

Our Mission: To advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Richland County Family Court by providing quality volunteer and legal representation to ensure every child a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY CASA VOLUNTEERS ~ Your dedication to child well-being, competent advocacy, positive permanency, and commitment to the CASA Program are the GREATEST GIFTS one can give ~ We Thank You.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ MARCH 9, 2012!!!

Volunteers For Youth Conference

RSVP NOW!!!!

CASA Volunteers ~ This year's conference will be the best ever ~ We have so many new workshops/engaging presenters / AND great door prizes!!!

2012 January ~ Program Activity Report

Total number of children served: 436

Total number of new children: 37

Total number of children exiting care: 60

Total number of volunteers: 418

**LET YOUR CHILD'S
VOICE BE HEARD ~
ATTEND FOSTER CARE
REVIEW BOARD
HEARINGS!!!!**



CONGRATULATIONS NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS!!

These 19 committed volunteers just completed CASA training at USC Law School ~ Please join us in welcoming them to the CASA Team!!

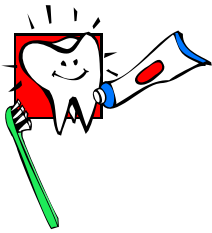
Alan Marinnez, Allison Rock, Brittany Barger, Collen Bozard, Dawn Berry, Deborah Washington-Jones, Destiny Hamilton, Ebony Hall, Frederick Golden, Imani Newborn, Matthew Byelich, Megan Gresham, Renee Ballew, Ronald King, Ryan Judd, Samantha Quint, Sarah Bishop, Taffney Hooks, Tara Knitz





OPPORTUNITIES ~ Please let us know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees or initiatives!!!!

- **Volunteer Advisory Council ~ Board of Directors Committees ~2012 Volunteers For Youth Conference ~ Project Best ~ Statewide Collaborative Initiative ~ P2 ~ DSS Permanency Project ~ Case Mining ~ Stakeholders Invited!**



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH. THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SUGGEST THAT ALL CHILDREN SHOULD VISIT THE DENTIST AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR FOR REGULAR DENTAL EXAMS. PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD'S CARE GIVERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR DENTAL CHECKUPS ARE UP TO DATE!!!!

Featured Story



"For 13 years, my life had been chaotic. That was just normal for me. I didn't know anything different."

[Learn about lives changed by a CASA volunteer.](#)

ADVOCATE OF THE MONTH ~ FELICIA HIPP



Felicia Hipp-Harris Felicia has been a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for three (3) years. She has served as guardian on a total of five (5) cases and has advocated for 11 children. While she does not have any children of her own, she has a deep love for them which is why she joined RC CASA. In all of her cases, Felicia encourages her children to live by this statement: “In a world where you can be anything, be yourself.”

She has been employed with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SC DJJ), Richland County’s office, for six (6) where she is the Intake Supervisor. She is very instrumental in providing the CASA office with information about our children who have DJJ involvement.

Felicia never refuses to take a case and is willing to fill in whenever a volunteer is no longer able to work their case. She is a huge supporter of CASA and supports our events and participates in training. Felicia truly believes in the statement “Each one, Reach one” and has recruited four (4) new volunteers within the past year for the CASA organization.

Felicia is married and while she does not have any children of her own, she has a deep love for all children which is why she joined RC CASA. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Her hobbies include shopping, reading, and traveling.

Her life’s motto is “Live Well, Love Much, and Laugh Often.”

TO GIVE A CHILD A CASA VOLUNTEER IS TO GIVE THEM A VOICE. TO GIVE THEM A VOICE IS TO GIVE THEM HOPE, AND TO GIVE THEM HOPE IS TO GIVE THEM THE WORLDS. – PAMELA BUTLER

Thank you for all you do!!



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Vicki Raven Legal Services Manager
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Pam Nipper Program Manager
Sharon Walker Program Manager
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Thomas Clark CASA Supervisor
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