



CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

Newsletter for October & November 2009

October Monthly Meeting

The October monthly meeting was held on Thursday, October 29th, 2009 @ 6:30pm in the Kasten Conference room. A Frontline video was shown entitled "Inside the Teenage Brain." It was a very enlightening video and for those of you not present that evening you may check it out from our library. Everyone attending the October meeting will receive 1 ½ hours in-service and attendance.

November Monthly Meeting

The November monthly meeting was held on Friday, November 13th, 2009. This was also our Thankfulness Banquet honoring our volunteers. Those present at the banquet will receive one hour in-service and attendance. The Honorable Scott E. Thomsen was the guest speaker and he stressed the role of CASA in the Juvenile Court system and the importance of the information they provide to each case. We are very grateful for our volunteers and applaud your commitment and dedication to those you serve!

CASA Service Awards

October – we have Mary Ambery celebrating her 8 years, Mary Lowry, Sue Rees and Judy Seabaugh are celebrating 4 years volunteering with CASA.

November – we have Jan Copeland celebrating 5 years, Larry Bill, Pat Edwards, Darlene Jennings, Chris Tourville, Connie Unterreiner celebrating 3 years, Heather Perreault, Linda Reutzel, Patricia Sweeney, and Shervana Small celebrating 1 year of service with CASA. Each will receive a certificate with a small token of our appreciation! Many thanks to all of you for your efforts and timeserving abused and neglected children!

December Monthly meeting

Our Christmas "monthly meeting" Party will be held Thursday, December 10th 6-8pm.

Christmas Volunteer Potluck

December 10

6-8pm

Cape Girardeau Public Library

Hirsch Rooms

Come and enjoy a social evening with your fellow CASA's to kick off the season!

RSVP to Lori by noon on December 7

Each CASA will receive one attendance for this meeting and there will be a short in-service program that each of you will receive one-hour credit. Please bring your favorite dish (casserole, dessert, appetizer etc.) to share with everyone and the paper goods, utensils, and drinks will be provided by CASA. We are looking forward to having the fellowship time together and sharing some fun and laughter with you all!

BARNES AND NOBLE FUNDRAISER December 11th & 12th

Spread the word—

December 11 and 12, 2009

9 AM- 9 PM

Barnes & Noble

Cape Girardeau

**Help support CASA volunteers' advocacy for abused and neglected children
in Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, and Perry Counties!**

Visit www.capecasa.com or call the CASA office at 573 335 1726 for more information

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our organization.

Books may be purchased for CASA's Resource room while shopping on those dates!

CASA RESOURCE ROOM

CASA has a request this holiday season and I wanted to share it with everyone. In addition, you may know of someone or some small group that is looking to help in some way so this may be the perfect fit for them.

Our Resource room is getting very bare and with the holidays coming up we could use a refreshing of toys for all ages, books for toddlers (hard board books), puzzles for children, hygiene products for teenagers, and infant supplies of any kind and infant toys, rattles, etc. We do have several books in our resource room for elementary children however, our teens have very little to pick from and there are none for toddlers. We ask that the toys, puzzles etc. be inexpensive. Other ideas that go over real well for many ages are coloring books and crayons, Sudoku, Crosswords, I Spy, Word Search and anything along those lines.

Thank you!!

CASA BBQ was a great success!

We had a good turnout at the BBQ and the food, music and atmosphere could not have been better! Many thanks to everyone that had a hand in making it a great fundraiser! We are very appreciative of all our sponsors for their commitment to our organization.



November Birthday Corner

(no October birthdays)
Happy Birthday –
Kerry Wallaert 11/1/09
Sybil Walley 11/24/09
Linda Reutzler 11/26/09

Words of Inspiration...

**“Be thankful for
what you have; you'll
end up having more.
If you concentrate
on what you don't
have, you will never,
ever have enough.”**

Oprah Winfrey



January meeting Change-

We will be having a meeting in January with a nationally known volunteer “specialist” Susan Ellis <http://www.energizeinc.com>. She was secured through a grant that Revonda had written and received. Susan’s “training programs” are very costly as she is in very big demand around the country and we are very excited to be the recipient of this training. We are in preliminary stages of setting the times up; however, the dates are firm. (This training will take the place of the regular CASA monthly meeting normally the last Thursday of the month.) These meetings will be held at Southeast Hospital in the Harrison Room. The tentative schedule looks like this:

Wednesday January 20th 6-9pm CASA Volunteers

Thursday, January 21st 10-3pm CASA Staff

Thursday, January 21st 4-6pm CASA Board

Thursday, January 21st 7-9pm everyone - Volunteers, staff and board members

Please make a note of these dates that this event is taking place. Our goal is to have as close to 100% participation as possible. We just do not get opportunities like this very often and really need to take advantage of them when they arise. This training can be used in many aspects of your life. It is inspirational and uplifting and we know you will receive a lot of benefit from it. Thanks so much and looking forward to being “*Energized!*”



For those of you that ordered T-Shirts they have been received and are in the office. Please call if you do not receive an email reminder or phone call next week sometime. You may come by to pick them up or get them at the next CASA meeting, December 10th.

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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!!

