

The Summer Months...

Summertime at CASA Baltimore is a time when the organization finishes up one fiscal year and moves on to another. It is a time of statistical and financial reporting and taking a look back to see how the year went. CASA Baltimore had many successes last year. We served 69 new children serving over 200 children with 118 volunteers, we raised money to support operations and staff, and increased the supervisory staff in order to cover the increase in cases.

Summertime is also the time when the organization starts a new fiscal year and looks forward with enthusiasm and hope for a successful year ahead. Each fiscal year CASA Baltimore's goal is to increase the number of children we serve. This increase is not so we have bigger statistical numbers to report to our funders and grantors but so we can have some peace of mind that we are doing what we can to help more children. Maybe you've seen our advertising in the Baltimore Sun, Baltimore's Child, Playbill and on UPN24. This year we will continue to put more of our resources into marketing and recruitment efforts because the more volunteers we have, the more children we can serve. It is our hope that we can look back at this time next summer to see that we have had another successful year!

In addition to our wonderful staff Office Manager Cindy Griner, Office Assistant Lynera Gregory, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, Angie Oriente, Associate Director, Linda Koban, and Supervisors of Volunteers Phyllis Felton, Barbara Darley, and Nora Frenkiel, strongly involved in our efforts to grow the program is the

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New CASA volunteer Jason Langberg receives his certificate from Judge Welch.

New CASA Volunteers Sworn-In

On July 6th, Judge Martin Welch swore-in our fiscal year 2005 CASA Volunteers! Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Judge's Conference Room at the Juvenile Justice Center. CASA Baltimore welcomes our 2005 volunteers:

Margaret Armstrong	Steve Metzger
Donna Barbagallo	Earline Molock
Patricia Bright	Marvis Patterson
Marsha Brown	Winnie Quintilian
Stephanie Cameron	Sally Reed
Letha Curtis	Elleda Simmons
Carolyn Dews	Rachel Simmons
Shani Dinovitz	Rose Smooth
Barbara Drummond	Scott Soffen
Joan Duppins	Monica Taylor-
Brenda Forrest	Clowney
Deborah Handy	Elizabeth Timmins
Shamara Hannah	Evelyn Watson
Alma Johnson	Jessie Wells
Robin Kaplan	C.J. Williams
Jason Langberg	Linda Williams
Andrea LeWinter	Velma Williams
Olivia McFarlane	Beah Zander



New CASA volunteer Deborah Handy

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Joan Duppins receives her certificate from Judge Welch



Scott Soffen receives his certificate from Judge Welch



New CASA volunteer Barbara Drummond



Elizabeth Timmons and Judge Welch



Marvis Patterson receives her certificate from Judge Welch



Brenda Forrest receives her certificate from Judge Welch

Upcoming Orientation sessions begin at 6:30pm and run until 8pm on September 19th or October 17th.

Fall CASA Volunteer Pre-service Training will begin October 18th and run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-9pm through November 3rd.

CASA Baltimore Board of Directors. Too often we forget that the board members are volunteers too and devote a tremendous amount of time, energy and resources to the organization.

The CASA Baltimore 2006 Board of Directors is:

Theresa Barrett - Associated Black Charities

Diane Baum - Social Worker, Educational Consultant

Leslie Brown - Social Worker, private practice

Neil Kotras - T. Rowe Price

John Lessner - Ober/Kaler

Paddy Morton - Maryland Nonprofits

Rev. Tiji Murphy - New Psalmist Baptist Church

Mark Parr - Courthouse Copy Services, Inc

Marvis Patterson - Associated Black Charities

Mike Posko - Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc

Jim Rock - PSA Financial Center

Scott Soffen - ATAPCO

Scott Thomas - Tydings & Rosenberg

Thanks to everyone for all their efforts, Susan F. Burger, Executive Director

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We can't control where abused children come from but we can have something to do with where they end up. There are 8000 Baltimore City children waiting for you to help keep them safe. Help CASA of Baltimore to serve more children: Become a CASA volunteer or tell someone you know to call CASA of Baltimore for more information.

Volunteer Orientation sessions are held monthly at the CASA Baltimore office to provide people interested in volunteering with information about the program, the commitment and the process.

For more information contact Angie Oriente at 410-244-1465.

New CASA gift items

Please consider purchasing CASA holiday cards for personal use or for your business/firm/organization and/or holiday gifts of CASA Kids bracelets, necklaces, and wine charms. These product sales provide income to CASA Baltimore that supports our efforts to help abused and neglected children.

CASA Kids jewelry is made exclusively for CASA programs around the country by Jennifer O'Brien and features polymer clay beads with assorted kid faces. The design is made entirely out of colored clay and the finished pieces are baked in an oven. Colorful glass, stone, metal and wood beads, satin cords and a lot of imagination is then added.

Bracelets and Pendants cost \$15 each and a CASA description card is included. **Wine charms** cost \$5 each or \$18 for a set of 4.

CASA Holiday cards display artwork by children and on the back provides CASA Baltimore contact information. There are four different designs. Holiday Cards and envelopes cost \$13.50 for a pack of 10 assorted cards with a holiday greeting. Batches of 100 assorted cards cost \$125/batch and greetings can be customized.

For bulk jewelry purchases, customized greeting cards and other ordering information please contact Cindy Griner at 410-244-1465.

Your purchases will be available before Thanksgiving if ordered by September 30, 2005.

Remember you can designate CASA of Baltimore through your workplace charity campaign.

#1816: United Way of Central Maryland
Maryland Charity Campaign, Combined Charity Campaign For
Baltimore City Employees and Retirees
#7810: Combined Federal Campaign

(at left) Assorted CASA Holiday Cards to benefit CASA Baltimore



(above) An imaginative selection of CASA Kids Pendants and Bracelets



CASA Kids Wine Charms are colorful and make a lovely gift.



PATRICK'S OF PRATT STREET — A FUN EVENING FOR CASA BALTIMORE!

On Friday, July 15th between 5 to 9 p.m., staff, volunteers, board members and friends gathered at Patrick's of Pratt Street. A \$20 admission was the ticket to a relaxed get-together with free drinks and live guitar music. Patrick's is famous for being the oldest Irish bar in the same family in the United States! Located at the intersection of Pratt and

Schroeder Streets, a few blocks from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum, Patrick's has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Those who wanted ordered Patrick's delicious crab cakes or other dinner fare and spent a few hours with friends. All admissions and donations in lieu of attendance from the evening will benefit CASA Baltimore

and help us serve more children!! CASA Baltimore board and staff thank former board member, Mary Medland, for putting the event together and Patrick and Anne Rowley, owners of Patrick of Pratt Street, for supporting CASA Baltimore.

Here's to Helping Children!

The Board of Directors of CASA Baltimore is pleased to announce the 2005 Wine-tasting and Silent Auction, an annual fundraiser, and hopes you will attend. This event helps provide a portion of matching funds and contributes

to our operating budget for recruiting, training, supervising and supporting community volunteer advocates. 50% of every dollar contributed to this event directly benefits CASA's programming.

THANK YOU!

CASA Baltimore appreciates the many foundations, businesses and individuals who have recently made generous contributions:

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**PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE!!!**

Here's to Helping Children! 2005 Wine-tasting and Silent Auction

Wednesday October 19
6pm
The Wine Market

921 E. Fort Street in Federal Hill

The Wine Market is handicap accessible and has free on-site parking.

*Wine-tasting and award winning
"new American" cuisine
Ticket price \$100*

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