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The Art of Caring art auction and reception raised more money than any other fundraiser CASA has had in 15 years!



CASA Board President Jessica Schiavone and Board Treasurer and Art of Caring Committee Co-Chair, Dana Johns, address the guests.

Held on April 28th, at Area 405, there were twice as many people in attendance and twice as much art was auctioned off in a twice as big venue as last year and CASA of Baltimore raised over \$50,000. Leaders from Baltimore's artistic and civic community came together and demonstrated their commitment to help abused and neglected children.

Many thanks go to many, many people for their dedication and hard work:

- Dana Johns – committee co-chair –board treasurer
- Nancy Raskin – committee co-chair – CASA volunteer
- Francesca Siciliano – CASA volunteer and board member
- Jessica Schiavone - CASA volunteer and board president
- Paul Fallace – board vice president
- Nancy Dickenson – board member
- Mia Jensen- committee volunteer
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- Chelsey Knox-Brown – committee volunteer
- Marcy Emmer – committee volunteer
- Ted Mathias – committee volunteer
- Stuart Watson – committee volunteer and owner of AREA 405
- Greg Grenier – CASA volunteer and staff (our great emcee!)
- Evangula Brown – CASA volunteer and staff
- Sarah Atherton – CASA volunteer and staff
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- Annie McLymore – CASA volunteer
- LaTarSha Whiticker – CASA volunteer
- Pam Cook – CASA volunteer
- Salome Sullivan – CASA volunteer
- Mark Green – CASA volunteer
- Rachel Maher
- Marcella Volini
- Richard Burger
- Andy Burger and Will Russell – our fine bartenders!
- Kimberly Kelleher – for taping “Voices of CASA” and photography
- CASA’s Board of Directors
- All the contributors for graphic design, printing, website work, and sound
- All the fabulous artists who contributed art

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STEPHANIE STREET, One of Many Special Volunteers

By Supervisor Carolyn Mc Quaiqe-Howard

Stephanie Street is pleasant, quiet and can even appear shy and timid. But don't let the exterior fool you. Stephanie is strong, focused, astute and very perceptive.

In 2007 Stephanie saw a CASA ad featuring a young man in need of an advocate, so she signed up for CASA training because she "loves working with young people." Her assignment was that of a 13 year old young man who had been in care for much of his youth.

Stephanie has worked with this youth for over six years and has been a steadfast, supportive, and consistent advocate. One has to admire her determination to not give up on her CASA youth. She has been such a great influence on him, as over the years she has established a very trusting and cumulative relationship. She has been there through the good times and the bad times, the disappointments, the hurt, and the successes. She was there for the young man's high school graduation, when he was terminated from his first independent living program, when relatives made empty promises, and when he starred as the leading role in a play. He is currently out of State in training for the National Guard Reserve. Stephanie should be

credited with encouraging her CASA youth to do something constructive with his life.

Her CASA youth once said to her, "You are like a mother, always there". What a testimony to a caring advocate! Stephanie says that it's important to "help people...mentor your children and guide them". Stephanie explained that "as my CASA youth matured and grew, I grew also."

Stephanie has a variety of interests and endeavors that keep her very busy. Stephanie is a mother and grandmother of four. She is an active member of Huber Memorial Church and a graduate of WEB, Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore. In June 2013 Stephanie will graduate from the Bible School of the Bible. Most importantly, Stephanie is a 25 year breast cancer survivor and an active member of the support group, Sisters Networking, Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter. One of her goals is to have her own business. Stephanie is steadfast and moving forward.

CASA is proud to have her as a part of the CASA team.



The Art of Caring (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



CASA Volunteers Pam Cook, Christina Ramsey, and LaTarSha Whitaker, at the event.



CASA Board Vice President, Paul Fallace, and his wife

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National CASA has recognized, particularly in this challenging economy, that CASA programs need to do more with the resources they have so they developed a supervisory model that includes former and active CASA Volunteers, providing an opportunity for them to coach new CASA Volunteers. These coaches are called Peer Coordinators.

When we made the announcement this winter looking for volunteers to become Peer Coordinators we had a great response and now have 8 former or current CASA Volunteers who have been trained and are beginning to accept assignments of new CASA Volunteers to coach!! We are just starting but are very confident that this model will help us to fulfill our vision to provide a CASA Volunteer to every youth in care!

We welcome and thank our Peer Coordinators:

John Lessner	Jennifer St. Germain
Charles and Regina Harris	Mary Baxter
Rhoda Jones	Alicia Clark
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WELCOME TO NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS!

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