

# **EDDY COUNTY CASA**

**JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER** 

### <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> ARTESIA:

Eddy County Fair July 22-26

**CARLSBAD:** 

Board Meeting July 15

# DECEMBER STATISTICS

Total Cases 47

Total Kids Served 86

New Cases 4

New Children 9

Cases Dismissed 1

Children Adopted 0



## **WE APPRECIATE OUR JUNE SUPPORTERS!**

Altrusa International, State of NM Fifth Judicial District, American Warrior Contracting, and Milton's Brewery



I hope everyone had a great June! July has approached very fast. We would like to thank Ann Brannon, Angela Johnson, and Jeremy Vasquez for helping at the Milton Brewing Annual CASA fundraiser event. The event was a lot of fun and helped CASA raise \$595.00!!!

Office hours at the Artesia CASA office has changed to 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 12 pm on Friday. Hours may change from time to time depending on events and court hearings. The CASA office would like to welcome Candace Smith as the new Program Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator at the Artesia CASA office and Melissa Chavez as the new Assistant Director / Volunteer Coordinator. We are very excited to have them on board. In addition, we would like to welcome Dallas Silva, Sharon Metcalf, Danielle Langdon, and Ashley Denton, our four new volunteers.

Thank you for everything you do for the children,

Lori Hill



# Welcome To Our New Staff Member in Artesia!

Candace Smith will be our new Volunteer Coordinator in the Artesia Office. She is a married mother of 3 and has lived in Artesia for 10 years. Recently, she earned her Associates in General Studies. Candace previously worked for Artesia Public Schools as an and loves working with children. In her spare

time, she enjoys bike riding, running, camping, and crafting.

#### **National CASA News!**

The <u>CASA/GAL model</u> started more than 40 years ago, and in those decades, hundreds of thousands of committed volunteers, staff members, judges and others have made a lifelong difference to individual children.

Each year, through the Awards of Excellence, we honor a few people and programs that inspire us to become better, and to do better, on behalf of the children we all serve.

This year's winners were announced at our annual conference earlier this month. Here they are!

The **G.F. Bettineski Child Advocate of the Year Award** recognizes a volunteer who has made significant contributions to promoting the best interests of these children, and who supports the CASA/GAL program in their community.

This year's winner is **Mr. Jeff Sprinkle**, a volunteer for Northeast Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The **Kappa Alpha Theta Program Director of the Year Award**, named for one of our <u>long-term partners</u>, was created to recognize the exceptional work program directors do every day. The recipient of this award is someone who has taken significant actions to establish or expand a CASA/GAL program.

**Ms. Cynthia Chauvin** joined CASA of Hancock County five years ago and has since expanded program revenue by over 400 percent and achieved the goal of serving all children in foster care in the county.

The National CASA/GAL Association Board Member of the Year Award was created to honor an individual who exemplifies outstanding leadership and commitment to their CASA or GAL program through their role as a member of a board of directors or advisory council.

The Board Member of the Year is **Ms. Charlotte Burton**, a member of the board of CASA of Ohio Valley, a local program in Kentucky.

The **Promising Practices Spotlight** highlights a successful, replicable practice that exemplifies creativity in a program's pursuit to provide that quality advocacy.

This year, **Texas CASA** was recognized for its Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) program.

**The Honorable David W. Soukup Judge of the Year Award**, named for the founder of the CASA model, honors the outstanding contributions of a judge who has advanced the best interests of children through support of the CASA/GAL model.

**Judge Shawna Schwarz** of Santa Clara County Superior Court, Juvenile Division, in San Jose, California has been named Judge of the Year.

# RED, WHITE AND BLUEBERRY TRIFLE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 10 oz angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes\*
- 2 pints strawberries, sliced
- 2 pints blueberries

#### FOR THE CREAM FILLING:

- 6 tbsp fat-free sweetened condensed milk, I used Borden Eagle
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 1 4 oz package white chocolate or cheesecake instant pudding



#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 Whisk the condensed milk and water in a bowl
- 2 Whisk in the pudding mix for 2 minutes
  - 3 Let stand for two minutes or until soft-set; Fold in the whipped cream
  - 4 Arrange half the cake in the bottom of the trifle dish
  - 5 Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries
  - 6 Spread half the cream mixture over the blueberries (I pipe it using a plastic bag with the corner cut off)
  - 7 Top with a layer of strawberries
  - 8 Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberried, then add more blueberries and top with remaining cream mixture.
  - 9 Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries
  - 10 Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour

# JULY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	l	2	3	Happy  July	5	6
7	<sup>8</sup> Reports due	9 Leslie's Birthday!	10	Court 1:30	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Stephanie's birthday!	<sup>22</sup> Reports due	23	24	Court 1:30	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## **Special Events**

Court reports due: July 8th & 22nd Court day: July 11th & 25th

## **July Birthdays**

Leslie: July 9th Stephanie: July 21st