



CASAblanca

Guests will arrive at Danville Gardens, 1307 Cleary. They will be transported to "Casablanca" at the Vermilion County Airport for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. We will return to the breathtaking Danville Gardens for a splendid dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing.

Tickets \$100 per person.

Contact Sandi Wood
442-6655 or
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Dress for an elegant evening of dining and dancing in the Gardens.

Saturday, March 20, 2010
5:15 - 11:30 pm

Join us for a fabulous evening to benefit the children served by CASA of Vermilion County.



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The mission of CASA of Vermilion County is to advocate for abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court System, by training and managing volunteers to represent those children's best interest to the Court.

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The Advocate

A message from the Board President

Dear Advocates,

Thank you for the work you do each month to change the lives of abused and neglected children in our community. You offer a lifeline to children in crisis, helping them rebuild lives that were torn apart through no fault of their own. You help them achieve what every child deserves—a safe, loving, permanent home.

It is an honor for me to serve on the Board of Directors so I can support your efforts. What does the Board do? We set policy and work extremely hard to raise the funds necessary to keep our program alive. We also work to support our staff so they can provide the guidance and support you need to be an effective advocate.

As you know, Barbara has been working extraordinarily hard to ensure that services continue uninterrupted while we have been short staffed due to Heather's maternity leave. It has been extremely challenging and will continue to be so as we work to get back up to full staffing.

What can you do to help? Plenty!

- Please turn in your court reports on time. Reports are due in the office 2 weeks before your hearing date.
- Check the court docket often to make sure your hearing date has not changed. The link to the [online court schedule](http://court.vercounty.org/) can be found on the CASA website (Advocate Corner), or the direct link is <http://court.vercounty.org/>.
- Barbara is often out of the office for court hearings, meetings, errands. Please call ahead to set up a time to come in so Barbara can reserve the time you need to review your case and assist you with your court report.
- Turn in your timesheets the first week of the month for the previous month.
- Check your email often.
- See your CASA child/ren in their foster home at least once per month—maintain good contact notes.
- Keep Barbara informed of any significant changes or issues in your case. Don't hesitate to call Barbara if you need help or support.

Again, thank you for your hard work on behalf of the children. You are making a difference in their lives that will last a lifetime.

Jane Dobbles
President, CASA Board of Directors



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A Reception for Heather

There will be a reception to thank Heather for her dedicated service to CASA on Monday, February 8, 3:30—5:30 in the Board Room at the Danville Township Building.

Please stop by to congratulate Heather and wish her well as she and Doug raise their twins, Tatiana and Isabelle. Gifts are totally optional, but if you wish to bring something, they are registered at www.amazon.com/babyregistry under Heather's name. The girls are just now growing into the 3-6 month size clothes and Heather says the best description of her taste is "practical." If you order a gift online, don't forget to go through the GiveBackAmerica link on the CASAVermilion webpage!

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." - Edward Everett Hale

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Coins for CASA

Every child counts.
Every penny helps.



During the week of February 8-12, many schools throughout Vermillion County will be sponsoring a change drive to help provide CASA services for kids. During hard times, many generous people may not be able to afford a donation, but they can give up the loose change in their pocket or purse, and those small amounts add up quickly. The response last year was absolutely amazing; we collected approximately \$4,000. This year we hope to expand into more schools and beyond. We are placing collections cans (empty soft drink cans with a wrapper) in area businesses throughout the month of February.

How can you help? Encourage your child's school to participate. Ask for permission to put a collection can on your desk at work. Get a few cans ready and ask the businesses you frequent if they would be willing to place a can near the register, then go back and collect the money later in February. Be sure to jot down the business name and amount collected so we can thank them.

Join the fun! Email jdobbles@comcast.net to electronically receive an official can wrapper that you can print out and tape to your very own empty soda can or pick one up at the office.



CASA Tool Kits

Raising Rabbits—A CASA Tool Kit for foster children and their families.

We expect to have the materials ready to distribute by mid-February. Barbara will contact you about picking up kits for your child.

CASAblanca—Saturday, March 20, 2010

Enjoy a fabulous evening and help CASA raise necessary funds to support our program. Tickets cost \$100 per person, but if you wish to serve or help with set-up, clean-up or other tasks, you can attend for a mere \$15. Advocates will NOT be expected to work the entire evening, so you'll still have time to relax and enjoy the event.

This will be a major fundraiser for CASA and, at the same time, introduce more members of our community to the good work you are doing for abused and neglect children. Please join us, and bring some friends. (Guests will pay full ticket price.)

Winter 2010 Advocate Training Session

February 9—March 16
Tuesdays and Thursdays
12:30—3:30 PM, Brown-Bag Lunch
Danville Township Building Board Room

WANTED: STORIES

Our donors want to know that their money is helping make a difference in children's lives. The best way to communicate that is through real stories about real children, with names changed and enough details left out that confidentiality is maintained.

Please jot down those moments when you knew you made a difference: a time when the judge made a recommendation because of the report you submitted, when a child was moved from a bad situation or kept in a good one because you spoke up, an endearing comment by a child or a grateful one from a caseworker, foster parent or other adult.

Send your stories to Jane Dobbles at

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