CASA Clippings

March 2016 Issue

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings."

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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FOR CHILDREN
DENTON COUNTY

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March Birthdays

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Joyous Easter!

The CASA Office will be closed on:

Friday, March 25th
Good Friday

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Denton County Club

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LUNCH AND LEARN
Wed., March 16th
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
Friends of Wednesday's Child

TWU Ethics Conference
Friday, Apr., 22nd
8:00 am - 12:00 noon
Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home

March 2016 Court Calendar

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CASA Advocate Spotlight!

Recognizing Peggy Foster, CASA Advocate

"Peggy Foster has been an Advocate with CASA of Denton County for almost 6 years now. She has worked cases with teens, toddlers, and every age in between. She gives equal care and concern to CASA kids she is serving no matter their ages, needs or even their attitudes. This shows because her kids always love her - they can't wait to see her when she visits and they know she is someone they can count on. Caseworkers love Peggy too, because she is constant and devoted to the case and always has good ideas. Judges have grown to count on her to give them the information they need. Even parents rarely have a quarrel with Peggy because no matter what she has to discuss with them, she does it with grace. One case is never enough for Peggy, thank goodness, so she usually carries two at a time, and Debbie Jensen's team of advocates wouldn't be the same without her. We appreciate you, Peggy Foster!" - Debbie Jensen, CASA Casework Supervisor

Thanks Peggy for all that you do!

Friends of Wednesday's Child

In-Service Opportunity!
CASA Denton Lunch and Learn
Friends of Wednesday's Child
Guest Speaker: Alisha Robertson, Program Director
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Come join us for a CASA Denton Lunch and Learn, featuring a Alisha Robertson of Friends of Wednesday's Child, a non-profit organization that strive to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care by:

- Driving student achievement to increase high school completion rates.
- Closing the educational gap between what the state provides and that children in foster care need.

They do this by providing:

- Academic, enrichment, and extra-curricular resources and support
- A champion to meet each student's unique educational needs.
- Training and support for youth and caregivers so children in foster care can pursue their dreams.
- Partnership and resources to those serving children in foster care.

To reserve your spot, contact Victoria Calvin,
Training and Recruitment Coordinator at vcalvin@casadenton.org or
940-243-2272, ext. 104.

2016 Annual Ethics Conference

"Adolescent Mental Health: Legislation, Practice, and Ethical Issues"

Hosted by TWU Social Work Practice III Group and C.A.P.S.

Friday, April 22, 2016

Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home

909 Greenlee, Denton

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

In-Service = 3 Hours

Texas Woman's University Social Work III Group and C.A.P.S. will be hosting the 2016 Annual Ethics Conference. This year's speaker is Dr. Jackie Contreras, Direct Service Managing Director for CASEY Family Programs and Dr. Mark Sandal, TWU Professor and director of the TWU Social Work program.

Dr. Contreras will present an overview of the adolescent mental health issues facing teens today as well as information on legislation, practice, and ethical issues within the field of mental health. Dr. Sandal will address social work ethical issues in the mental health arena.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Deadline: April 12, 2016

$45 Professionals
$15 Students (Undergrad and Grad)

Register Online at
http://www.getmeregistered.com

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST!

There are limited spots available!
No refunds, but will accept replacements.

For more information contact,
Michele Bland at mbland@twu.edu

CASA of Denton County Info Session

Do you know someone who would be a great CASA Advocate?

CASA Advocates and supporters are the BEST at spreading the word about our dynamic program. Bring a friend and come join us at the CASA of Denton County Volunteer Info Session!

Tuesday, March 8, 2016
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
and
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

During this info session, guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the CASA advocate program, the role of a CASA Advocate, requirements of becoming a CASA, and how to get involved.

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY...AND BRING A FRIEND!
To reserve your spot, contact Victoria Calvin,
Training and Recruitment Coordinator,
at vcalvin@casadenton.org or 940-243-2272.

We will hold the evening session dependent on the number of RSVPs received.

CALL FOR PFK VOLUNTEERS!

Pulling for Kids is a sporting clay tournament to benefit the children served by CASA of Denton County. Now in its 16th year, Pulling for Kids raises more than $109,000 annually, or approximately 12% of CASA's annual revenue. We need your help to ensure another successful year!

We have a need for pullers/scorers, registration, breakfast set up & clean up, lunch set up & clean up, dinner set up & clean up, flush station, and event tear down/clean up. Please indicate your availability and preference by clicking on the follow link.

Link: https://casadenton.ejoinme.org/pfkvolunteer

This year's event will take place Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Dallas Gun Club in Lewisville, TX. For more information, please contact Jessica Ferricher at jferricher@casadenton.org or 940-243-2272 ext. 112.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The 2016 CACDC Champions for Children Gala

Presented by Corner Stone Staffing

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Circle H Ranch, Flower Mound

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

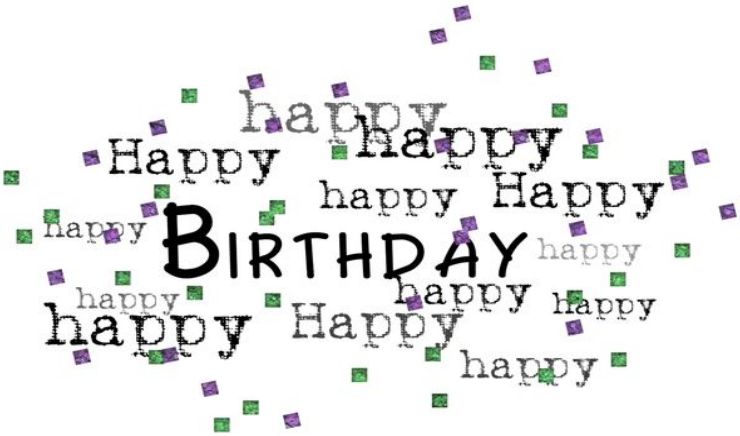
As the CACDC's largest signature event, "Deep in the Heart", this year's Champions for Children gala is inspired by what is deep in all of our hearts - our children. We hope to engage everyone in the room to learn more about what the center does and how each person can be a champion for the children of Denton County.

Deep in the Heart

The 2016 CACDC Champions for Children Gala

There will be a silent and live auction!

For more information and to register for this event, go to http://www.cacdcchampions.com/.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS
Here's to you and many more!

Michael Fitzsimmons 3/2
Tish Becker 3/3
Vicky Ulrich 3/3
Debbie Underhill 3/13
Lorinda Gomez 3/15
Molly Arnold 3/16
Gail Shields 3/17
Marjorie Bell 3/19
Julie-Anne Dean 3/20
Mary Hunter 3/21
Debby Fiorentino 3/22
Sienna Conner 3/23
Carol Cole 3/24
Lazetta Wing 3/29

BOARD BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Sweeten 3/7
Carrell Simmons 3/24

ANNIVERSARIES
Thank you for your service to this wonderful organization!

9 Years
Sue Hechinger
Paula McReynolds
John Hechinger

6 Years
Teri Clark
Sandra Faciane
Peggy Foster
Barbara Willcox

5 years
Tony Coaxum
Jean Friedland
Tom Kelly
Vicki Mielke
Kimberly Van Patten

4 years
Cynthia Brock
Jane Challender
Mary Ann Harrison

3 years
Michael Brucia
Bonnie Olsen
Kenneth Bell
Gail Shields
Timothy Fogarty
Carol Cole

2 years

Angela Byers
Darlene Covich

1 year

Robin Watts
Lorinda Gomez
Elizabeth Tobias
Robin Lyons
Richard Sanchez
Debra Furst
Stephanie Jackson
Alice (Charlene) Fausak
Marjorie Bell
Robert O'Connor
Michael Fitzsimmons
Vicki Elder
Manveer Myah Dhesi
Edward Van Patten
Zasia Giddings
Sienna Conner
Diane Naquin
Debbie Underhill