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Hello and Happy Thursday to you all!

Sponsors needed!

We are working very hard to plan for Christmas already. Yes, you can believe it! What can you do to help us?

We are currently looking for businesses that will sponsor us in several different ways. We need some to allow us to put up a small Christmas tree to receive donations, people to sponsor us monetarily, etc. Is there a vendor that you frequent? A business that you have been going to forever? Wouldn't it be nice if they could support you since you have been supporting them?

June CASA Connections

Our next CASA Connections will be held Wednesday, June 12 at the CASA of SoLA office. The meeting will be conducted by our own Paula Andrus. It will be from 5:30 to 6:30. Please [sign up here](#).

Here are a few words about this from Paula:

" During our state audit, it was revealed that we need to improve the way we make Contact Log Entries. The following document will explain some of the changes."

What is the change? 1. The advocate will enter a note that addresses the 5 Ws. (You don't need to list them, just make sure it is clear who you contacted, what was discussed or observed, why you initiated the contact, where and when it took place.) 2. The supervisor will read the note, and if clarification is needed, the supervisor will not approve the note but will add a supervisory note indicating contact with the volunteer. 3. The volunteer will receive an email or phone call from the supervisor. 4. The supervisor will add clarification notes to the original note after discussion (or email correspondence) with the advocate. 5. The supervisor will approve the note. How does this change affect you? a. You will be guided by your supervisor to create fact-based observation notes in contact logs that are not biased. b. You are now being asked to set aside some time every week to look at Optima and assure yourself that your notes are being approved. c. You will have more communication with your supervisor than you do now. If you have any questions, please contact your Advocate Supervisor, Chelcie Jones, Kabrina Bland, or Kade Turner.

Book Club!!!

" To the end of June "by Cris Beam. Sign up [here](#). It will be held June 14, 9:30 a.m. at the CASA of SoLA office. This should be a great discussion, so don't miss it!

Great news on the homefront!

We are very proud to announce that our own Kade Turner has moved into the position of Lead Advocate Supervisor here at CASA of SoLA. Kade will continue to be a voice in our community as well as overseeing our other Advocate Supervisors while managing a caseload of his own. The proud native of Thibodaux, LA, and graduate of UL Lafayette, has been with CASA for almost two years. In that short time, he has proved that he is dedicated, inspiring, and motivated. We look forward to seeing what Kade continues to bring to the table.

More exciting news!! Bikes to give away!!

CASA of SoLA is partnering with ***Fostering the Love*** for a bicycle giveaway in June! There will be a total of 30 bikes to give away. Please [sign in here](#) for a chance at a bike. Details are on the form.

Fundraising Meeting

We are having a fundraising planning meeting Friday, May 31, 8 a.m., here at the CASA of SoLA office, Please feel free to join us with any of your great ideas. Hope to see you there!

CASA Merchandise !!!

Check out our CASA Merchandise that is available at the office, first come, first serve! The totes are available for a donation of \$10.00 each and the water bottles (Comes in a box with a bottle brush to clean it) are \$25.00. Both make great gifts! Come by and see them in person. See the attached below:

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Last, but not least, please log your in-service hours into Optima. These must be completed before July 1 or we will be penalized. If you have any questions or need help, please contact your Advocate Supervisor.

I hope you all have a fabulous day! We appreciate you!

With CASA Love,



Beth R. Delcambre

Volunteer Coordinator