

March

NEWSLETTER



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Destiny Clement

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



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A
CASA
VOLUNTEER

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Mrs. Destiny Clement (Badon) became a CASA volunteer after completing the required training on 4/20/2016. She was assigned to her first case on 5/12/2016. Her CASA case was a premature baby who was hospitalized out of the area for the first few months of her life. During those months Destiny made sure to make her visits at the hospital and attended a Family Team Meeting before the baby was discharged from the hospital. Once the child was discharged with oxygen and constant supervision, Destiny made her visits faithfully to see her CASA child's progress.

It is extremely evident through her contact notes that Destiny was and continues to be very observant during her visits with her CASA child. Month after month she always reports on the progress and growth of the child. She has witnessed this child who was extremely fragile become an independent toddler. Destiny has witness every milestone being met. She was there and saw a contagious smile turn into laughter, a bottle turn into a spoonful of baby food and now table food, and everything in between from a roll to a crawl and now a well-coordinated child. Her CASA child is now running around everywhere and doesn't miss a beat. Destiny has not only been there for the child but also for the care provider who at times needed to vent and Destiny was always available to lend an ear. We at CASA are grateful for Destiny's consistency in visits as her CASA child continues the process of obtaining permanency. Destiny will be receiving a donated polo shirt by Shelly Toups at Artistic Embroidery. Congrats Destiny, well deserved!





- **Jamara Doiron** for attending court and the FTM for your CASA children, and for writing your first court report! You did excellent!
- **Betty Wallace** for submitting your court report and attending court for your CASA children. Amazing!
- **Emily Elmore and Joy Tingle** for submitting your court report and continuing to be persistent on your case! The dedication the two of you have is admirable!
- **Suzanne Vice** for attending court and seeing your CASA children. You are doing an awesome job!!!
- **Blayne Bergeron** for attending your CASA child's FTM and court hearing. Each small step is a victory! Keep it up!
 - **Jon Russo** for attending your CASA children's FTM and court hearings.
 - **Ann Besson** for attending your CASA children's FTM's and court hearings! Your bond with all of these children is apparent!
- **Linda Ford** for pushing through personal injuries to be present for your CASA children's court hearing.
 - **Carey Redmond** for being assigned to another case. You are doing great.
- **Silvana Santos-Alegria** for taking on a case, and attending court for you CASA children. You are doing an amazing job.
- **Linda Fleniken** for attending a court hearing for your CASA children. You and your partner are on it again. Keep up the great work!
 - **Heather Guidry** for attending a quarterly staffing for one of your CASA children. Thank you for being there for them.
- **Rushelle Fitzgerald** for submitting a court report and attending a court hearing for your CASA child. You continue to make a difference!
- **Sara Bond and Jill Pere** for seeing your CASA case closed. You both did a great job!
 - **Vilma Bonilla** for attending court and seeing your potential case close. You will be a phenomenal advocate!
 - **Penny Hebert** for attending an FTM and a court hearing for your CASA child. You are making an impact.



Happy Birthday!



CASA Volunteers:

Raymonda Guidroz 3/4
Carey Redmond 3/6
Heidi Pontif 3/7
Sian Guidry 3/16
Lydia Bruce 3/18
Eddie Olivier 3/19

CASA Kids:

Lydia Bruce 3/10 & 3/19
Dillon Dumond 3/13
Rushelle Fitzgerald 3/6
Tina Evans 3/19
Jon Russo 3/21
Linda Ford 3/19
Traci Hawthorne 3/14
Emily Elmore and Joy Tingle 3/16
Michelle Luke 3/16
Joni Oncale 3/29

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



WE ARE
moving!

402 Canal St.
Houma

(end of April)



We are in need of assistance to get the office ready.

If you are willing to volunteer your time call the office at 985.876.0250

- Electricians to install new light fixtures
- Plumber to install new faucets/sinks
 - Painters
- Pressure washer for the outside of the building
 - Carpenter to build a half-wall
 - Floor installers
 - Movers

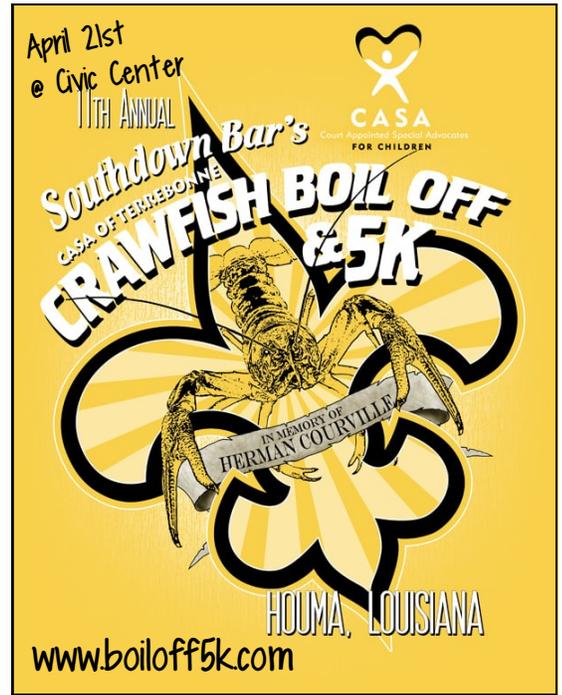


DONATIONS AND GRANTS:

February

- LA Supreme Court CASA Assistance Program
 - Charlene Wallace
 - Amazon Smile

thank you



IN-SERVICE

Love doesn't have to hurt

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/love-teens.pdf>

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VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

- 53 volunteers advocated for 80 children.
- Spent 76.9 hours on cases.
- Traveled 567 miles to see their CASA kids and families.

