



CASA Events, Trainings, and Other Opportunities

May and June 2013:

CASA office will be closed Monday, May 27th 2013 for the observance of Memorial Day.

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

CASE REVIEW

May Case Review: Wednesday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 22 at noon or 5 pm

June Case Review: Wednesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 19th at noon or 5 pm

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!**

Events

Saturday May 11th Human Race Rain or shine!

Human Race is an Annual event we attend every year. Amanda Mason our VS will be participating in this event. Her goal is to raise 5,000.00 for CASA. Please hit reply and make your contribution to Amanda's goal to run the full 10 k. Find out what the

Human Race is all about by visiting there website

<http://www.humanracenow.org/>. If you have questions about this event or how to participate (Because you can be a runner to and help collect pledges for CASA.) please do not hesitate to contact the office if you would like to contribute. Please check out CASA page.

<http://www.humanracenow.org/goto/SonomaCASA>

You may also make your donations at:

<http://www.humanracenow.org/goto/CASAofSonomaCounty1>

CASA office (707)-565-6375



Sonoma County's Fourth Annual 350 Home and Garden Challenge May 18-19, 2013

The Goal: 3,500 Actions to grow food; conserve water, save energy, green your ride, live local, build community.

How? Convert lawn to food. Install a grey water system. Hang a clothes line. Go Car-Free. Shop Local. Mobilize your neighbors. Have fun, be creative Register today! www.dailyacts.org (707) 789.9664.

Or if you have any questions please contact the CASA Office (707)565-6375



Lap Blanket to for Your Youth to snuggle up with

We have received some very nice donated lap blankets and we have them available for your youth. They are warm and fuzzy and a great snuggle buddy for your youth. This is something that your youth can call their own. If you are interested please call the CASA office at **707.565.6375**.



Earrings for Girls Available

Does your youth have a special event coming up, like a graduation or prom? Or would you like to give your youth a special gift? We have just received a wonderful donation of small earring. There are a limited number of earrings, so please contact your Volunteer Supervisor at 707-565-6375

Continuing Ed Training

Transitional Youth Opportunities Panel

When: Wednesday, June 5th 2013 at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: This Workshop will be held at Classroom A, Los Guillicos

Presented by: Jason Cater from Youth Connections
and

Monique Evens from Conservation Corps North Bay

What is Youth Connections? It is an education, work, readiness preparation, leadership development program designed to support port out-of-school youth ages 16-22.

Conservation Corps North bay is helps young people achieve their educational and career goals.

We can help you get somewhere - whether you are just out of college, or want to finish your high school diploma. We make the opportunity available to young adults in Marin and Sonoma Counties, regardless of background, language, income, or ability. Take your first step towards a better life.

Volunteer Opportunities

A message from our Training Coordinator Heloisa:

Dear Incredible CASAs:

In addition to our services to abused and neglected children, the CASA program works to provide community education and awareness concerning the issues of child abuse, neglect and child welfare policy, as well as to invite more community members to join the good CASA does.

One of the ways we outreach to our community is through informational booths. We are so excited that we will have a presence at the 2013 Wednesday Night Downtown Market in Santa Rosa.

With that in mind, we are reaching out to you to find out if you would like to join our effort and help us staff the booths.

These are the dates we need help with:

6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 8/7 and 8/14 from 5:00 to 8:30 pm.

I would like to have at least 2 people per day, so it makes it more fun, you can take breaks and enjoy the market as well. We have everything you will need ready here in the office.

Please let me know if you are able to help us out by replying to this email Heloisa at tccasa@sonomacasa.org or calling our CASA Office at 707-565-6375.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Please do not take or do any water activities with your youth *unless* there is a lifeguard present.
- Please remember when traveling outside of Sonoma County you will need to fill out an Authorization-Permission Visitation form. Please call the CASA office 707-565-6375. We can email it to you, or send it in the mail.

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. **ALL CASAS WHO BRING THEIR YOUTH TO OUR RESOURCE ROOM (CLASSROOM I) WILL RECEIVE A FREE CASA SHIRT.**

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.

Check out the Sonoma Family Life Magazine it also has some great activity ideas for you to do with your youth. Here is their website <http://www.sonomafamilylife.com/>



*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 **Mother's Day** 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](#). Special thanks 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 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 black and red beach cruiser bike that would be great for a teenager. We also have a bike for a girl around the age of 10 years old.(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/>

Each One, Reach One

Know a friend or family member who may want to become a CASA? Our next training will be held in the Fall September 19th and September 24th- September 26th. **Contact the CASA Office (707)-565-6375.**

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



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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