

CASA Glynn Inc.

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Message from the Director

2014! Quite literally, I just learned to sign 2013. Time is a funny thing, it refuses to slow down. We certainly wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. When we look back on 2013, we will always fondly remember all of the work that you have done. Without you, in what was an incredibly busy and challenging year, I am certain that our fabric would have been unraveled. The children whom you have so passionately fought for would have certainly had no voice, and fearfully been lost for all those many months. You have each earned forever gems in your badges, this I know.

Along with a new year comes a new juvenile code. The main changes in the law, as we currently understand it, are time frames in which court hearings are to be held. As we learn more about the new code, we will send the information to each of you. If you didn't have a chance to watch the webinar from Georgia CASA, we still have the link and will happily get it to you. Here is lesson number one: cases are now called dependency, no longer deprivation. Also, you will begin to notice the appearance of more attorneys "at the table". This is because all children will now have an attorney to speak for their wishes. Please do not confuse this to mean in their best interest. That is still a job for CASA. ☺

Please be on the lookout for information about the Georgia CASA Conference to be held on March 15th. As soon as I receive the specifics, I will get it to you. Wait, I blinked, and it's already half-way through January. It is with great anticipation that I claim this to be the year of stability and strength for CASA Glynn. Strength in our advocacy, resolve in our mission, and the stability to bring it all together. May the force be with us!

Happy 20th Year, CASA Glynn! We began in 1994 and have served over 2,500 children. Now that is something to celebrate!

Cary Greenfield

NOTES TO VOLUNTEERS From Your Advocate Coordinators

Here we are again, in yet another year, 2014! We trust that all had a wonderful winter break and that you were able to enjoy family and friends. With this New Year, we trust that each of you have a renewed sense of energy and passion for the work that you do with CASA. **WE** need you, but more importantly, the **CHILDREN** continue to need you. Let me say **THANK YOU** again, for your

continued service to the children and families in our community. Each one of you recommitted yourselves when you signed the VOCA Contracts in December.

Tracy Cramer has formally moved to the Advocate Coordinator position which Jayne vacated. She has jumped in with both feet, and is doing a super job. She feels as if she has big shoes to fill; but as I just heard today, from Bob Brown, not "big shoes, but different shoes"! Tracy is doing a wonderful job. I don't think she has skipped a beat.

Tracy and I will start a new Spring Training group at the end of February. We ask that you make referrals to friends who you think may be a good fit for the CASA program and wish to take the training. We are accepting applications this month, so have them give us a call. The training class will formally begin on February 25th, with an orientation meeting on February 11th. We are looking forward to having new trainees, as we currently have five cases without a CASA.

KEEP THOSE MONTHLY REPORTS COMING!!!! Submit prior to the last day of each month, please.

Mark your calendars:

February 11th Peer Group Meeting- The Remedy Project, Jerry Keen, 11:30 AM
February 12th Collaborative meeting between DFCS and CASA, more information to follow
March 15th Georgia CASA Conference, Atlanta

We hope to see each and every one of you in the near future; whether it is in our office, in the courtroom, or at an event. Don't hesitate to give us a call whenever we can answer questions or be of assistance. I still believe that "two heads are better than one", and that we generate more ideas and appropriate actions and recommendations to be made, when we stay in touch with one another. We will look forward to hearing from you and about your cases.

Cindy and Tracy

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