

CASA Glynn Inc.
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Message from the Director

2016: A Year Without Fear

I read once that you let go of fear by focusing on love. Love is the answer to fear. Wouldn't that be amazing if it were 100% true? I have some great love in my life, and I still feel the sting of fear. Fear typically comes from thinking about the future or thinking about the past. In the present moment, all is well. I would challenge each of you (myself included) to consider the present while advocating for your CASA child(ren). While the goal is a safe and thriving future, the right now helps us to get there. Try to put all fear aside, because there will always be something to be fearful about, and ask yourself what can I do right now.

Hurting for those who hurt. Standing for those who've fallen. Loving those who feel lost. Holding up the light that leads these children through my nights. So many innocents in need of intervention. So to my heroes out there giving their all to advocate, rescue, and revive, thank-you for being my heroes.

Over the next several months you will be hearing much about Educational Advocacy. In working with Georgia CASA, we are creating a team of volunteers working to help ensure that our children don't fall behind in school. This team will be such an asset to you, and to our children. There will be several opportunities to learn more in the upcoming weeks/months. This is a truly unique and exciting program and we hope to make a great impact.

Cary Greenfield

NOTES TO VOLUNTEERS

From Your Advocate Coordinators

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a fantastic 2016! Thank you all for the hard work that each of you put into your cases last year! After a period of change and transition for all of us due to new laws, new procedures and new staff, we feel like we have settled into a comfortable rhythm. A sincere thank you to all of you for growing and changing with us while continuing to advocate for your children in a tireless and professional manner! It cannot be said enough that we could not do this without you!

Here are some reminders about upcoming events/necessary housekeeping items:

- The next CASA Training Class will be starting soon so if you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact the office and we will be happy to send them an application packet. Orientation is planned for February 9th so time is of the essence!
- Don't forget that part of your training includes 12 hours of in-service training throughout the year. We offer Peer Groups monthly (2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.) in addition to webinars throughout the year. The next Peer Group meeting will be here at the CASA office on Tuesday, February 9th so mark your calendars.
- Monthly Reports are due in to your Advocate Coordinator by the end of each month and are very important to us for many reasons. Without these monthly updates, we are in the dark about where your case stands. They are also very important in that a great deal of our grant funding comes from the time and mileage you record when working on your cases.
- If you have not signed a 2016 VOCA contract, please stop by the office and do so the next time you are in the area. This is vital to continuing the grant funding we receive.
- We have several children who are placed outside of Glynn County who are in need of CASA's. Please let us know if you are interested in filling that need.

I would like to close with a quote from Dr. Seuss that always reminds me of the amazing work that our CASA's do:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss

Antoinette and Tracy

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