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Learn How to Give Hope to an Abused & Neglected Child at CASA 101

Adams & Broomfield Counties, CO – Calling all members of the community who want to change the life of a child! CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Adams and Broomfield Counties is currently seeking caring, community volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children who have open cases in the judicial system.

This year alone, over half a million abused and neglected children in our country will be unable to live safely at home. Over 1,300 of these children live here in Adams & Broomfield Counties. Many of these children have been removed from their homes and live in foster care. These children don't have to remain in the system, **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD...**

We are looking for individuals who are interested in becoming CASA Volunteer Advocates. CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains and supports dedicated community volunteers who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the court system, through no fault of their own. Through CASA you can help ensure that children who are in foster care or in the care of the county are placed in safe permanent homes quickly. You can also help advocate for their best health and educational interests.

Over 75% of our volunteer CASAs have full-time jobs and families; many others are retired or semi-retired people that continue to make a difference in their communities. All it takes is 10-15 hours a month of your time and the desire to make a difference in the life of a child!

Please join CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties for 'CASA 101' on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the Adams County Courthouse in the first floor Law Library Conference Room located at 1100 Judicial Center Drive in Brighton, CO for an introduction to the organization and the volunteer program. Enjoy delicious refreshments and learn how you can become an advocate for a child who needs you!

CASA staff members and volunteers who are active on CASA cases will be on hand to speak with guests about the program, as well as help those interested in taking the next step to become a volunteer. CASA's next volunteer training class begins in June, so this is the perfect opportunity to learn about and get involved with this wonderful organization.

For more information about 'CASA 101' or to RSVP, please contact Christy Martinez at christy@casa17th.com or 303.655.3922.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Adams and Broomfield Counties is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that trains, supports and supervises community volunteers who advocate for the best interests of innocent child victims of abuse and neglect. Each year, in Adams and Broomfield Counties, there are over 1,300 children who have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused or neglected, and who are in desperate need of a caring, committed CASA Volunteer to speak up for their best interests. In Adams and Broomfield Counties, there are over 250 CASA volunteers, and we are in need of more great community members to become advocates for children. CASA conducts volunteer training classes three times a year. For more information about CASA, call (303) 654-3378 or visit www.casa17th.org.

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