CASA's Quarterly

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October—NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October. For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year.

People who are in an abusive relationship will stay with their partner for a number of reasons:

Their self-esteem is totally destroyed, and they are made to feel they will never be able to find another person to be with.

The cycle of abuse, meaning the 'honeymoon phase' that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.

They share a life. Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can't leave.

CASA Birthdays

OCTOBER THRU JANUARY

Lisa Huber—October 1st

Patricia Baxter—October 21st

Juanita Akins—October 22nd

Alice Good—November 6th

Maureen Scully—November 10th

Jamie Schwingel—November 22nd

Kevin Noland—December 4th

Ashlan Moore—- December 19th

Courtney Moore—January 15th

Cassandra Heric—January 23rd

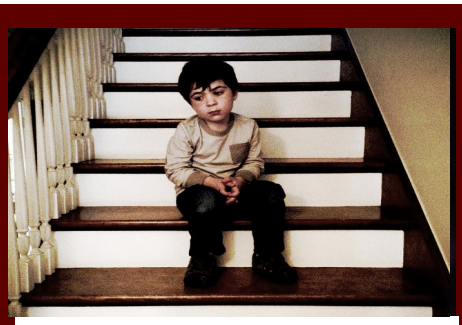
Nicole Roberts— January 28th

New CASA Volunteers

Please welcome our new LaPorte County CASA Volunteers . They were sworn in on November 6, 2019.

Shop With A Cop

Family Advocates partnered with Cops to shop for teens. Many of our volunteers helped assist with shopping for twenty six teens. This was an awesome and successful event.



New CASA Volunteers

Kristy Richards

Ashlan Moore

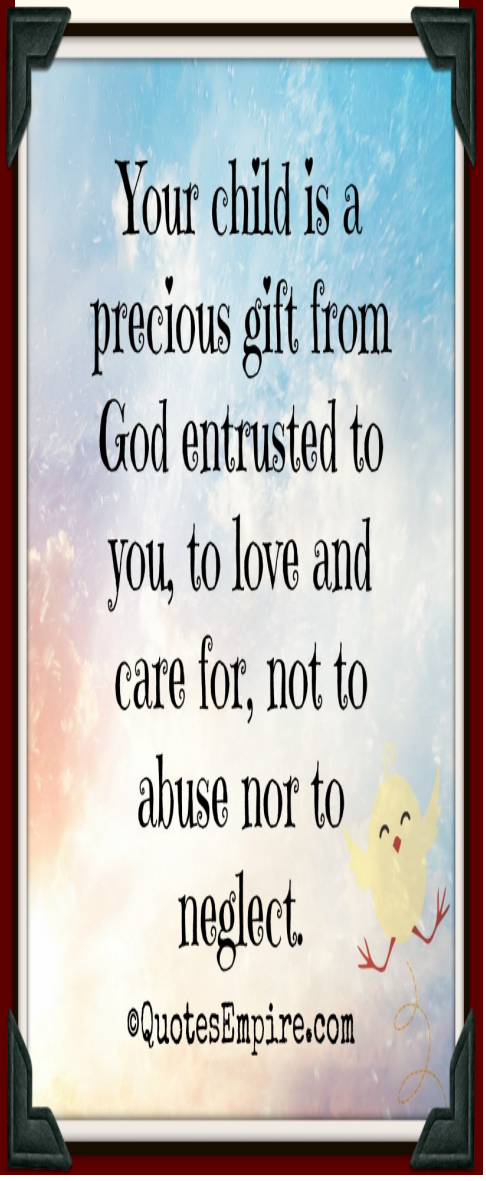
Michelle Pavey

Jamie Rheinholtz

Jennifer Vanderstar

Janise Kiger

Marlon Amaya



December's Festive CASA Café

We had such an amazing time at our last CASA Café for the year. Several of our CASA Volunteers came out to celebrate this very festive event and they had a great time. Our new CASA Volunteers were able to meet our more established CASA Volunteers and they all enjoyed one another.

Our CASA staff created games for all to take part in and to help break the ice. Two of the games played was CASA Bingo and Don't Kiss and Tell. The volunteers were given CASA Bingo cards along with red and green M&Ms to use as markers. Also, for the Don't Kiss and Tell game they were given Hersey kisses and could not say kid or Christmas or their Hersey Kiss would be taken away and the one with the most kisses won the game. The winners were given CASA T-shirts and poinsettia plants for prizes.

We also acknowledged two of our CASA Volunteers that faithfully and consistently enters all contact logs into Optima. I am sure there will be several of these acknowledgement awards given throughout 2020.

We also acknowledged the longest running and active advocate of the CASA Volunteers. We truly appreciate your commitment and dedication over the years.

Last but not least we acknowledged the CASA Volunteer who's birthday happened to be in the month of December. (All winners are listed to the right)

CASA Café Winners

Contact Log Winners

Jaunita Akins

Susan Scott

Longest Active CASA Volunteer

Lorraine Tighe

December Birthday Winner

Ashlan Moore

Bingo & Hersey Kiss Winners

Jamie Schwingel

Kerrie Akins

Jeremy Siford

Kathy Tonagel

CASA Café

Is held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 5 pm until 7 pm

LaPorte County Library

(Coolspring Branch)

6925 W 400 N

Michigan City, IN 46360

The Need for CASA

For children who've been abused or neglected, having a CASA volunteer means having a voice in the decisions that adults are making, CASA means having a home instead of feeling invisible. For volunteers, CASA is a life-changing experience that makes our community a better place.

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2020 Upcoming Events

February CASA Training @ LaPorte County Library (Coolspring Branch)

Wednesday : February 12th & 19th Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: February 15th & 22nd Time: 9:30 AM—4:00 PM & 11:00 AM—4:45 PM

CASA Café

February 11th 5:00 pm—7:00 PM (Every 2nd Thursday of the month)

March 12th 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

LaPorte County Library (Coolspring Branch) 6925 W 400 N Michigan Coty, IN 46360

CASA Day

March 4th

State House—Indianapolis, IN

Tim Wise -Antiracist essayists and educator will be presenting at Purdue University Northwest

April 30th @ 8:00 am

Registrations are due by April 24th

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