

January 2009

CASA **Of** **Southeast Missouri, Inc.**

Meetings

The **Christmas Party held on Thursday, December 18th**, was a lot of fun and we are sorry to those of you that missed it!. Each person attending the banquet received one attendance and one hour in-service. It was a great turnout, everyone brought a gift for our exchange game, and the food was wonderful! We watched the Make A Difference video before everyone left for the evening. Thank you to everyone that attended! You made the evening a lot of fun, we all enjoyed playing games and laughing with all of you! We are truly blessed to have the best volunteers in Southeast Missouri!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **January begins CASA Training classes-** tell your friends! Spread the word! We are, for the first time, offering an informational meeting Tuesday, January 13 from 6-7pm in the Kasten Community room. Maybe you know of someone interested and wanting to know more – tell them about this one-hour session. The full training schedule is on the back.
- **January Monthly meeting – Thursday, January 29 6:30pm** Kasten Community Conference room. We will have a presentation of the Family Foundations Program of Lutheran Family Services.

Many thanks from the CASA Office staff-

As we end the year 2008 there are so many people to thank for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to our organization that it would take pages to list them all. We have been blessed to have some of the greatest people volunteering for our organization and so many people working in the wings doing other countless duties that our organization would not function without you. This work you do is not for personal gain it is for your desire to help some one else less fortunate, someone else that cannot speak for themselves. It is a true desire to give from the heart and we feel very privileged to count you as one of our blessings! Each and every day we have great impact on those around us and those we volunteer to help. Thank you for having a great impact on the abused and neglected children of Southeast Missouri. You Make A Difference!

Have blessed New Year 2009 -



A note from the Director-

Current CASA Volunteers are the best recruiters of new CASA Volunteers. This is a proven fact noted in statistics provided by National CASA. We will be hosting a CASA Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 6 -7 p.m. in the Kasten Conference Room for individuals who think they might like to become a CASA. Help us fill the room. If each one of you were to recruit one new CASA Volunteer, we could reach our goal of serving all the children in the 32nd Judicial Circuit who are in foster care. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Make special efforts this month to recruit. I know you can think of someone who cares for children as much as you! Training will begin on Monday, January 26, 2009. As always, thank you for all that you do!

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Missouri Training Schedule January 26 – February 17, 2009

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 – CASA Volunteer Informational Meeting
6 -7 p.m. – Not required, but recommended.

Monday, January 26, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 1 –Introducing the CASA Volunteer Role

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – 9 a.m – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9p.m
Chapter 2 – Introducing the Law, the Child Protection System and the Courts

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 – 9 a.m -12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 3 –Developing Cultural Competence

Monday, February 2, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 4 – Understanding Families –Part 1

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 5 –Understanding Families – Part 2

Thursday, February 5, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 6 – Understanding Children

Saturday, February 7, 2009 – 9 a.m. – to be announced

Monday, February 9, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 7 – Communicating as a CASA Volunteer

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 8 – Practicing the CASA Volunteer Role –Gathering Information

Thursday, February 12, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 9 – Practicing the CASA Volunteer Role –Reporting and Monitoring

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 – 9 a.m. – 12 Noon or 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Chapter 10 –Pulling It All Together - Volunteer Panel both in AM and PM