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Judge Marc A. Hammer to swear in new CASA volunteers

Green Bay, WI – On Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse on the 2nd floor, Branch V, Judge Marc A. Hammer will swear in 20 new volunteer advocates for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for children of Brown County. These 20 new CASA volunteers will be assigned by juvenile judges to advocate for at least 25 additional abused and neglected children in the Brown County court system.

New CASA volunteers mention some of their reasons for becoming an advocate include, *“helping to make a positive impact on youth”, “every child has the right to be respected and to have confidence in themselves”, “to make a substantial difference in the life of the community’s most needy children”, “to provide stability to the lives of children in the court system”, “to be helpful to families involved with Child Protective Services”, and “realized the importance of intervention and fighting for a child’s best interest”.*

The new CASA volunteers are:

- **Karen Alcantar**, *Green Bay*
- **Mike Beno**, *De Pere*
- **Lisa Botsford**, *Suamico*
- **Stacy Buss**, *Green Bay*
- **Elizabeth Clark**, *Green Bay*
- **Andrea Covert**, *De Pere*, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **Mary Doruff**, *Green Bay/Ladysmith*
- **Beverly Doxtator**, *Green Bay*, Concordia University
- **Andy Duchow**, *De Pere*, Green Bay Copywriting, LLC
- **Barb Gabryszek**, *Suamico*
- **Connie Greenawald**, *Little Suamico*, CASA of Brown County
- **Carlye King**, *Green Bay*

- **Ann Kralapp**, *Pulaski*
- **Kathy Lindemann**, *Green Bay*
- **Kelsey McVey**, *De Pere*, Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin
- **Diane Payne**, *Pulaski*
- **Amy St. Laurent**, *Green Bay*, Bellin Health
- **Pat Stevenson**, *Luxemburg*
- **Doris Trimberger**, *Bellevue*
- **Brenda Warren**, *Allouez*

Following the swearing in, a get-together will be held with finger foods and punch, at St. Willebrord's Church across Doty Street from the courthouse.

(Media are invited to cover the swearing in at the Brown County courthouse and also the get-together which will be held at 5:00 p.m. in St. Willebrord's church community room, 209 S Adams Street.)

CASA of Brown County now has 152 active volunteers working with more than 200 children in Brown County. CASA of Brown County is currently accepting applications for its fall volunteer training class which will begin in March 2012. Information about volunteering is available on the CASA website, <http://www.casabc.org/volunteer-overview/>.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Brown County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system. CASA of Brown County recruits, screens, and trains caring, committed citizens from the community to provide close, consistent contact with the children they serve, seeking to assure them a safe and permanent home. CASA volunteers act as the "eyes and ear of the court," making independent observations about the safety and well-being of the children, and communicating that information to the judges making decisions about their future. For more information, contact the CASA office at 920.437.2272 or connie@casabc.org.

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