

# CASA Events, Trainings, and Other Opportunities

## March and April 2013:



In March, the CASA office has no scheduled closed days.

In April, the CASA office will be closed on **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### EVENTS AND TRAININGS

#### CASE REVIEW

Friendly reminder about case review! For those of you who did not attend case review last month or who have a hearing within the next 8 weeks, please RSVP for **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at noon or 5pm, or **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at noon or 5pm.

In April, case review will be held on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at noon or 5pm, and **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at noon or 5pm.

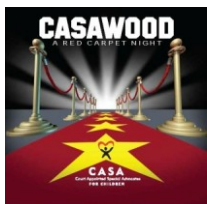
You may RSVP by calling the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) or by responding to the reminder emails. **Please don't forget to include your name and which time (either noon or 5PM) in the body of the email!**

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

In March, we have a Continuing Education Santa Rosa Junior College Bound Tour scheduled for **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 8:15am to noon at the SRJC Bertolini Student Services Center. Please RSVP by calling the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) or by responding to the reminder emails.



#### OTHER EVENTS



Our annual **Hearts for Children Dinner** on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**! It is coming up quickly and we would love to have you either attend as a guest or volunteer if you would like to help out. This Hearts for Children Dinner could not happen without our wonderful volunteers! Please call into the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) and let us know if you would like to help out or attend.



Our **CASAs Annual Reception** is on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-7:00pm. If you would like to join us in honoring our Board of Director and CASA Volunteers (you!) please just call into the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) or emails us at [omcasa@sonomacasa.org](mailto:omcasa@sonomacasa.org)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



Our **Resource Room** (in Classroom I, up the hall from the CASA office) is open and we have created it to be useful, fun, and inviting for CASAs and their youth to come and do crafts, games, homework, read, watch movies, etc. This room is stocked full of fun games, craft kits, art supplies, puzzles, blankets, books, movies, and more! We would like to welcome any CASAs and their youth to come take advantage of this room and its resources. Please just let us know if you plan on coming by calling into the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) to make sure it will be available for you.

- ♣ With **St. Patrick's Day** and **Easter** coming up this Resource Room would offer you the perfect location and tools to create some holiday related crafts!

We have already received several generous donations. We have a wish list of items that we would like to kindly request in order to complete the Resource Room! If you can help us obtain any of the items listed below we would greatly appreciate it! A **BIG** thank you to those of you who have donated items for our resource room!

- **Shelving Units/Book cases**
- **A large push cart for flat screen television**

## OUTING IDEAS

Check out <http://calendar.sonoma.com/> (click the family friendly box on the left to narrow down the search), <http://www.sonomacountyfair.com/events.php>, and also <http://www.sonomacounty.com/sonoma-events> for outing ideas with your youth each day of the month in Sonoma County. There are **free to low cost opportunities** like farmer's markets, music concerts, theatre shows, hikes, etc.

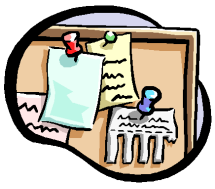
### Easter Outing Idea:

— March 30, 2013 - Sonoma County's Biggest Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Egg Hunt with 4 age appropriate hunts with jump houses and carnival games.

- **Hours:** 12:30pm - 5:00pm
- **Location:** Carnival Lot (at Sonoma County Fair Grounds) ~ Parking in Brookwood Lot
- **Admission:** Free
- **Organization:** Tree of Life Fellowship
- **Contact:** Terrie Johnson
- **Website:** [www.tolsr.org](http://www.tolsr.org)

Other Easter egg hunts that are offered locally can be found here:

<http://707.pressdemocrat.com/2012-03-28/featured/sonoma-county-easter-egg-hunts-2012>



\*Please take time when you stop by the CASA office to step into the hallway and browse our **bulletin board** and the **brochures** we have available (the bulletin is updated monthly and we are in the process of updating all of the brochures)\*



**Nancy Boy®**

We have the perfect **Spring** gift for you to give your loved one or yourself! We are selling our new Lavender product line (all packaged with a beautiful ribbon!). This project is made available in collaboration with [Nancy Boy Products](http://Nancy Boy Products). Special thanks are extended to Eric Roos, one of our CASA volunteers, for setting this collaboration up. All of the proceeds benefit the CASA program directly.



We still have available certificates for one free meal from Chili's kid's menu when an adult meal is purchased! (It is only available for kids 12 and under). These certificates are available on a first come, first serve basis and you are welcome to pick up a certificate for your youth or if you have a child or grandchild that is 12 and under you make take one for them as well! If you are interested, please call the office at [707.565.6375](tel:707.565.6375) or email us at [infocasa.sonomacasa.org](mailto:infocasa.sonomacasa.org) and we can let you know if certificates are still available.



We have an opportunity available to get a **bike** for your youth! We have several used bikes that are being reconditioned now and new bikes are occasionally donated to us. If your youth is interested in a bicycle please either call the office or email us and we will put you on our list (it is on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay!)

### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOYS!** We would like to let you know that if your male youth is in need of some clothing, we are here to help as well! Please contact the office for more information 707-565-6375



**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GIRLS!** We have an exciting opportunity if your CASA girl youth is in need of a dress for a special occasion (prom, school function, holiday recital, etc.)! For her community based service learning project, Natalie Piazza (a sophomore at Cardinal Newman High School), has opened a formal boutique for underserved girls of Sonoma County. Please contact her if you are interested in this opportunity by visiting: <http://www.promcloset.org/#!contact>



**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GIRLS!** A reminder that Threads for Teens is still accepting applications for CASA girls to shop! This is an excellent opportunity for your youth to pick out some fun fall season clothing. Allyson Ahlstrom, founder of Threads for Teens, has finished renovations and is open at her new location at 620 McClelland Dr., Windsor, 95492. If you are interested in nominating your youth, please visit the Threads for Teens website to submit your application: <http://www.threadsforteens.org/nominate/>



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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
Volunteer...become a CASA today  
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**Please share you experience with us!** A message from Millie: “With the hope of raising more awareness, I would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few moments to write a review for CASA of Sonoma County on the Great Nonprofits website. If we obtain enough reviews, our listing becomes more visible and higher on the directory of nonprofits. The more reviews we receive, the more potential we will have to be listed in other publications that Great Nonprofits has received media coverage in such as: Newsweek, the Chronicle of Philanthropy, Alliance magazine, and NPR . Your brief story (i.e. how you got involved, why you think CASA is important and your encouragement of the reader to get involved) will help us gain more visibility to expand our services in order to support more children. Please share your experience at: [CASA of Sonoma County](#). (Please keep in mind that these reviews are made visible to the public so keep it confidential). Thank you so much in advance. We are grateful of your support.” Visit our Great Nonprofit profile! <http://greatnonprofits.org/organizations/view/court-appointed-special-advocates-of-sonoma-county-inc>.

Sincerely,  
*Millie Gilson*  
Executive Director