



CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

Newsletter for June 2009

June Monthly Meeting

The June monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th, 2009 @ 6:30pm in the Kasten Conference room. It will be a CASA Brainstorm meeting; an opportunity to share knowledge and encouragement among CASAs Volunteers! Hope many of you can make it! **The May monthly meeting was held Thursday, May 28th 6:30pm.** We had a presenter from SADI (SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence), Wayne Elfrink share the services that SADI provides and disability etiquette. If you need information about these services, please come by the office.

CASA Service Awards

There were 5 service awards for May and I apologize to Sybil Walley for not recognizing her at the May meeting. The other four were not present however; their names should have been read as well.

Those receiving 1 year service awards are:

Sybil Walley Julie Boitnott Carl Boitnott Natalie Ricks James Ricks

Many thanks for your efforts and time serving abused and neglected children. Each will receive a service award pin.

CASA Training Begins!

Training has begun as of June 9th and will conclude on Saturday, June 20th. If you know of someone interested in training, please have them contact the office in regards to the fall training session. We can begin their application process now!

CASA Office Updates –

Revonda's last day will be June 30th – She will see us through the CASA run on June 27th and finish up some last office duties before leaving on the 30th. We are still taking applications for the Director position and we hope soon to have a new person to introduce to you! Thanks so much for all your thoughts and prayers concerning this transition and also the many thoughts and prayers for Revonda and her family as they go through their transition in Baton Rouge with their "New Louisiana Family"!

Watch KFVS-12 "The Breakfast Show with Lauren Keith" on Tuesday, June 23rd - early morning to see Revonda talk about the CASA Run and our CASA program!



CASA FUNDRAISERS –

CASA RUN is scheduled for June 27, 2009 Please let us know if you can volunteer for this activity!! The run will be on Cape La Croix Trail this year beginning at the Osage Center. Pledges are now being incorporated into our run! Take a sheet around with you if you are planning on entering – gather your sponsors now! If you need a sponsor form, we will send you one. Help is still needed on that day.

CASA BBQ –

This year our BBQ Fundraiser will be on **October 23, 2009**. The location has changed too and we are very excited about it! We will be at “**The Venue**”, a new place that is centrally located in Cape Girardeau. It is not far from the SafeHouse Thrift store by Dollar general, in the Plaza Galleria area. Look for more information to come at a later date!

Words of Inspiration...

A quote that has been attributed to a military cadet reads, “Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible.” While this can be sometimes difficult in the child welfare arena, our CASA Volunteers do it on a daily basis! Thank you CASA Volunteers! We never cease to be inspired and motivated by the amazing work you do!



June Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday goes to:

5th-Kathern McCraven-Thurman

13th-Connie Houston

13th-Mary Ambery

16th- James Ricks

Reminder

Paperwork should be turned in monthly regardless of whether or not you have an active case. The Monthly Activity Sheet reflects **all** CASA related activity. Don't forget to include in-service hours and phone calls, even those calls to the CASA office. Record any and all time you have spent on your case including going to and from your visits.

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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!!