

# SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASA/GAL PROGRAM, INC



## ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended October 31, 2005

### 2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Ann Schilling

2005 was our program's second year of accepting abuse and neglect cases within the Sixth Judicial District. Our volunteer pool has grown this year to 29 individuals and 2005 has seen our program's volunteers assigned to a total of 38 children. The program is very proud to have been able to meet 100% of all the cases within our district.

Procedurally we have focused on a marketing plan with fundraising remaining a priority. We have worked on developing strong partnerships with both local and state governmental agencies. We have continued to maintain and work on our strong financial plan through education, public awareness and creating strong partnerships. Our Board has seen some changes as we continue to work towards developing a strong and active board. We are striving to develop ways to include volunteers in the overall operations of the organization. We will continue to concentrate our efforts on the recruiting, training and support of all our valuable volunteers.

We have been very fortunate to be awarded a grant from the State Court Assessment Program (CAP) for a second year for \$4,000. We received a \$6,000 grant from United Way of Greater Gallatin Area. In addition our program has received \$10,000 from Park County and \$5,000 from Sweet Grass County as part of their charge to support their county's health, safety, and welfare of it's youth in need of care. We were also fortunate to be awarded a grant from the State Department of Public Health and Human Services for computer equipment to be used for continuing education of our volunteers.

Additionally the program has received \$3,200 for case reimbursements and \$6,086 in individual, business and community donations.

Sharon Walker of Montana Edge continues to support our program by donating office space and Julie Killorn of Insty-Prints continues to donate the bulk of all the programs printing needs. Hats off to both of these individuals!

Thanks to a grant from National CASA, 2005 saw Program Director Ann Schilling and Program Treasurer Robin Hoggan Ebinger traveling to Atlanta to attend the National CASA Convention where they attended numerous program enrichment seminars. 2005 also saw Program Director Ann Schilling being appointed as Montana's rural representative and traveling to San Antonio to attend a Director's conference. Ann was also appointed to a position on our State Board of Directors.

August once again saw Honorable Nels and Debra Swandal host our annual volunteer appreciation barbeque at their home.

September of 2005 saw the State CASA Program hosting their first annual Park2Park bicycle fundraiser which passed through our county. Our Program's Board along with individual donors hosted a dinner for the riders and helped coordinate several other events within the county.

Estimated Volunteer Hours for 2005 are approximately 2,800 hours with a value of \$42,000 not including Board participation.

# SIXTH JUDICIAL CASA/GALS

Voices in court for our community's abused and neglected children

Nancy Beebe	Suzie Bohleen	Carl Brooke
Penny Hart Brooke	Greg Coleman	Jan Dawson
Jane Esp	Grant Farr	Nancy Gilbert
Shirley Hafner	Lisa Held	Robin Hoggan Ebinger
Debra Keller	Julie Killorn	Lucy Kincaid
Michelle Landers	Debra Lewis-Rust	Irene Longfellow
Gail McCormick	Jack McInerney	Matia Ann Michaelson
Barbara Norman	PiksiYaki	Robin Phillips
Rita Rozier	Ann Schilling	Tom Shellenberg

***Presenters for  
Continuing  
Education for our  
CASA Volunteers***

*Honorable David  
Monaco, 5th District  
Couth of Appeals; Pam  
Frazier, Community  
Health Partners;  
Rebecca Adams,  
Parents Let's Unite for  
Kids (PLUK); Dr. Leah  
Arrandale and Dr.  
Christine Hillegass;  
Kelly Voyich; Missouri  
River Drug Taskforce*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
Donations Individual/Business	6,086	0	6,086
Park County	10,000		10,000
Sweet Grass County	5,000		5,000
Private Foundations	3,270		3,270
United Way	6,000		6,000
CAP Grant	4,000		4,000
DPHHS Grant	0	1,500	1,500
Case Reimbursements	3,200	0	3,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,556</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>39,056</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Rent	668	0	668
Telephone	808	0	808
Supplies	476	0	476
Training	246	0	246
Postage	398	0	398
Printing/Copies	310	0	310
Promotion	294	0	294
Travel	0	2,360	2,360
Outside Contractor	1,000	9,812	10,812
Insurance, Dues	1,269		1,269
Payroll	14,998	0	14,998
Other	100	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,567</b>	<b>12,172</b>	<b>32,739</b>
<b>Cash on hand Nov 1, 2004</b>			<b>19,140</b>
<b>Cash on hand Oct 31, 2005</b>			<b>34,211</b>

The Sixth Judicial District  
CASA/GAL Program is a  
member of both the National  
CASA Association and the  
State CASA Association

# Our Supporters Make Our Work Possible

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 Dana Taylor



Elenor  
Wend



Penelope  
Wilson  
Suzanne

Wilson  
Chloris



Guth  
Zimmerman

*"Children whose  
 pasts have been  
 chaotic and  
 whose futures are  
 uncertain, the  
 CASA volunteer  
 may be the most  
 consistent  
 presence in their  
 lives."*

*Anna Quinlan,  
 Newsweek columnist  
 and CASA celebrity  
 advocate*

## STATISTICS

### CHILDREN

Our total number of children served is 38. 23 female and 15 male. Their ages were 19 from birth to 5; 14 from 6-11; 5 from 12-17; and 0 are 18 and above. The total number of children whose cases were closed in 2005 was 14. All 14 were returned to family.

### VOLUNTEERS

We swore in eleven new volunteers in 2005 for a total of 29.

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CASA/GAL BOARD**

**John Hykes**  
*Chair*

**Barbara Norman**  
*Secretary*

**Robin Hoggan Ebinger**  
*Treasurer*

**Patricia Stetson Agnew**

**Nancy Gilbert**

**Rev. David Gunderson**

**Troy Redmon**  
*Advisor*

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## **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Sixth Judicial District CASA/GAL Program, Inc is to provide specifically selected and trained community volunteer Guardian Ad Litem to work on behalf of abused and neglected children within our court system and to undertake any and all activities necessary for the promotion for these children's best interest, including but not limited to health, safety and welfare.

### **What a CASA Does**

CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children. Advocacy for individual children is provided by volunteers who have been carefully screened, trained, and supervised.

There are four key aspects to their advocacy: investigation, mediation, reporting, and monitoring. By conducting their own investigation of the facts, CASA volunteers get to know and understand the

child and the family. Allowing them to make recommendations to the Court which are well grounded. By finding and sharing this information, the volunteer can often help bring the parties together around a practical plan for the child. And while the child is waiting for a safe home, the volunteer can watch over the implementation of the plan so the child finds that home as quickly as possible.