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THE 2ND ANNUAL ART OF CARING ART AUCTION AND RECEPTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On April 22nd CASA of Baltimore held the second "Art of Caring" benefit art auction with artist **Edna K. Emmet** serving as Honorary Chair of the event. Despite the rain, wind, and chilly temperatures, the event was a great success — providing revenue for CASA that will support our efforts to serve more children thanks to a dedicated event planning committee consisting of board members, staff and volunteers. The generosity of the art community in Baltimore was apparent again this year with over 40 artists submitting work for the auction. Generosity from the Baltimore community is apparent by the large number of guests who attended and the donations and sponsorships CASA received.

Fabulous food was donated by **Casey's Bar & Restaurant** and **Grano's**. Sweets were donated by **Ms Desserts** and wine and beer flowed freely, provided by **The Wine Source**. Music by **Troy Stuart and Friends** and caricatures by **Tom Chalkley** added to the exciting atmosphere.

There were many people who made the event so successful. Among those who worked hard to plan the event are several CASA volunteers:

Mary Medland is a former board member and



Tom Chalkley doing a caricature of Lynera Gregory.

currently is a CASA volunteer. Mary painted and decorated a beautiful rocking chair that was raffled off, bringing in several hundred dollars to CASA. Mary also arranged for Tom Chalkley to do amazing caricatures of guests for donations to CASA.

Nancy Raskin, has co-chaired this event for 2 years and spent many hours setting up the gallery and cleaning up the venue.

Danielle Babcock, a CASA Volunteer, provided her graphic design expertise and numerous hours to design the invitation to the event and the event program. There is no telling how much money her donated time and talents saved CASA!!

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A SPECIAL TREAT FOR TWO CASA KIDS — ORIOLES TICKETS!

CASA of Baltimore is grateful to **Devin Doolan, Esq.**, of **Furey Doolan & Abell, LLP, Attorneys at Law**, who for many years has provided tickets to Orioles games for our CASA youth. It has always been a great adventure for the CASA Volunteer and his/her assigned child.

The first of two games' tickets donated gave Cory and Daryl the opportunity to see the Orioles play the Nationals! The CASA Volunteers, Greg and Sarah, prepared a picnic dinner for the boys (Cory can attest that "Mr. Greg" makes delicious tuna wraps — he ate four!), and they went to the

ballpark early to eat their dinner.

Daryl and Cory both looked like official fans with their new Orioles Nick Markakis t-shirts. The seats were amazing — right behind first base, a great vantage point to watch the game. The weather was beautiful and there was a very jubilant sellout crowd in attendance! Despite all the enthusiastic cheering from the CASA corner, the Orioles unfortunately lost to the Nationals but everyone was thrilled to see Adam Jones hit a homer! All is all, it was a wonderful evening for Cory and Daryl.



THE ART OF CARING (continued from page 1)

Maggie Marra, a current board member and CASA Volunteer, helped the event committee to plan the event and obtained several donations of art for the auction.

Francesca Siciliano, CASA Volunteer and board member, and her husband, **Mark Green**, also a CASA Volunteer, arranged for donations of food, wine, beer and art for the event. Both helped to set up the venue and clean up the venue too!!

There are so many other people who helped out in big and small ways and we are grateful to them all.

Art of Caring Committee

Edna K. Emmett, *Honorary Chairperson*
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Board Members: Sara Milstein, Jess Schiavone, Francesca Siciliano, and Dana Johns



Music by Troy Stuart and Friends

Artists

Edna K. Emmet, <i>Honorary Chair</i>	Anna DeBose Hankins	Joseph Murray
Okan Arabacioglu	Matty Hamilton	Heather O'Hara
Jennifer Becker	Bernhard Hildebrandt	Greg Otto
Andy Burger	J Clyde Jarvis	Laura Thul Penza
Claudia Cameron	Lyle Kissack	Ruth Pettus
Schroeder Cherry	Jennifer Lanzilotta	James Scherlis
Mark Cottman	Student of SJA (Jennifer Lanzilotta)	Albert Schweitzer
Sally Foster	Michelle La Perriere	Matthew Smith
Lynn Fuller	Cathy Layne	Nancy Valk
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		Ran Zeimer

Happy New Year! CASA of Baltimore ends Fiscal Year 2012

In fiscal year 2012, CASA of Baltimore:

- Served 217 children with 189 active volunteers,
- Received 830 inquiries about volunteering with the organization,
- Screened and trained 77 new volunteers, conducting 6 pre-service training classes.
- The majority of CASA Volunteer's recommendations made to court were reflected in the Court Order and the majority of CASA cases that closed had children living in permanent living arrangements.
- CASA of Baltimore met the match for a \$20,000 grant from the Weinberg Foundation and also received grant funding from AOC, CJAC, FCCIP, NCASA, VOCA, The David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation, Renewal Foundation, Constellation, PNC, and T.Rowe Price.
- CASA of Baltimore engaged in a partnership with CivicWorks for Americorps Volunteers who provided supervision to CASA volunteers and helped with volunteer recruitment.
- CASA of Baltimore held its 2nd Annual Art of Caring Art Auction and Reception at Load of Fun.
- CASA of Baltimore continued a collaborative relationship with CASA of Baltimore County to share in-service training opportunities for our CASA Volunteers

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A MONSTER OPPORTUNITY FOR CASA'S TJ

Monster Jam, sanctioned by the United States Hot Rod Association®, is the most popular monster truck tour, performing to over 4 million fans annually at the most prestigious arenas and stadiums throughout the world. Monster Jam® shows consist of three main fan-favorite elements – the pit party, racing and freestyle. Approximately 12 feet tall and about 12 feet wide, monster trucks are custom-designed machines that sit atop 66-inch-tall tires and weigh a minimum of 10,000 pounds. Built for short, high-powered bursts of speed, monster trucks generate 1,500 to 2,000 horsepower and are capable of speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. Monster trucks can fly up to 125 to 130 feet (a distance greater than 14 cars side by side) and up to 35 feet in the air.

Monster Jam: Path of Destruction returned to M&T Bank Stadium in June and CASA of Baltimore was made aware of an opportunity to request free tickets. TJ's CASA volunteer, Phillipa Shiels, submitted a request for free tickets. It required that TJ write an email which Phillipa sent. Phillipa tells what happened:

"I was assigned the case of 14 year old TJ in March this year. He was removed from his 3 siblings, mother and mother's boyfriend after consistent abuse and has spent a turbulent year moving from hospitals to foster homes. Although he cannot understand why his mother doesn't want him (!!) and why he cannot see his siblings who he loves dearly, he is now relatively settled in a loving home in

Baltimore with a foster brother of the same age. His medication has been modified to assist with mood swings and sleep, and he is happily settled at a new school, proudly taking ownership of his achievements.

TJ was beside himself with excitement at the possibility of winning the Monster Jam competition that was presented to us. He had to write a couple of sentences outlining why he wanted to ride a monster truck, which he sincerely did!

Please find the entry below from TJ, 14, who is in foster care and desperately wants to win tickets:

'Why do I want to ride on a monster truck. It fun and teach me how to drive. and park to learn my driving skills'.

I have copied his written word exactly, and ask that you bear in mind he has had a particularly rough start in life, and is most deserving of a lucky break!

Many thanks, Phillipa Shiels, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for TJ

I did my best to prepare him for the strong possibility that he would not win and when I received the winners' email I almost overlooked it as spam. He did not only win the tickets, but the GRAND PRIZE, the significance of which only became evident to us as the day unraveled!

We set off for Ravens Stadium wearing Grave Digger shirts!! TJ's reaction was priceless, bringing tears to the eyes of all those nearby. The winner's box included



merchandise from Grave Digger (favorite truck to win!) t-shirts, checkered flags, monster wheel ear muffs, food vouchers and truck ride tickets! We attended the Pit Party, took photos with various monster jam celebrities, and joined a long snaking line for a truck ride. After 10 minutes, a lady walked around asking for tickets - which we didn't have, but on handing her our winner's letter she whisked us to the front of the line and onto the truck! Wearing all his merchandise, TJ waved to the crowds like a celebrity - he was too adorable!! He did ask me if his win would be announced on TV!

We enjoyed a small tailgate in the car park and again he spoke to everybody who walked past. Upon entering the stadium our next surprise was our club class seating — TJ definitely won the jackpot! We enjoyed all sorts of snacks and sat on the edge of our seats throughout the show. Needless to say, TJ's Grave Digger won the show!

The day was a well deserved treat for a boy who has had to endure way more in his short life than anyone should in a lifetime. A very special boy! — Philippa"

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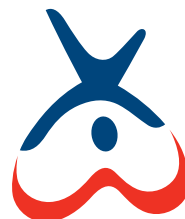
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