

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASA/GAL PROGRAM, INC.



ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended October 31, 2007

2007 YEAR IN REVIEW

Ann Schilling

2007 has seen some huge growth and changes for our Program. In February we hired a new part time Program Administrator, in May we moved into a new office space and traveled to Orlando. We also gained 2 new board members and continue to meet 100% of all the *Youth in Need of Care* cases within our district!

This was our program's fourth year of accepting abuse and neglect cases within the Sixth Judicial District. Our volunteer pool has remained at a steady 30 volunteers.

Our program's volunteers have been assigned to a total of 48 children. The program is very proud to meet 100% of all the cases within our district.

Procedurally we focused on a marketing plan with public awareness and education of the CASA program as our top priority. We published the Child Abuse Hotline Number in our four local community newspapers and a CASA Child Advocacy Ad within these same papers. We ran public awareness ads on local radio stations and collaborated with the State CASA office and the Yellowstone County CASA Program to develop a CASA ad that aired on Yellowstone Public Radio stations for 6 months. We continued to disperse our Program's case statements throughout the communities and to develop strong partnerships with both local and state government agencies. All of this paid off in increased donations and recognition throughout the community.

Our annual "Bugle for Kids" was once again hosted by Tom Brokaw, of the West Boulder Ranch and Randall Tobias, of the Twelve Springs Ranch. All proceeds from this event, roughly \$9,000, went directly towards our program. We were again very fortunate to be awarded a grant of \$6,000 from the Greater Gallatin United Way and our program once more received \$10,000 from Park County and \$5,000 from Sweet Grass County as part of their charge. Additionally, the program was the recipient of a grant from the Court Assessment Program in the amount of \$4,500. Case reimbursements from the State Supreme Court are now being handled differently and our program, being considered medium- size, will be receiving \$21,000 annually to be distributed on a quarterly basis.

Additionally, the program has received \$13,500 in individual, business and community donations.

Thanks to a Court Assessment Grant the Program hired Maureen Byrne in mid-February as a part-time Program Administrator. She has a B.A. in English and a Masters in Accounting. Her professional experience includes corporate public relations, marketing, accounting, and office management.

Our Board has seen some changes with Mimi Cremer from Big Timber and Donald Gimbel from Livingston joining the group. Both bring to the board strong business and organizational skills as well as fundraising abilities. Our board lost two members this year - John Hykes and Bob Peebles both have new job commitments out of our area which have made it difficult for them to continue to serve on the board. We wish them both good luck and will miss their insight and direction to the CASA Program. Our board continues to work towards developing strong leadership capabilities and endeavors to keep the CASA mission out in the forefront of its district. We will continue our efforts on recruiting, training, and the support of all our valuable volunteers.

This year the Program sent me, Program Treasurer Robin Hoggan Ebinger, and volunteer Melaine Roe to Orlando to attend the National CASA Convention. I sat on two panels that gave presentations to the general convention attendees. One dealt with the program survey that our program developed along with CommonWeal Consulting titled "Perception is Reality" and the other was a panel of Program Directors from throughout the United States who were asked to answer questions concerning the development of their respective programs. In September Maureen and I attended the "Train the Trainers" workshop put on by the National CASA Association. I continue to serve on the National Board of Rural Directors and on the State CASA Board of Directors.

Julie Killorn of Insty-Prints continues to donate the bulk of our Program's printing needs. This is a tremendous gift and savings to our program. This along with our other donors and supporters truly shows to all of us and the community that **working together we can make a difference!**

WE THANK ALL OF YOU!



**Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner
and new Volunteer
Swearing In**

Hosted at the home of
Board Chair Rev. David
Gunderson.

**Volunteer Training
Topics Included**

*Americorp: Educational
Opportunities for Older
Youth at Risk*

*Dr. Bruce Perry - The
Impact of Childhood
Trauma on Brain
Development*

*Tom Stenzel—Conflict
Resolution*

*Dr. Gordon Neufeld—Hold
On To Your Kids*

Daniel Hughes—Workshop

*Dyadic Developmental
Psychotherapy*

*Sabrina Bates—Sometimes
Society Fails*

*PLUCK—Dealing Effectively
with Child's IEP Team*

The Sixth Judicial District
CASA/GAL Program is a
member of both the
National CASA
Association and the State
CASA Association.
The program is also a
member of the Montana
Non-Profit Association.

OUR MISSION



The mission of the Sixth Judicial District CASA/GAL Program, Inc is to provide specifically selected and trained community volunteer Guardians 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.

SIXTH JUDICIAL CASA/GALS

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

Nancy Beebe	Suzie Bohleen	Gary Boone
Carl Brooke	Penny Hart Brooke	Greg Coleman
Jan Dawson	Jane Esp	Nanci Evans
Pam Frazier	Dale Garrett	Nancy Gilbert
Judy Harris	Lisa Held	Robin Hoggan Ebinger
Julie Killorn	Michelle Landers	Debra Lewis-Rust
Irene Longfellow	Jan Lukenbill	Gail McCormick
Jack McInerney	Debra Merrill	PiksiYaki
Robin Phillips	Melanie Roe	Rita Rozier
Ann Schilling	Tom Shellenberg	Greg Strong
Wyoma Terland		

STATISTICS

CHILDREN

Total number of children served was 48. 23 of the 48 had at least one parent involved in methamphetamine. 0 to 5 Years—21, 6 to 11 years—12, and 12 to 18—15. 15 children's cases were closed, 1 child was adopted and 14 children were returned home.

VOLUNTEERS

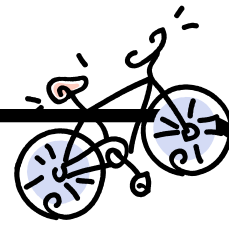
We swore in four new volunteers in 2007 for a total of 30. Total volunteer hours in 2007 were 1,670 valued \$60/hour reflecting a \$100,200 savings to the State. This figure does not reflect Board or administrative volunteer hours.

Our Supporters Make Our Work Possible

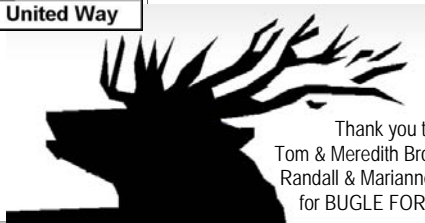
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 Bank Of The Rockies
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 -Shields Valley
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 Darrel & Tracy Beattie
 Floyd Berggren
 Joanne & Billy Berghold
 Big Timber Pioneer
 Francis & Sandra Blake
 Dusty & Sandra Bourque
 Tom & Meredith Brokaw
 Jan Brown
 Janie Camp
 Monty & Jan Casebolt
 Leslie Chambers
 Citizen's Bank & Trust
 Lynn Coffman
 Colmey Veterinary
 Jeff Cowell
 Evelyn Cranston
 Lynn Crawford
 Mary Ellen Cremer
 Tom & Nancy Danaher
 David Rust Carpet Cntr
 Dick Perry Horse
 Shoeing
 Jon Dodson
 Elise Donahue
 Jim Drew
 Richard and Priscilla
 Dysart
 Bob and Robin
 Hoggan Ebinger
 Bob & Dolly Elm
 Brian Engle
 Heidi and Matt Feldtman
 Andrew & Victoria Field
 George & Doris
 Davis Gallagher
 Roger & Jane Gardner
 Ellen & Don Gimbel

Shari Graham
 David Groff
 Ann Hollowell
 Cora Hart
 Carl & Penny
 Hart-Brookes
 Fred Henry
 Eleanor Jacobs
 Kathy & Dean Jehowski
 Robert & Stacy Jovick
 Jumpin' Trout Java, LLC
 Greg Kaltreider
 Kirk & Connie Michels
 and KMA, Inc.
 Doug Lair
 Michelle Landers
 Sabrina & Christopher
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 Hardware
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 Toni & Jim Lusk
 Peter & Ann MacKenzie
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 James McGehee
 Vernon McIntyre
 Patricia Meier
 Buck Mitchell
 Darrell Norskog
 Andrew & Stacey Orton
 Fred & Anita Paoli
 Judy Phariss
 Thomas & Pam Purcell

Tracy & David Raich
 Parks Reece
 Seann Rooney
 Nicki Rosenthal
 Jeff Sargent
 Heather Sarrazin
 Stuart Schilling
 Scott Schumacher
 Tom Shellenberg
 Ann Sherwood
 Sky Federal Credit Union
 David Stanley, Jean
 Keffeler, & Stake
 Foundation
 Ray Stenberg
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 The Randall L. &
 Marianne W.
 Tobias Fund
 Richard VanAken
 Don Vancil
 Dan and Lynn Vermillion
 Sharon Walker
 Montana Edge
 Sarah and Geoff Walton
 Brian Webb
 Tom and Arlene Weyl
 Kerry Wilson
 Suzanne Wilson
 Cody Wood
 Chloris Zimmerman
 Cynthia & Ned
 Zimmerman



September 2007 saw the State CASA Program hosting their third annual Park2Park bicycle fundraiser that again passed through our county. Our Program sponsored local rider Sharon Sweeney Fee on the 5 day marathon that took the riders from Glacier Park to Yellowstone Park following Highway 89. Honorable Nels Swandal and wife Debra hosted lunch at their home for the 45 riders. Our Board and volunteers, along with individual donors, hosted a dinner complete with entertainment and refreshments.



Thank you to Tom & Meredith Brokaw and Randall & Marianne Tobias for BUGLE FOR KIDS

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASA/GAL BOARD

Rev. David Gunderson
Chair
October 31, 2008

Toni Lusk
Secretary
October 31, 2008

Robin Hoggan Ebinger
Treasurer
October 31, 2008

Mary Ellen (Mimi) Cremer
October 31, 2009

Donald Gimbel
October 31, 2010

Troy Redmon
Advisor

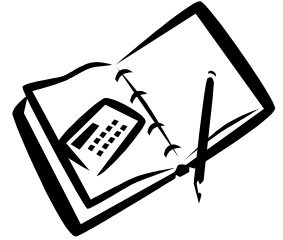
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CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Total

Support and Revenue

Donations Individual/Business	20,459
Park County	10,000
Sweet Grass County	5,000
Private Foundations	3,000
United Way	6,000
State Grants	4,500
Case Reimbursements	7,870
Interest/Miscellaneous	<u>5,776</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>62,605</u>

Expenses

Volunteer Training	1,990
Volunteer Travel	921
Volunteer Development	503
Volunteer Recruitment	1,550
Volunteer Insurance	1,670
Total Volunteer Expense	6,634
Rent/Utilities	2,450
Telephone/Internet	1,587
Supplies	1,918
Training	923
Postage	501
Printing/Copies	310
Promotion	2,812
Travel	1,145
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	261
Dues/Subscriptions	419
Payroll & Related Expenses	23,794
Other	1,140
Organizational Expense	269
Park2Park	<u>768</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>44,931</u>