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Bergen CASA is happy to announce our new class of volunteers!

We would like to announce 11 new volunteer advocates joining us in providing support for the children in foster care from our community.

These volunteers were sworn in by Judge Mizdol on February 23rd at the Bergen County Court House.

Bergen County CASA would like to welcome our new advocates: Jocelyn Dreier,

"Stand Up For Children" CASA's 5th Annual Comedy Night

Our annual **Comedy Night** will be held on **Thursday, April 7, 2011** at the Graycliff, 122 Moonachie Road in Moonachie, NJ, beginning at **6:00pm**.



Due to the continued budget constraints and the ever growing need for more volunteers, Bergen County CASA continues to look for additional ways to raise funds to meet our goal of one CASA volunteer for every child in Bergen County that needs one. We are currently able to serve **33%** of the over 300 abused and neglected children that could use our help. It is our goal to make up for the shortfall of money by conducting fundraising events.

The event will include a 3-course sit-down dinner and silent auction, which will contain some hard-to-find sports memorabilia, a chance to own a Jaguar for the weekend and lots more! The evening will be capped off with professional comedians.

Ridgewood; Angelica
Escribano, Belleville; Wanda
Ferraiola, Tenafly;
Morgan Gonzalez, Lodi;
Marilyn Gordon, Paramus;
Elsa Levi, Teaneck;
Lucy Rosen, Harrington Park;
Diane Weiss, Montvale;
Lisa Valdez, Edgewater;
Wanda Withers, Teaneck; and
Amy Zimmerman, Park Ridge.

These 11 volunteers join a
dedicated group, bringing the
number of CASAs in the county
to 83.

CONGRATULATIONS!



How you can help?

Attend the event! We promise you will eat well and
certainly laugh out loud.

Ask businesses you know or that are in your town
to **sponsor the event** or place an **ad in our journal**. It is
always easier to start with places you frequent like your
hair dresser/barber, dentist, accountant, etc.

Collect **donations for the auction**. Ask local businesses to
donate items. Keep in mind no item is too small. We can
always put different items together to make a basket. **Plus
we always need baskets so if you have some that you can
donate that would be great!**

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

For more information about CASA visit our website!

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