



## APRIL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

# RCCASA UPDATES APRIL 2010

### RCCASA GUARDIANS SERVE 100% OF OUR CHILDREN!!

As many of you know, we began 2010 with the goal of ensuring a CASA volunteer was appointed for 100% of the children in need. Since January, CASA volunteers have advocated on behalf of 188 new children entering the system - this simply would not be possible without you. The number of new children in need of advocacy continues to increase, while services and resources for *our kids* continue to dwindle. While it is heartbreaking to see the number of children in need, we are grateful CASA Volunteers are here to help.

### 421 ACTIVE RCCASA GUARDIANS SERVING CHILDREN!!

RCCASA has completed two sessions of Guardian Training since January 1<sup>st</sup> - MANY MANY THANKS to our dear Guardians for assisting with training - We greatly appreciate all your help!!

Congratulations New CASA Volunteers!!!

Sheila Abron	Jacqueline Andrews	Jenna Williams
Anna Armstrong	Cheslyne Brighthop	Trish Zara
Kendra China	Annette Clinding	Suzanna Weston
Sharyn Cole	Santino Coleman	Megan Westbrook
Courtney Connell	Andrew Cooper	Cheryl Wallers
Robyn Dawson	Zenata Donaldson	Bao Quynh Truong
Andrew Fogarty	Beverly Gallavan	Armita Thomas
LaShana Harmon-Goff	Michelle James	Valerie Tyndall
Adrienne Kelish	Daniel Lee	
Elizabeth McGehee	Leah Montgomery	
Tamika Montgomery	Bill Owens	
Wanda Pearson	Linda Pender	
Sutania Radlein	Jennifer Rainville	
Stephanie Ramia	Anne Rollins	
Sara Salehi	Michael Shaw	
Melbourne Stebbins	Tania Stroud	

## **APRIL RCCASA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

You may know her by many names - and through many associations - but the one thing you can be certain of is that RCCASA Volunteer Dee Stogdill is ALWAYS advocating for children, wherever she is!!!! Most of you know her as Ms. Dee - the one who 'talks really fast' with the English accent in guardian training classes!!!! Did you know Ms. Dee has trained over 400 volunteers in the last few years?!! She is amazing person whose spirit for child well-being is tireless. Since becoming a CASA Volunteer in 1999, Mrs. Deidre Stogdill has been appointed to advocate on behalf of 33 children. Additionally, Ms. Dee serves on the RCCASA Board of Directors, participates in all events, and is an avid recruiter, faithful donor, and dear friend to us all. As if that was not enough!!!! Ms. Dee is an active member of the Foster Care Review Board, Citizens Review Panel, and assists on many DSS committees and functions. Ms. Dee donates her time, resources, wisdom and ignites a fierce passion among us all to ensure justice for our children - THANK YOU DEE!!!!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 4, 2010 ~ Chili Cook-Off at USC Law School ~ 11:30 till 1:30

April 7, 2010 ~ In-Service / CASA Office / 12 Noon

April 21, 2010 ~ Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Clarion Hotel ~ Be Sure To Register!!!

**APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AWARENESS MONTH ~ Please see the Awareness Flag flying at the courthouse during the month of April.**

**RESOURCES**

### 2010 S.C. Legislative Update

The SC General Assembly is back in session and there are a number of bills we are tracking that would impact the nonprofit sector tremendously. If you are interested in Raffles, Casino Nights, and/or the Cigarette Tax you should speak with your Senators and Representatives. SCANPO monitors many legislative and regulatory issues that may impact nonprofits in South Carolina. The list of S.C. bills is continuously updated during session and the list is linked on the front page of our Web site at [www.scanpo.org](http://www.scanpo.org). Nine of the 67 bills that SCANPO tracked during the last two year session passed. To view the current list [click here](#).

### New Podcast: A Volunteer's Story by Jo-Anne Vanin

Massachusetts CASA volunteer Jo-Anne Vanin [explains](#) how she views her role as a volunteer advocate and why she chooses to do this important work.

### Help Make Sure Every Child Is Counted in the Census

The results of the decennial census are used to establish funding formulas for a multitude of social support programs. Children, especially children under age six, are more likely than any other group to be undercounted. In the 2000 census, more than one million children under the age of 10 were not counted. Minority children and children in hard-to-count neighborhoods are most frequently undercounted. Because approximately 20% of children live in hard-to-count areas, this results in reduced funding for needy families. The Census Bureau has partnered with Nickelodeon in an effort to use Dora the Explorer to help spread the word and explain the importance of counting each child. The Census Bureau flyer is available [in English](#) and [Spanish](#). You can help make sure that children are counted by posting the flyer on community bulletin boards and spreading it throughout your networks. Click on the link below to access the complete Toolkit for Parents and Child Care Providers. <http://2010.census.gov/partners/toolkits/toolkits-dora.php>

Thank You For All You Do

