



CASA's Heart



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

News & Information for CASA Volunteers

Be an Americorps Member for CASA!

Maryland CASA is recruiting Americorps workers to place in CASA programs across the state, including Prince George's County!

Americorps members will assist with public awareness, training, and recognition. There may also be some direct service and, if the candidate has the skills/experience, some volunteer supervision. The Americorps staff person will receive an \$11,000 living allowance plus health insurance (and all related payroll taxes, FICA, unemployment, etc.) Americorps members will receive a \$4,725 educational stipend upon completion of their service to be used for further education or educational loan repayment. MD CASA hopes to have the members recruited, screened and trained so they will be ready to begin work in their assigned programs in early January.

To Apply, Contact Faraji Muhammad: farajii@marylandcasa.org.
(Public Awareness Coordinator, MD CASA Association (410) 828-6761)

Happy Birthday!

October

5th Delores Monroe
9th Malca Giblin & Virginia Waters
14th Karla Chryar & Laverne Frayer
20th Margaret Harris
21st Tomika Holmes
26th Denise Keehner
27th Louise Hatcher

November

3rd Annette Wasno
12th Markia Dixon
19th Constance Foster
21st Cawanna King
22nd Henry Stancil
29th Paul Horton

December

1st Fred Curtis
7th John Greene
9th Charles Gaines
15th Marsha Culler
17th Dawn Williams
21st Erika Parker
24th Renee Carter-Moton
27th DeBorah Lane
28th Sherryl Hatcher
29th Ernestyne Matthews

CASA Anniversaries

1 Year of Service

Karla Chryar, Nancy Diehl, Constance Foster, Laverne Frayer, Latricia Harrison, Clare Hines, Tomika Holmes, Verlissa Martin-Washington, Cheryl Monte, DeBorah Lane, Linette Shack, Joyce Gaillard

2 Years of Service

LeeAnn Foster, Lucretia Harris, Cynthia Latham, Charlena Middleton, Annette Wasno

3 Years of Service

Ashley Carothers, John Greene, Dorice Greene-Butler

6 Years of Service

Donna Washington

8 Years of Service

Delia Patterson

Spread the Word!

CASA at your Company's CFC Fair

We need you to help spread the good word about CASA! There are many ways you can help!

1. Contact your staff representative and ask them to invite CASA to attend or speak at your workplace Charity Campaign Fair.
2. Hand-out CASA brochures and information sheets or show the CASA video to your co-workers.
3. Encourage your co-workers to designate CASA.
4. Designate CASA!

CASA's designation numbers are:
United Way: 8840

Combined Federal Charity Campaign (CFC): 43792
Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC): 3336

For more information on how you can make a difference for children living in foster care by helping to spread the word about CASA, contact Ann Marie!
ambinsner@pgcasa.org

Become a friend of CASA/Prince George's County on FACEBOOK! Simply search "CASA Prince Georges" on facebook and join!

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BOOK CLUB

The next book the Book Club will be reading is, There are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing-Up in the Other America, by Alex Kotlowitz. The Book Club will meet at the CASA Office on December 3rd.

Volunteers Making an Impact

As soon as Cawanna King received her court order, she jumped right into working with "Bobby," advocating and making sure that he had everything he needed to start the school year on the right foot.

Paul Horton has been working collaboratively with the Department of Social Services to ensure that "Joey" transitioned well to his college setting. His next step is to make sure that Joey takes

the step to independent living smoothly.

Mary Clarke has been exploring different career options with her young lady "Susie." As Susie prepares to graduate from high school, Mary is planning to take Susie to see a college counselor to discuss different subject and vocational options of interest to her.

Despite facing personal hardships, Renee Holmes has chosen to remain committed to her role as a CASA and to be there for her youth. We are thankful to Renee for embodying CASA beliefs; to put children first, and remain a strong support and voice in their lives. Way to go Renee! We are thankful for your passion and commitment to the child you serve.

As "Ashley" prepares for her first baby, Endi Piper has been there to support and help Ashley get ready for motherhood.

*Names of children have been changed. The volunteers are real and wonderful!

Welcome to our Newest Volunteers Summer 2009 Class

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| Laurie Benner | Ernestyne Matthews |
| Madalyn Brice | Jackie Morgan |
| Hazel Cameron | Charlaine Reese |
| Markia Dixon | Darissa Simms |
| Priscilla Edwards | Nick Tabori |
| Barbara High | |

CASA'S CALENDAR

| Date | Time | Event | Location | More Info? |
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| 10/22/09 | 6pm-7:30pm | Court Report Writing 101 | Local 400 Union Hall 4301 Garden City Drive, Landover 20785 | Kelly: kfranks@pgcasa.org |
| 11/9/09 | 6pm-7:30pm | Sexual Assault Discussion w/ Cheryl Banks of Prince George's Sexual Assault Center | Prince George's Volunteer Center 5012 Rhode Island Ave., 3rd Floor Hyattsville, MD | Kelly kfranks@pgcasa.org |
| 12/2/09 | 9am or 1pm | Moving the Margins <i>Training on LGBTQ Issues</i> | DSS, RM 124-125 925 Brightseat Rd. Landover | Kelly: kfranks@pgcasa.org |
| 12/3/09 | 6pm | Book Club <u>There Are No Children Here</u> By Alex Kotlowitz | CASA Office | Eric: elulow@pgcasa.org |
| 12/9/09 | 6pm | CASA Holiday Gathering | Hosted By CASA Volunteer Annette Wasno Beltsville, MD | Kelly: kfranks@pgcasa.org |

Please Note:

The CASA Office will be closed on November 11th (Veteran's Day), 20 (staff retreat), 26, 27 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas).