



To give a child a **CASA**
is to give them a **VOICE**,
to give them a voice is to
give them **HOPE**, to give
them hope is to give them
the **WORLD**.

Schreiber Classic provides much needed funds for CASA

When we at CASA heard that we had been chosen by **Schreiber Foods** as one of the two beneficiaries to receive the proceeds from their 2011 Schreiber Charity Golf Classic, we all did the “happy dance”! And with good reason.

Monday, July 25th dawned bright and warm—a gorgeous day for golf—and we were at Oneida Golf & Country Club to let Schreiber’s suppliers and partners know all about CASA of Brown County. Unity Hospice was the other charity chosen to share the proceeds from this incredible event that is in its 21st year!

What many people might not know is that Schreiber foots the bill for all of the expenses involved in the golf outing, allowing all of the sponsorships and donations from their suppliers to go to the chosen charity(ies) without any overhead! Wow, that is an



Executive Director Connie Greenawald accepts a \$100,000 check from Schreiber Foods CEO Michael Haddad!

Sean Hermans photo

incredible act of generosity, and the children who benefit from CASA services are the true winners.

This fun-filled, fantastic day on the course for Schreiber’s generous partners and suppliers resulted in a whopping \$100,000 to CASA of Brown County to help the children right here in our community who need it most.

We are thrilled to be able to use a portion to create an endowment fund for the long-term future of this organization, and we sincerely thank Schreiber, the suppliers, and of course, those Schreiber partners who are CASA Volunteer Advocates!

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Schreiber golfers, partners, and CASA staff watch as a golfer attempts to navigate through hole #12. CASA “kids” look on.

Connie Greenawald photo



A very special gift

CASA of Brown County relies heavily on donations to help us in our work to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system.

And we appreciate every donation that comes our way. Recently, **Pat Schneider** very generously gifted

CASA with \$40,000 to help in our quest to provide a CASA for every child who needs one.

Thank you Pat, and thank you to all of you who have made donations to help these vulnerable children. For those of you who are thinking about a gift, please—do so now!

From Our CASAs to Your Casa—Cookbooks Still Available!

Looking for a new recipe? Or a perfect gift? Then, look no further. The CASA cookbooks have arrived! With tremendous help from one of our dedicated volunteers, **Kristel Hawley**, and printing support from Schneider National Foundation, the “From Our CASAs to Your Casa” cookbooks are for sale at the bargain price of \$10 per cookbook. Cookbooks may be shipped for an additional \$2.50 for one cookbook and \$2.75 for two. We accept both cash and checks (payable to CASA of Brown County). Contact Lynne McKenzie at 920-437-2272, ext. 102 or lmckenzie.casabc@tds.net to place an order.

Double Your Donation!

CASA of Brown County is extremely lucky to be the recipient of some awesome generosity by community members. Some of those gifts are actually doubled when the donor’s employer provides matching grants. Recent matched gifts have arrived from **Ameriprise Auto and Home Insurance** and **Bank of America**. If your organization matches part or all of your gift, please let us know, and we will be happy to complete the necessary paperwork.

Dollars for Doers

Another great way to help CASA is through the Dollars for Doers program that both **Schneider National** and **Wisconsin Public Service** provide as an incentive for their employees—and we’ve received! At each of these companies, employees who volunteer request a donation to the non-profit they support, based on the hours spent volunteering. Check it out to see if your company has this!

Bikes for Tykes

We would like to thank **Nathan VanderSteen** for his generosity in providing bicycles to our CASA children through his **Bikes for Tykes** program. Check it out at www.bikesfortykes.org.

CASA Volunteer Advocates Being Recruited

By Marilyn Bennin, Program Director, CASA of Brown County

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

--Margaret Mead, anthropologist and writer

CASA of Brown County, Inc. is in the process of recruiting citizens for the next CASA training beginning September 29. We look for those who share in the CASA mission: to help ensure safety and a permanent living

arrangement. CASA in Brown County is making a huge impact in the lives of children who are in the court system because of abuse or neglect and our compassionate and caring volunteers work diligently to advocate for the best interest of children assigned to them.

Our 124 volunteers encounter the human service system and the court system— many for the first time—and realize there are lots of children who need the advocacy of the CASA. They look forward to working with the children and everyone involved with the children who have been assigned. Presently, CASA of Brown County is working with about 48% of the children in the court system under a CHIPS order (Child in Need of Protection and Services). Our goal is to be able to have a CASA volunteer assigned to all the children who are in the court system on a CHIPS order. A lofty goal, but one we can meet with your help!

The CASA volunteers meet with the children primarily where they live but also in schools or daycare centers. The primary goal of a volunteer is to develop a trusting relationship



with the child and allow the child to realize one consistent caring adult who will be available to them throughout the court process. The volunteer is objective and tells the child that they write a report to the judge and if the child would like the judge to know something to let the volunteer know and he/she will get the information to the court.

Our volunteers are the backbone to the CASA program in Brown County and with the support of the court, human services, the donors and community in general the CASA program will continue to make a significant impact in the lives of children who are in the court system through no fault of their own.

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Margaret Mead knew what she was saying and CASA in Brown County believes it as well— that a group of committed citizens can change the world by impacting the lives of our most vulnerable citizens.

Judicial support for CASA of Brown County

By The Honorable Marc A. Hammer, Circuit Judge

Court-appointed special advocates work with the most vulnerable population affected by violence in our community: children in need of protection and services. A vast majority of these children come from homes where violence is a standard; an expected way of life.

These children have either witnessed or have been victims of physical and emotional abuse or neglect. They have no effective mentor to help break the cycle of violence they have become so accustomed to living with. These children have no avenue or outlet to channel their fears, frustrations, or questions about the world they live in. These children lack a sense of normalcy and an understanding of community expectations.

CASA workers fill a societal void that the court system cannot effectively address. While juvenile judges may order counseling and/or in-home therapy providers, these historically have offered short-term and costly benefits with somewhat unknown outcomes for children's long-term needs. CASA workers' commitment to maintain a child focused resource in our community offers a cost effective alternative with long term benefits that can be "owned" by the people who live and work in the county.

Your support is critical to the success of our local CASA program. As a community stakeholder, I would ask that you actively support CASA of Brown County.



Congratulations recent Leadership Green Bay graduates with a connection to CASA!



Congratulations to the recent Leadership Green Bay graduates, including two CASA of Brown County Board members: **Eric De Jardine**, Nicolet National Bank; and **Ryan Van Straten**, Alliance Management.

We also would like to congratulate and thank the following graduates who, as their small group project, have helped to create and continue to serve on the planning committee for on a new fundraising event for CASA (CASAblanca, see page 3):

Mike Frey, Ansay & Associates; **Cindy Jelinek**, Community First Credit Union; **Jeff Johnson**, Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity; **Dan McIver**, UW-Green Bay; **Heather Milbach**, Schreiber Foods; **Tia Schumacher**, Schneider National; **Brenda Tiedt**, Ameriprise Auto & Home Insurance; and **Aaron Wolf**, Comfort Suites.

Leadership Green Bay is a program through the Green Bay Chamber that develops community leaders and trustees.



CASA Classic for Kids

The 5th Annual CASA Classic for Kids golf outing will take place **August 22, 2011** at Thornberry Creek at Oneida. We are currently looking for hole sponsors and items for the raffle and auction to help make this great event possible.

Don't miss out—we do have a few spots for golfers left—call Connie Greenawald at (920) 437-2272, ext. 101 A.S.A.P. if you are interested in golfing or sponsoring a hole. Contact Marilyn at casabc@tds.net regarding raffle or auction items!

CASA honorary spokesperson **Johnnie Gray**, Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer, will again be helping to give our golfers a memorable and entertaining experience (check out the photos at left from the 2010 event!)



CASAblanca - April 20, 2012

Save the Date for a brand new fundraising event to benefit children in our community—**CASAblanca!**

Scheduled for **Friday, April 20, 2012** at the new **Jet Air** hangar, CASAblanca will, as the name suggests, evoke the classic movie of the same name with a black tie optional dinner featuring silent and live auctions, dancing and gaming for “Moroccan money”.


In addition to all these great activities, tickets to the event, which will be \$125 per person, will also provide each ticket-holder with a raffle ticket for a chance to win a trip to Africa!

Board member **Linda Hansen** is chairing this fun, exciting new venture, and welcomes those who wish to assist. We are currently seeking sponsors for all levels—please contact Connie Greenawald at connie@casabc.org or (920) 437-2272, ext. 101.

Make sure you've got your calendars marked and your best Bogie impressions polished up for this night to remember!



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