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Dinner and Auction to Benefit Bergen's Foster Care Children

On April 7, 2011, Bergen County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will hold its fifth annual "Comedy Night" fundraising dinner and auction to benefit the county's most vulnerable children; those in foster care.

The fundraiser will feature a cocktail hour and silent auction of valuable products and services beginning at 6pm. Followed by a three-course sit-down dinner beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Graycliff, 122 Moonachie Ave in Moonachie. The evening will be capped off by a professional comedian show.

Tickets are \$100 each, with all proceeds to directly assist CASA in recruiting, training and supervising volunteers from Bergen County. Bergen County CASA volunteers help the county's abused and neglected children receive proper services while in foster care. Volunteers also advocate for the best interest of children to ensure they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

CASA is a private, nonprofit organization serving children throughout Bergen County. Today, the organization is able to serve about one-third of more than 300 abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes by court order for their own protection. More funding would allow more volunteers to help more children. Since its opening seven years ago, Bergen CASA and its community volunteers have served more than 250 abused and neglected children countywide.

Tickets for "Comedy Night" are available by calling 201-336-7520, with checks payable to Bergen County CASA, One Bergen County Plaza, Suite 440, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Those interested in donating an item/service for the auction are asked to call Chrystal Henion, CASA Development Assistant, at the same number or email her at chrystal@bergencasa.org.

Please consider joining your neighbors for a night of fun and laughter, with proceeds to support our community's most precious resource.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and its trained volunteers speak on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system and are dedicated to ensuring these children are placed in safe and permanent homes as quickly as possible. CASA programs are located throughout NJ. To find your local CASA program, please contact CASA of NJ at 609-695-9400
