



CASA  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

### 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE  
9636 GUDELSKY DRIVE, ROCKVILLE, MD

♠ ♥ BLACKJACK, CRAPS, POKER AND ROULETTE, ♦ ♣  
SILENT AUCTION, DECADENT DESSERTS, WINE AND COFFEE

CASA of Montgomery County, a 501(c) (3) organization, was founded in 1987 by the Montgomery County Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women to help children. CASA works at the behest of our Juvenile Court Judges to train and supervise volunteers who advocate for the best interests of severely abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Montgomery County. Research shows that kids with a CASA volunteer go on to lead more productive lives than those who have not had intervention.

**\$75/TICKET**

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 25TH  
[WWW.CASAMONTGOMERY.ORG](http://WWW.CASAMONTGOMERY.ORG)  
301-340-7458

IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONSIDER  
MAKING A DONATION ON OUR WEBSITE

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### A Child Is Waiting

Dean\* came to the attention of Child Welfare Services at the age of 5 when his mother was found to be under the influence of drugs. Dean's mother has a history of drug abuse, reports suffering from domestic violence and has no stable housing, making her unable to care for him. With Dean's father unwilling to care for him, Dean was placed in kinship care with his great-grandmother. He is doing well but Dean needs a CASA volunteer to advocate for his best interests and to ensure that he is placed in a safe, stable and permanent home.

Contact CASA of Montgomery County today to learn how you can make a difference in a child's life.

### Volunteer Spotlight

**Marjorie Ford** has been the CASA for Jack\* since July 2010. Jack, an eleven-year-old boy, was found CINA (Child In Need Of Assistance) in 2005, because of his biological mother's unstable living situation and inability of relatives to care for him. After being in two treatment foster homes, his permanency plan was changed to adoption in 2008 as his biological mother could not successfully complete the Court requirements to have Jack returned to her care. Soon after Marjorie was assigned to Jack, he was removed from his foster home due to allegations of abuse by the foster parents. Although he was placed in

another foster home, Marjorie immediately realized the importance of Jack's relationship with his biological mother. Marjorie consistently advocated for regular visits between Jack and his mother and informed the Court of the great progress his mother had made. The visits between Jack and his mother were initially supervised but progressed to unsupervised visits and overnights. Jack's mother secured both stable employment and housing and, in February 2011, Jack was returned home to his mother.

*\*name has been changed*

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**CASA Volunteer Anniversary\* Celebrations**

**Fourteen Years**  
Paul Sorlie

**Ten Years**  
Paula Belman

**Nine Years**  
Leslie Greenberg  
Akilah Hughley

**Seven Years**  
Shari Golob  
Ellen Siskind

**Four Years**  
Charles Chesson  
Brenton Grimes  
Diane Krishnamurti

**Three Years**  
Kendall Anthony  
Heather Dublinske  
Dori Garmeister  
Robin Gross  
Susan Nerlinger  
Sandra Richardson  
Kusuma Udagedera

**Two Years**  
Barbara Abramson  
Brenda Baker  
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Hana Binder  
Janice Blum  
Christine Eldarrat  
Charles Hosten  
Julie Mackey  
Ute Main  
Kara Savory

**One Year**  
Marjorie Ford  
Debra Grandy  
Stacie Hering  
Lisa Hoston  
Daozhong Jin  
Noelle McHugh  
Martha Oppenheim  
Ghassan Salameh  
Becky Tran  
Easterly Walker  
Jacquelynn Wozniak

\*from date first assigned to a child

**Montgomery County Needs Foster Parents**

CASA is partnering with the Montgomery County's Children's Action Team, a group comprised of Juvenile Court judges and representatives from agencies that serve court-involved children, to highlight the need for more foster homes in our community. While we at CASA remain focused on recruiting additional CASA volunteers, we are also concerned about the impact of the scarcity of foster homes on the children we serve. There is a high need for bi-lingual foster homes and foster parents willing to accept teenagers and/or children with special needs. Active CASA volunteers are ineligible to be foster parents in the County, but please consider sharing this information with friends, co-workers, or relatives who might be willing to open their homes to a child or children in foster care.

For more information contact: Department of Health and Human Services,  
301 Piccard Drive, 4th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850 or call 240-777-1664

**Upcoming Pre-Service Training**

**SUMMER 2011**

Saturday, June 11	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday, June 13	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Wednesday, June 15	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Friday, June 17	8:15 am to 4:30 pm
Monday, June 20	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Wednesday, June 22	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Monday, June 27	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
*Wednesday, June 29	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

**FALL 2011**

Saturday, Sept 17	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday, Sept 19	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept 20	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Friday, Sept 23	8:15 am to 4:30 pm
Monday, Sept 26	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Monday, Oct 3	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct 5	6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

\*weather make-up

Pre-service training dates are tentative and subject to change.  
Contact the CASA office for more information at 301-340-7458

## Donors Making A Difference

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*40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*  
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*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with CASA*

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## Congratulations To Our Pre-Service Training Class Graduates

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Jeffrey Berman  
Whitney Bookout  
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Janice Clark  
Rhonda Cohen  
Catherine Cook  
Ann Dacy  
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Natalie Randolph  
Risa Segal  
Sevan Simonian  
Juliet Wallace  
Nancy West  
Kathryn Winsberg

## Volunteer Spotlight

**Phyllis Himelfarb** has been the CASA for fourteen-year-old Tammy\* and her eleven-year-old sister, Jamie\* since October 2006. Phyllis successfully advocated for the girls' permanency plan to be changed to adoption and, in 2007, they were placed in an adoptive home. Phyllis remained active on her case and advocated for support services for both the girls and their adoptive family and in March 2011, the girls' adoption was finalized.

*\*names have been changed*



**Speak Up For A Child—  
Become A Volunteer Today**

Visit CASA online at [www.casamontgomery.org](http://www.casamontgomery.org)

Visit our website and learn more about CASA of Montgomery County and the important role our dedicated volunteers play in advocating for children in foster care through meaningful videos and stories. Our website also offers upcoming event information, pre-service training dates, in-service opportunities, volunteers' forms, and ways that donors and volunteers can help CASA further its mission to advocate for abused and neglected children in Montgomery County.

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**Make A Difference  
In A Child's Life**

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***NEW SPRING CASA JEWELRY HAS ARRIVED***

CASA Kids Studio has been handcrafting original jewelry for CASA programs since 1996 and we are pleased to offer a unique assortment of bracelets, watches, necklaces, lanyards and more in our office. Original polymer clay faces are combined with colorful glass beads, charms, watch faces and key rings creating a assortment of fun and functional CASA themed products.

- Our most popular bracelets feature 3 beads with kids' faces, and the CASA logo.
- Elegant pendants feature 4 kids faces in a frame atop a CASA charm and other colorful drops. Pendants are strung on 18" silver plated snake chain with a clasp.
- Take time to show your support of CASA wearing a fabulous beaded watch.
- Fanciful beads and a CASA logo charm anchor each end of our bookmarks.
- Eye-catching charm bracelets are fun to wear and a CASA conversation starter.
- Our keychain/ zipper pull, has a CASA charm, 2 kid face beads and a focus bead.
- CASA Kids and their message are magnified on our fridge magnets

