



# CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

## Newsletter for September 2009

### **September Monthly Meeting**

The September monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th, 2009 @ 6:30pm in the Kasten Conference room. We will have a speaker on this evening. Her name is Myra Bax and she is with TouchPoint. She will be speaking on the subject of Autism Spectrum Disorders. There also is a program coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup> that is being provided by MU extension and it has to do with this same subject matter and how to make referrals for people with autism. There also is a screening portion to that program but we would mostly be interested in the referrals part, how we can help our children that have autism.

### **CASA Service Awards**

**Joan Drury** is celebrating 10 years with our CASA program and she will be receiving a framed certificate with a small token of our appreciation! Many thanks to you Joan for your efforts and time serving abused and neglected children!

### **Welcome to Linda Nash – our new Director of CASA**

The Board of Directors of CASA of Southeast Missouri has announced the hiring of their new Executive Director, Linda Nash of Jackson. Linda taught history at Jackson High School and for the past five years has served as executive director and coordinator for the Teaching American History, professional development project for a thirteen school district consortium. Led by Jackson R2 Schools and Southeast Missouri State University the project was funded through grants written by Nash from the United States Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement.

We are delighted to have Linda with us and we hope you will join us in giving her a warm welcome!

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

Sizes left- 1 youth large, several adult larges and several 2XLs left.

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





**CASA BBQ is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2009** at the Venue in Cape Girardeau. Please mark your calendar for this exciting fundraising event! Each CASA volunteer is invited to attend free of charge and you may also bring one guest. Your support in attendance and in spreading the word is greatly appreciated! If you know of someone interested in attending the event, we have tickets at the office and they are \$50 per person.



**Missouri State CASA Conference October 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Please mark your calendar for the State Conference in Lake Ozark Missouri. Once again, CASA will provide the cost of the hotel room for one evening and your registration fee. The itinerary is included with this newsletter and final registrations need to be in by September 30 so please let us know if you are interested. I have several that have shown interest thus far however, I will need confirmation so I can finalize your attendance. Registrations after the 30<sup>th</sup> go up in price and you can still register however, you will have to pay the difference in cost. Once everyone is scheduled then we would like to see about carpooling and other details. Thanks so much for those of you that are planning on going and I hope several others decide to join them as well!



**August Birthday Corner**

Happy Birthday –  
September 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Mary Lowry  
Darlene Jennings  
Connie Unterreiner  
Yes they all have the  
same birthday!

**Words of Inspiration...**

**“A word to the wise ain’t  
necessary – it’s the stupid  
ones that need the advice.”  
*Bill Cosby***

**(Maybe its not inspirational but  
humor is good too!)**

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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!!