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To Whom It May Concern:

Please join us in celebrating Family Law CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocates) **ten years of amazing service** to our community by supporting the program as a sponsor of CASA's Annual Breakfast. During the breakfast we will look back and celebrate everything the program has accomplished over the last ten years and the leaders of the organization will share their vision for the next ten years. The breakfast is taking place on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 7:30AM-9:00AM at the **Sheraton Hotel** in Downtown Seattle. This event is attended by over 400 esteemed members of our community, including many in the legal community.

This event is CASA's largest event and is a vital source of income, providing a quarter of the annual operating budget. Your support will go directly toward CASA's one-of-a-kind child advocacy program. By using dedicated members of the community, CASA's volunteer advocates provide a voice in court for financially disadvantaged children caught in contested, high-conflict custody cases. CASA receives no government funding, so the mission is accomplished through the generous support of community minded individuals and businesses, like yours.

Family Law CASA serves more than 175 children each year, ensuring that each child will receive the best possible chance for a positive home environment after often enduring traumatic situations. More than half of the cases handled by Family Law CASA involve substance abuse, and more than half of the children served have been either witnesses to, or victims of, domestic violence. Additionally, many cases involve parents with diagnosed mental illness.

Your support of CASA's Breakfast will help ensure that all contributions raised at the event can be put directly toward giving children caught in high-conflict custody cases a chance to grow up in a safer, more nurturing, and risk-free home. Enclosed, you will find details on sponsorship opportunities. For more information contact **Dustin Johnson at 206-748-9700 #222** or djohnson@familylawcasa.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital organization and program. Together, we can give these at-risk children a voice in court.

Sincerely,

CASA Breakfast Committee

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SHERATON HOTEL (DOWNTOWN SEATTLE) · 7:30AM

Event Date: February 16, 2012

Sponsorship Deadline: February 1, 2012

Anticipated Attendance: 350-425 Guests

Exclusive Title Sponsor

\$7,500

- ◆ **Exclusive** title sponsor - your name will appear as presenting sponsor in all material
- ◆ Exclusive logo placement on the front of the invitation (mailed to 2,000 donors)
- ◆ **Premium** logo placement on save-the-date email
- ◆ Logo placement on CASA's main webpage and event page
- ◆ Logo on individual slide on scrolling overhead screen
- ◆ Special write-up in post event e-newsletter
- ◆ **Opportunity for remarks at the event**
- ◆ Includes one **front row** table at the breakfast (10 guests) *with option to add one additional table for \$1,000 (\$500 off)*

Gold Sponsorship

\$5,000

- ◆ Business name listed on **save-the-date** and event invitations (sent to 2,000 donors)
- ◆ Business name listed on website and **logo** placement on overhead scrolling slides
- ◆ Special recognition by emcee at the event
- ◆ One **prominently** placed table at the breakfast (seats 10 guests)

Silver Sponsorship

\$2,000

- ◆ Business name listed on event invitations (sent to 2,000 donors)
- ◆ Business name listed on website and business name (in print) on overhead scrolling slides
- ◆ Recognition by emcee at the event
- ◆ One table for up to 10 guests

Bronze Sponsorship

\$750

- ◆ Business name listed on event invitations (sent to 2,000 donors)
- ◆ Business name listed on overhead scrolling slides
- ◆ Recognition by emcee at the event
- ◆ Admission for one guest to the breakfast

For more information please contact Dustin Johnson, Director of Development at 206-748-9700
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10th Anniversary Breakfast Celebration!

Thursday, February 16th, 2012

Level of Sponsorship—Please check one:

- Title Sponsorship \$7,500
- Gold Sponsorship \$5,000
- Silver Sponsorship \$2,000
- Bronze Sponsorship \$750

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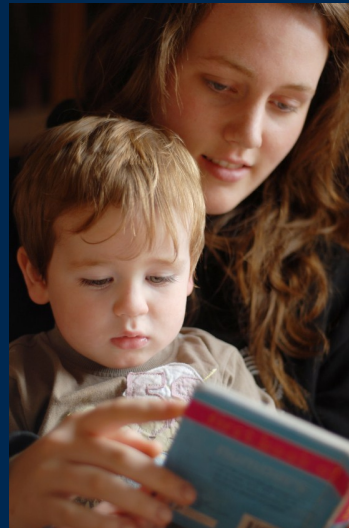
we need your help



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Please join us by making a donation today. 90 cents on every dollar goes toward giving children caught in the toughest custody cases a chance at a safer, more secure home life.

Family Law CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) of King County is funded entirely through private contributions. Without the support of our community, the program simply would not exist. Courts would be left to make decisions on the care of these children with very limited information.
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**Donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to:
811 First Avenue, Suite 201 Seattle, WA 98104
or by going to our website www.familylawcasa.org**

Individual gifts, sponsorship of CASA events, in-kind donations, and planned gifts are all vital sources of sustenance for the CASA program. For information on how you can donate, visit our web site or contact Dustin Johnson, Director of Development, at 206-748-9700 or by e-mail at djohnson@familylawcasa.org.

*Giving children a
voice in court*



what we do

Family Law CASA currently works with over 180 volunteer advocates who have undergone 21 hours of intensive training.

50-75 hours are spent by an advocate on an average case, often over a period of six months or more.

Family Law CASA is assigned 90-120 new cases each year, and we maintain 65-80 open cases at any given time.

Family Law CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) advocates in some of King County's toughest custody cases so that children have the best chance possible for a safer, more secure home life.

As the only program of its kind in King County, Family Law CASA's highly-trained volunteer advocates serve as a critical link between the courts, the families and the children caught in the middle. By providing the court with a comprehensive account of each child's life, our Court-Appointed Special Advocates bring clarity and insight to confusing and complex custody cases.

More than half of the cases handled by Family Law CASA involve substance abuse. More than half of the kids served are either witnesses to or victims of domestic violence, and three quarters are living in low-income homes.

who we are

Since our inception in 2003, Family Law CASA has trained over 180 volunteer advocates, who often spend over 50 hours of their own time investigating the toughest custody disputes.

Family Law CASA was founded by concerned community members who had seen first-hand the need for children in contested custody cases to have a voice in court. CASA advocates spend 21 hours in extensive training before they are assigned to a case. Once assigned, CASA advocates often spend 50 or more hours over 6 or more months interviewing parents, teachers, doctors, the child or children, and anyone else with useful insight, and reviewing background checks, chemical dependency reports, and medical records. The advocates submit a 15-20 page report, with recommendations, that are admissible in court. Advocates screen every case for domestic violence, evaluate the child for developmental or educational needs, and often provide referrals to services for the family and children.

Advocates are advised, supervised and supported by Family Law CASA staff members who are qualified and experienced in social work. The Executive Director, a licensed family law attorney, accompanies advocates in the courtroom and facilitates presentation and admission of the reports.

Family Law CASA handles over 100 cases and advocates for 150 children annually.

community quotes

"Thanks to the CASA program, I was able to 'hear from the child' and make the best decision possible."

- Retired King County Superior Court Judge

"In court, the judge relied heavily on the information in my report. To my joy, the judge accepted all my recommendations."

- Current CASA Advocate

"Remarkable insight on an extremely complex case involving serious mental health and domestic violence issues."

- King County Superior Court Judge



change a child's life

We are committed to providing an advocate for every child who needs one. Your support will help us achieve that goal. Both advocates and donations are always needed to expand the capacity of the program.

Advocates are essential to Family Law CASA and to the children we represent. Advocates range in age from 21 to 75 and feature diverse ages, ethnicities and religious backgrounds. Every one makes a huge commitment, but the reward of helping a child move toward a better life cannot be measured.

Those interested in becoming a CASA advocate should visit our web site at www.familylawcasa.org to learn more about our program. Applications and instructions are located in the "CASA Volunteers" tab.

Among the children we serve:

- 75% are children from low-income homes
- 20% are from households with a total income of \$20,000 or less per year
- 60% are allegedly subjected to substance abuse by adults in the household
- 59% are allegedly subjected to domestic violence between the adults in the household
- 24% have parents with alleged untreated mental health issues
- 53% are children 6 years old or under

