



CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc. Newsletter for July 2009

July Monthly Meeting

The July monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30th, 2009 @ 6:30pm in the Kasten Conference room. We are in the midst of setting up the program for that evening. As soon as I know something, I will send it out to everyone.

CASA Service Awards

There are 2 people receiving service awards for July and each will be presented their certificate and one year award pin at the July meeting. Those receiving 1 year service awards are: Sue Traw and Connie Houston. Many thanks for your efforts and time serving abused and neglected children.



CASA FUNDRAISERS –

The CASA RUN was a successful event and we thank you all for your support in helping and for those of you that participated in this event!

Winners of each race are listed below:

<u>Mens 10K</u>	<u>Womens 10K</u>	<u>Mens 5</u>	<u>Womens 5K</u>
Nomi Tomoaki 47:28	Chellie Jannin 51:40	Brock Nanney 19:35	Mary Dohogne 19:50

In addition to the 54 runners, there were 25 walkers that participated as well. A total of 79 participants! After expenses, the total profit of dollars raised was \$1935.48. In addition, the public awareness that was raised by hosting this event is priceless! Many thanks to all of you!

CASA BBQ



CASA BBQ is scheduled for October 23, 2009 at the Venue in Cape Girardeau. Please mark your calendar for this exciting fundraising event! Your support in attendance and in spreading the word are greatly appreciated! More information will come soon.

“Run for the Forgotten Child” T-Shirts Available for \$3 each

CASA Yard Sale Items- if you have some things you would like to donate please contact Cathy Schroeder or Shervana Small!

Also please keep in mind the need for a mother setting up household in order to be reunited with her two daughters- she needs bathroom, kitchen items, and twin bedding. Just call the office if there is something you have to donate to this family.

A word from our director – Revonda Kirby-

Dear CASA Volunteers:

Well, I am finally in Louisiana! So, this will be the last “Note from the Director” from me. Words cannot begin to tell you what an absolute privilege it has been to get to know and work alongside each of you. I admire you so much for your commitment to children and to the mission of CASA. I watched from the sidelines and saw what hard work you do and what a difference you make in the lives of the children you represent. Unfortunately, I also saw that many of you do not feel you make a difference or that the system appreciates the work you do. Please believe me when I tell you that nothing could be further from the truth. You don’t always get the chance to hear the accolades from the juvenile office, caseworkers and the judges. Furthermore, those same messages are heard on both the state and national level. Our government officials know the value of the service you do! But even if they didn’t, it would be fine. That’s because what you do is FOR THE CHILD and each and every effort, no matter how small you feel it may be, will have great returns in that child’s life. Some may be immediate, but some you may never see. Those results may be many years down the road. I don’t know that I am doing a very good job of expressing the message I intend, so I will make it short and sweet. I know it is hard. I know it is frustrating. I know that sometimes it hurts. Don’t lose hope. Keep fighting! Don’t give up! I cannot imagine what would have happened to some of “our” children if you had not been there representing their best interests. Thank you for that and thank you for allowing me to be a small part of it. I will pray for each and every one of you and your continued efforts. Blessings and Best Wishes.

Revonda



July Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday goes
to:
Heather Perreault
July 26th

Words of Inspiration...

Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re PRICELESS!

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Newsletter information – If you have any items or topics you would like to see covered in the newsletter please send them in to the CASA Office to Lori Schutte. As always - thank you all very much for the work you do with our CASA children!!