th-July 30th	10am-4pm	Summer Pre-Service Training	PGCC	Contact Kelly: kfranks@pgcasa.org
July 31st	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Book Club The Lost Children of Wilder (By Nina Bernstein)	Borders Books (Largo)	Contact Eric: elulow@pgcasa.org
August 13th	6:00pm	Movie Night <i>Movie TBA</i>	ARC of Prince George's County	Contact Gabby: gsmith@pgcasa.org
Saturday, October 3rd	9:00am-1:00pm	Mini-Conference: Teen Pregnancy/Parenting, Sexuality & Developmental Disabilities, Sexual Assault	TBD	Contact Kelly: kfranks@pgcasa.org

**** Other summer events are being scheduled, check your email for details!***