



## Speak Up for a Child



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**Save the date**  
Bergen County CASA's  
5th Annual  
"Stand Up For Children"  
Comedy Night



Please join us on  
Thursday, April 7, 2011 at  
The Graycliff,  
122 Moonachie Ave in  
Moonachie, NJ



### A Look Back On 2010

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make 2010 a successful and rewarding year for Bergen County CASA.

This past year we were able to serve 118 children in foster care through the help of 89 volunteers who were looking out for their best interests. These 89 dedicated volunteers donated over 7,425 hours which calculates to \$187,250. This number is based on The Independent Sector's value of volunteer time in NJ. That is almost \$200,000 that CASA was able to save the county/state.

Out of those 118 children, CASA was able to help 27 of them reach permanency. Specifically 11 children were reunited with a biological parent, 10 children were adopted, 4 children's cases were finalized through Kinship Legal Guardianship and 2 children were placed in Independent Living arrangements.

Silent auction and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00pm  
3-course sit-down dinner will begin at 7:15pm followed by comedy show

Tickets are \$100 each.

Reserve your seats now by contacting Chrystal Henion at [chrystal@bergencasa.org](mailto:chrystal@bergencasa.org) or 201-336-7520.



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In 2010 we held 21 information sessions and 3 volunteer trainings. From these 3 training we swore in 46 new CASA advocates who will serve additional children in need.

Without the hard work and dedication from our volunteers, board of directors, staff and supporters we could not have had such a wonderful year at CASA and more importantly made such a difference in the lives of so many of our counties most vulnerable children. We hope with your continued support to serve even more children in 2011.

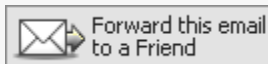
**"Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"**

### Go Green for Bergen County CASA!



Want to save the environment and make money for CASA? Bergen County CASA is collecting empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones to recycle. With over 300 million cartridges thrown away last year alone, this presents a great opportunity to fundraise! Please bring your empty ink/toner cartridges and old cell phones to the CASA office.

Please keep this program in mind when it comes time to dispose your empty ink from your business, company or office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Thank you in advance for your support!



Bergen County Court Appointed Special Advocates (BCCASA) is an independent, non-profit organization of professionals and trained volunteers who have been appointed by the NJ Family Court to advocate for children removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. BCCASA works to ensure that needed services and assistance are made available to these children while helping to move them toward safe and permanent homes.