

April

Volunteer of the month

RUSHELLE FITZGERALD



SAVE THE DATES:

- **APRIL 18TH
IN-SERVICE**
- **APRIL 21ST
CRAWFISH
BOIL OFF**

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Rushelle Fitzgerald became a CASA volunteer after completing the required training on 4/20/2016. She wasted no time in choosing a case and on 4/27/2016 she was assigned to her first case. Rushelle became extremely active as her CASA child navigated foster care. Rushelle advocated for her CASA child as she was placed in different homes in different parishes. She worked hard every time she was placed in a new school due to her failing grades. She made call after call to get her CASA child the help she needed. She visited the child continuously and at one point she was often called (sometimes daily) from the foster parents to discuss day-to-day issues. She was the voice of reasoning and often the families would bring the child to the library where Rushelle would try to smooth things over. This case closed due to the mother regaining custody.

Rushelle again wasted no time and on 4/12/2017 she was assigned to another case which today she continues to advocate for. Although this case is less demanding, Rushelle continues to make time to visit her CASA child even though she has acquired additional grandchildren of her own. Rushelle is extremely detailed in her contact notes and court reports. She is great at researching the internet to find people of interest and she has absolutely no problem going into the court system to look up a parents' criminal history. She is simply amazing. Rushelle enjoys her visits and loves how much her CASA child has grown and all the milestones she has reached, but she also mourns the end of the baby stages. She also loves snapping pictures of her CASA child. We at CASA are extremely grateful for Rushelle's consistency in visiting and the dedication she has for the program. Rushelle will be receiving a donated polo shirt by Shelly Toups at Artistic Embroidery. Congratulations Rushelle!





Way to Go!



- SKIPPER KORNEGAY FOR ACCEPTING A NEW CASE.
- IDA MOORE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR COURT REPORT IN A TIMELY FASHION AND ATTENDING ALL RELEVANT MEETINGS THIS MONTH. YOUR CHILD WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT LONG AFTER SHE AGES OUT!
- JONATHAN RUSSO FOR SUBMITTING YOUR COURT REPORT IN A TIMELY FASHION.
- JESSICA BARKER ON COMPLETING YET ANOTHER CASE! YOU CONTINUE TO ROCK!
- MARY HEALEY FOR MAKING YOUR FIRST VISIT WITH YOUR CASA CHILD! YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT!
- MICHELLE VERRET FOR ATTENDING THE FTM AND GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR YOUR CASA CHILD DURING THIS TRANSITIONING TIME! YOUR DEDICATION IS ADMIRABLE!
- MICHELLE LUKE FOR ATTENDING COURT AND SEEING YOUR CASE CLOSE! YOU'RE GOING TO ROCK YOUR NEXT CASE AS
- JOY TINGLE AND EMILY ELMORE FOR ATTENDING COURT AND FTM AND YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO YOUR CASA CHILDREN! THANK YOU LADIES FOR ALL YOU DO!
 - PEGGY BOUDWIN FOR ATTENDING HEARINGS ON BOTH OF YOUR CASES!! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
 - EARLEATHER CELESTINE FOR COMPLETING A COURT REPORT AND ATTENDING COURT FOR YOUR CASA CHILD. YOU ARE AMAZING!
- BETTY WALLACE FOR ATTENDING THE FAMILY VISIT AND ALL YOU DO FOR YOU CASA CHILDREN! YOU'RE DOING AMAZING!
- HANNAH BECNEL FOR TAKING THAT EXTRA STEP TO SEE TO EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR CASE, INCLUDING GOING VISIT A PARENT IN JAIL! KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK!
 - JONI ONCALE FOR CONTINUING TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO BEST SERVE YOUR CASE! YOU'RE WORK IS AMAZING!
 - TINA EVANS FOR SUBMITTING A COURT REPORT FOR YOUR CASA CHILD. YOU ARE DOING GREAT!
- CORREE ESCHETE FOR COMPLETING A DETAILED COURT REPORT, ATTENDING COURT, AND TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF YOUR CASA CHILDREN. YOU ARE FABULOUS!
- DILLON DUMOND FOR ASSISTING YOUR CASA CHILD AS HE AGED OUT OF THE SYSTEM. YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB!
- SILVANA SANTOS FOR ATTENDING COURT, SCHOOL MEETINGS, AND FAMILY VISITS FOR YOUR CASA CHILDREN. YOU ARE ROCKING IT!!
 - ANNETTE BILELLO AND CAREY REDMOND FOR ATTENDING COURT FOR YOUR CASA CHILD. YOU BOTH DID AN AMAZING JOB!!
 - WHITNEY MILLER FOR ATTENDING COURT FOR YOUR CASA CHILD. YOU ARE DOING GREAT!
 - LYDIA BRUCE FOR COMPLETING A COURT REPORT FOR YOUR CASA CHILDREN. YOU ARE AWESOME!



CASA VOLUNTEERS:

HEATHER GUIDRY 4/2

SALLIE PRESTON 4/8

IDA MOORE 4/6

VANESSA BOLMAN 4/27

TIFFANY LEBLANC 4/4

BETTY WALLACE 4/8

PEGGY BOUDWIN 4/10

EMILY ELMORE 4/28

GABBY HERNANDEZ 4/23

CASA KIDS:

DESTINY CLEMENT 4/9

EARLEATHER CELESTINE 4/20

MARY GRACE & LINDA FLENIKEN 4/14

JASON GRIFFIN 4/25

SKIPPER KORNEGAY 4/15

PEGGY BOUDWIN 4/6

MICHELLE VERRET 4/7

(these are names of volunteers who are assigned to a case)



VOLUNTEER STATISTICS:

- 51 volunteers advocated for 83 children.
- Spent 106 hours on cases.
- Traveled 1188 miles to see their CASA kids and families.

IN-SERVICE:

“TAKING A STAND WHILE TAKING THE STAND”

PRESENTER: LAKIESHA JAMES

CINC ATTORNEY

DATE: APRIL 18TH

TIME: 5:30PM-8:45PM

LOCATION: MAIN LIBRARY

RSVP: NONCALE.CASA@GMAIL.COM

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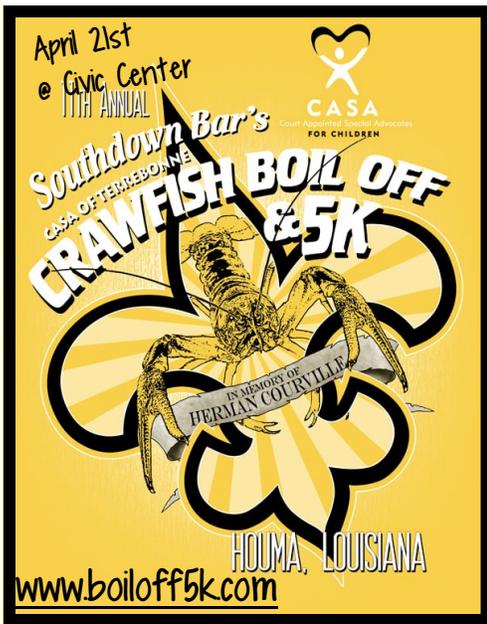
KIDS

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VOLUNTEER



• WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK OUR INFORMATIONAL BOOTH AT THE CRAWFISH BOIL OFF ON APRIL 21ST. IF YOU CAN DONATE YOUR TIME PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE AT THE OFFICE.

985.876.0250

• WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING SWEETS INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED ON APRIL 20TH TO SELL FOR \$1.00



DONATIONS & GRANTS:

MARCH

- LA SUPREME COURT CASA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIBRARY NEW BOOKS/DVD'S:

(COME CHECK THEM OUT)

DVD'S:

- ANY DAY NOW
- THE FLORIDA PROJECT
- GIMME SHELTER
 - I AM SAM
- THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS
- WHITE OLEANDER

BOOKS:

- THE LIMITS OF HOPE, AN ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S STORY BY ANN KIMBLE LOUX
- GHOSTS FROM THE NURSERY,
- TRACING THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE BY ROBIN KARR-MORSE & MEREDITH S. WILEY
- WHITE OLEANDER BY JANET FITCH
- THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS BY CHRIS GARDNER
- TO THE END OF JUNE, THE INTIMATE LIFE OF AMERICAN FOSTER CARE BY CHRIS BEAM

We're moving!

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