

CASA Glynn Inc.

April 2014



Message from the Director

Spring is a time of new beginnings, and allergies, but mostly new beginnings. Just looking outside you will find flowers blooming and the green grass returning, truly a renewal of life. What a great time to re-group, re-prioritize, and even re-invent ourselves. Just like you and I, abused and neglected children need a new beginning in life so they can thrive.

We truly recognize that our Volunteers are the most essential part of us, the essence of what we are about, and the energy driving CASA Glynn forward. While April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, it is my hope that you hear more often just how much we value you. Your courage is inspiring! In the words of Ambrose Redmoon, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear." On behalf of the Board and our Staff, we are truly thankful for your courage, for your value and belief that these children are more important than fear, and for the commitment of both heart and time.

CASA Glynn's Fashion Show and Luncheon was so much fun, and was completely SOLD OUT! Thank you for supporting this event in such an amazing way. Of course, it would not have been possible without the vision and fearless efforts of Lillian Clarke, Lynda Tye, and countless others. Thank you, special supporters, for the vision that you have and the hands that make it happen.

There are no greater volunteers out there, I am convinced!

Cary Greenfield

NOTES TO VOLUNTEERS From Your Advocate Coordinators

PEER GROUPS FOR MAY AND JUNE

We've lined up a couple of great Peer Group opportunities in the next two months. On May 13, we will host Tonika McMillon, MSW who is the Regional Director for Benchmark Family Services. Several of the children in our active cases are placed in homes associated with Benchmark and this should be a very informative program. We start at 11:30 am, bring a sandwich and eat your lunch, if you like, and we wrap up no later than 1 pm.

Our Peer Group in June is on June 10th and we are hosting Katrina Chance, Assistant Director for CCRR (Child Care Resource & Referral) who works out of Savannah Technical College. She will be doing a program that is a part of the Governor's Initiative entitled Strengthening Families Georgia, which is a multi-disciplinary partnership of nearly 50 national, state and local, and public and private organizations dedicated to embedding five research-based Protective Factors into services and support for children and their families. This is one you won't want to miss so add it to your calendars now.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

This year's CASA Volunteer of the Year has consistently brought the highest ideals and the best qualities to every child encountered and, we believe, exemplifies the very best in CASA Volunteers. Not only is this CASA willing to take on challenging cases but this CASA always provides top quality in their work. Observing this CASA interact with children reveals a warm, caring, gentle and encouraging spirit that endears this CASA to the children and makes them realize that their circumstances are the CASA's number one priority. This CASA extends nurture in such a compassionate way that the children in this CASA's caseload are lifted up and begin to see life in a more a positive way. It is a pleasure to announce that our Volunteer of the Year for 2014 is Mrs. Lisa Sasser.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Have you picked up your volunteer appreciation gift from the CASA office? It's not huge but we hope it is useful and we want it to express that you are very special people! The lives of many, many children in Glynn County are made richer by your commitment, your compassion, and your skill and you are making an impact on the total well-being of our community. THANKS! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

WELCOME THE SPRING CLASS OF NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS

Once again, CASA has been blessed with an outstanding group of men and women who have made it through the challenges of training. Please join us in welcoming:

Lee Ashmore	Nathan Brown	Dean Bray	Stephanie Coffey
Pat Donovan	Jean Greek	Yolanda Greek	Clarice McClendon
Miranda Quinones	Doreen Sigman	Rodney Weaver	

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH!!

MONTHLY REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

When you are in the process of completing them, you probably don't think the Monthly Reports are very important, but they are, and we appreciate all of you who are so faithful to get them in on time and with reports complete and informative. Thanks for your diligence in completing those reports on top of the Panel Review and Court Reports we ask from you. You're the best!!!!

Volunteers

*Dianne Abernethy
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Monique Luckey
Shorndon McCloud
Anna McRaven
Nidia Nagakane-Sanchez
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Ron Kalil
Stan Kyker
Brenda Lloyd
Rick Lutz
Kristen McDougal
Amanda Moore
Loretta Paulk
Deborah Roberts
Libby Schauer
Mickie Scott
Delores Stephens
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Dean Bray
Charlotte Caneva
Cherry Chambers
Stephanie Coffey
Pat Donovan
Susan Dunn
Jean Greek
Patrick Guilfoil
Sally Iacomini
Rose Mary Jones
Mary Knight
Joyce Landrum
Mary Ellen Long
Clarice McClendon
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