



# CASA CARES

CASA of Lycoming County E-Newsletter

*You start out to change a child's life and find  
you've also changed your own.*

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## CASA by the Numbers

- 37 CASA Volunteers are currently advocating for 53 children. [As of 7/12/10]
- 2 children are waiting for a CASA Volunteer. [As of 7/12/10]

In June 2010, 4 CASA children's cases were closed.

- Two (2) children were returned to their parents.
- One (1) child turned 18 and "aged out" of the child welfare system.
- One (1) child was adopted.

## Informational Luncheons

Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
12 pm – 1 pm  
Board Room  
ywca of northcentral pa  
815 W Fourth St.  
Williamsport PA

## Upcoming Inservices:

**Dr. Richard Dowell,**  
Neuropsychologist-8/23/10, 6 pm

**Pam Burkholder,** Womens  
Expectation's Center-9/8/10, 6 pm

**CASA Networking,** 9/13/10, 6 pm

**Becki Wright,** Sex Offender  
Counselor at Rockview State Prison,  
9/23/10, 6 pm

All are located at ywca of northcentral pa.

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of *CASA Cares*! This newsletter was designed with you in mind in an effort to keep CASA Volunteers and supporters informed about what is happening in the program, opportunities for training, recognition of accomplishments and new initiatives.

CASA Volunteer of the Quarter

April – June 2010

**Marleni Feinstein**

CASA of Lycoming County is pleased to announce Marleni Feinstein as CASA Volunteer of the Quarter, April – June 2010. Marleni is currently working on her third case. This difficult case has taken many hours as Marleni has sought out the facts in the case. Marleni has served as a tireless advocate for her CASA children, always promoting their best interest and giving them a voice. Thank you Marleni for all you do for your CASA children! You are truly making a difference! Marleni will receive a certificate and CASA Kids Lanyard.

*I volunteered because I needed to do something I cared about to bring myself out of my depression after the death of my husband. It worked. I loved working with these kids and although I do think I made a difference in their lives, I gained much more than I gave. ~Mary, CASA Volunteer*

## National CASA Awards Diversity Grant to CASA of Lycoming County

In 2007 National CASA asked CASA of Lycoming County to focus on issues of diversity and cultural competence within its volunteer corps. Since 2009 CASA of Lycoming County has sought to provide relevant, quality training in this area. Several CASA volunteers have reported specific instances in their work as a volunteer in which these trainings have better equipped them to provide the best advocacy possible.

**We are proud to announce that CASA of Lycoming County has been awarded a Diversity Grant by National CASA!** This grant will assist us in expanding our continuing training efforts and to reach deeper into the community when recruiting new CASA Volunteers.

**Our goal is to serve you! Opportunities are coming very soon for you to "Talk CASA" and let us know your thoughts, wishes and needs from the CASA program.**

CASA of Lycoming County's Diversity Subcommittee is comprised of 13 individuals committed to expanding awareness in the community and providing culturally competent advocacy to our CASA children. If you are interested in becoming a part of this subcommittee, please contact Christine Doty.