



CASA E-News *SPRING 2010*

CASA Volunteer Training

Spring 2010 Training

Apr 26 – May 12 M/W 4:00 – 7:30pm
CASA – 100 Grove St., Worcester, MA

Position Available – The CASA Project currently has an opening for a Case Supervisor. For more information including a Job Description and Application, please contact Sue Ellen Scrogin, Director at SScrogin@thecasaproject.org or 508-757-9877.

The CASA Project 29th Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Worcester Trial Court, Third Floor Jury Pool Room.

The CASA Project is extremely proud that Michael Edgerton, Chief Justice of the Juvenile Court Department and Martha Grace, Former Chief Justice of the Juvenile Court Department will be with us at this meeting.

We have long been aware of the caliber and service of our CASA volunteer and this will be our chance to introduce our volunteers to the new Chief Justice. In addition, awards will be presented to the foster family, CASA volunteer and community child advocate whose services over the past year demonstrate

particularly tireless and outstanding efforts on behalf of our children.

Refreshments and musical entertainment will be provided, so please join us to celebrate the good work of our most valued resources; the volunteer.

Community Notes

United Way Pub Quiz

The United Way Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton asks **Are you the sharpest tool in the shed?** Let's find out at the 3rd annual Pub Quiz. May 1, 2010 at the Cohasse Country Club, 7:00PM. Space is limited to the first 25, four member teams, \$80 per team, so **make a reservation for your team today!** For more information or registration, please contact Bonnie Losavio, United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton, Inc, 508-765-5491 or unitedwayssc@verizon.net

RSVP Volunteers - The RSVP

Worcester Area Volunteer Program is celebrating its **38th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon** to honor over **500 hundred senior volunteers** at the Crowne Plaza on May 17, 2010. Please contact your RSVP coordinator for more information.

Earth Day Festival, at the EcoTarium, Friday April 23rd from 10 am – 4 pm. Please come and enjoy live music, activities, novelty food and the Recycled Bottle Challenge.

Also, the Annual REC Earth Day Cleanups are just around the corner. The City of Worcester is proud to work with the Regional Environmental Council

(REC) to continue the Earth Day Clean-Up tradition, now in its 21st year. This year's Annual REC Earth Day Cleanups will be held on Saturday, May 1st, from 8:00a.m – 12:00 pm.

One day each year the City of Worcester, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and resident volunteers come together to give our city a much-needed spring cleaning. Earth Day cleanups help improve our neighborhoods through the power of our combined effort! You can participate in several ways:

- Sign up to be a Site Coordinator: select a site to clean (as an individual or organization) and recruit volunteers to help on Earth Day;
- Volunteer to work at an existing site on Earth Day;
- Volunteer to help REC coordinate Earth Day.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Katz, REC Earth Day Coordinator, at 508-799-9139 or earthday@recworchester.org.

Stand Against Racism! The Worcester YMCA is sponsoring a rally on Friday, April 30th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Rain or Shine. The YMCA invites the community to join Fran Manocchio, Director of Human Rights and Disabilities, City of Worcester and YWCA Board Member, and Valeria Damon Washington, intern – for the Public Stand and Community Rally at City Hall Common.

This is a free event and open to the public! The Public Stand and Rally will feature entertainment/performances, information tables, and speakers. The rally will have a “physical stand” where everyone will join hands around the

common and pledge to Stand Against Racism.

The Worcester Art Museum - The Worcester Art Museum summer brochure and youth scholarship applications are now available. The application deadline is May 1st for the summer session. This could be a great opportunity for the children we serve. Applications must be signed by a parent or guardian and each section of the form must be completed. Referral letters are required for new applicants and must be renewed yearly for returning students.

The WAM will offer bus transportation for scholarship students within the City of Worcester for the first session of classes this summer: Monday-Friday, July 12-16, 19-23, 2010. This is the only session that will offer transportation.

Applications are processed in the order they are received and we cannot guarantee a student's first choice in classes, but we will do our best. For information please contact Suzanne Smith SuzanneSmith@worchesterart.org or 508-799-4406 ext 3150.

The United Way – Women's Initiative
Mark your calendar for the following events sponsored by The Women's Initiative of United Way of Central Massachusetts:

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Worcester Technical High School – A girls' health fair and a special keynote presentation by, Jean Kilbourne, author of "So Sexy So Soon."

Girls Inc. Wednesday, May 5, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. *A light meal will be provided*

Girls Inc. and the Women's Initiative will be working in partnership to bring girls, moms, adult care givers and mentors together for a special, one evening financial literacy workshop to learn the basics of budgeting using the fun and interactive "Budget Savvy" tool. *RSVP* Kate Myshrall 508-757-5631 ext.251.