

## Autumn 2008 Issue

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### *FROM OUR DIRECTOR*

Dear volunteers, board members, community partners, and friends of CASA;

Let me introduce you to some very special young people; their names have been changed to protect their identity, however, their ages are real: Alisa age 2, Fredrick age 3, Stephan age 4, Josiah age 1, Mark age 11, Kelli age 8, Russell age 7, Bryan age 2, Marcus age 1, Jeremy 6 months, Zack 3 months, Wesley age 7, Marisa age 6, Scott age 3, Hawke age 2, Andre age 2, Joseph age 6, Vincent age 4, Beckie 4 months, Barbra age 5, Alexis age 11, Devon' age 14, Darius age 10, Ariel age 16, Vernon 3 months, Jerrod 1 month, Keith age 1, Cheryl age 12, Jackson age 5, Landry age 3, Jasmine age 5, Annie age 7, Matt age 4, Karen age 1, Caroline age 1, June 4 months, Lydia age 3, April age 8, Willow age 11, Brenda age 9, Kenny age 12, Carrie age 10, Rex age 7, Lisa age 8, Joseph age 3, Tina age 1, Jarrell age 4, Brendon 2 months, Daetwan 14, Darrin age 17, Grace 2 months, Linda age 14, Kenzie 7 months, Jeremiah age 8, Chase age 2, Allen age 1, Erin age 12, Marlie age 5, Mazie age 11, Braxton age 15, Kathleen age 10, Aaron age 8, Miguel age 6, Dallas age 3, Alex age 2, Hannah age 6, Narcise age 1, Japeth age 3, Jonathan age 4, Caleb age 1, Garrett age 5, Garrison age 3, Brian age 11, Ricardo age 4, Belize age 4, Manuel age 9, Nathan age 19, Jordan age 6, Peter 3 months, Justine age 8, Joy age 5, Lorna age 9, Maura age 1, Jesse age 4, Lonnie age 9, Larry age 11, Logan age 8, Guy age 3, Luke age 12, Antonio 13, Billy age 5, Bobby age 1, Olivia age 3, Petra 4 months, Paul age 2, Thomas age 5, Terry age 6, Robbie 12, Nelson age 3, Darryl age 11, Bryson 16, Parker age 18, Peter age 17, Shawn age 6, Omni age 1, Van age 10, Yolanda age 4, Anthony age 9, and Cherie age 11.

These are the 109 children, pre-teens, and teenagers whom we served last year. As we all come to the end of this year—a year of uncertainty and sometimes fear—please remember these children. Uncertainty and fear have been a part of their daily life. With our services and with community partner services, these children have been given a chance for a bright and hopeful future. However, there are so many more yet to have been given this hope. Our Family Court Judges tell me on a regular basis that, “we need more CASAs”. We can meet that need if we have people spreading the word, if we have willing citizens stepping forward to be trained as CASA volunteers, and if we have able community friends considering our program as the program of choice when they are making charitable contributions. We—you and I—can give hope to all of the children in Lexington and Fayette County. Sincerely,

*Debi*



### Mark Your Calendars!

**Kentucky State CASA Conference:** The conference will be Nov 20 & 21 at the Galt House in Louisville. Volunteers, this is a great time to get your continuing-education hours.

**CASA Angel Tree 2008:** Be an angel; take a child's wish list from our Angel Tree & make their holiday season bright. Location TBA. Volunteers, your children's Angel Tree forms are **due no later than Monday, Nov 17**.

**Holiday Wrap Party/Swear-in Ceremony:** Location & Date TBA. Volunteers will gather to wrap Angel Tree gifts and new CASA Volunteers will be sworn in to service. Watch your e-mail for the details. Come join the fun and fellowship!

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## New CASA Volunteers & A New VISTA Volunteer

A new class of CASA volunteers was sworn into action in September. The Honorable Maria Ransdell, Fayette District Court had the honor of swearing in Kathy Ice-Wedding, Katie Bouvier, and Cynthia Clark on Saturday, September 20 as part of the activities with the CASA 10K Run for Kids' Sake. Photo above: Kathy Ice-Wedding, Katie Bouvier, Judge Ransdell, Cynthia Clark, and Debra King. Brandy Simpson, also a new volunteer was sworn into service on Wednesday, October 1 by the Honorable JoAnn Wise (see photo below).

Katie Bouvier joins CASA of Lexington as a VISTA; in addition to her duties as a CASA volunteer, Katie will be working with CASA of Lexington over the next year helping to increase volunteer recruitment and retention as well as assisting the security of monies through grant writing and other fundraising activities. A 2008 graduate from Centre College with a Bachelor's Degree in Government and Spanish, Katie hopes to attend law school in the fall of 2009.

Welcome to CASA of Lexington! Our staff looks forward to working with each of you.



## Kudos to:

**Virginia Atwood** for accepting another case!

**Skip Burch** for all of his investigative work on his first case. The children are permanently placed with a relative.

**Marnie O'Hazo Pacheco** for taking another case and getting a very thorough court report together with short notice.

**Jill Johnson** for all the great work she has done on her case while also keeping up with work on the 10K run.

**Jackie Brown, Armine Hutchens, and Spencer Templin** for giving up a beautiful Saturday morning to sale Macy's Coupons at their Shop for a Cause sale event.



## Happy Birthday Volunteers!



**Cynthia Clark**  
*Oct 17*

**Jane Bennington**  
*Oct 21*

**Marta Znarowska**  
*Oct 26*

**Vanessa Workman**  
*Oct 31*

**Cabby Boone**  
*Nov 10*

**Hanna Smith**  
*Dec 14*

**Sherry Stacy**  
*Dec 16*

**Lexy Brackney**  
*Dec 24*

**Fiona Young-Brown**  
*Dec 30*



### **ATTENTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov 20 at 3:45 PM. We will be meeting in the fifth floor conference room of the Government Center Building, 200 East Main St. All meetings are open to the Public.

# The CASA 10K Run for Kids' Sake



It was a sunny and warm morning on Saturday, September 20. The weather could not have been more perfect for our very first 10K run!

Approximately 160 registered participants ran the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) course that started and finished at Spindletop Hall on Iron Works Pike.

Congratulations to our overall top finishers! In the overall women's division: Colleen Cornelius (40:27), Ann Easton (44:47), and Marta Roller (44:58); in the men's division: Jeff Buhr (36:03), John Kelley (39:59), and Wes Ruth (42:06).

Men's top finishers in age brackets: <13 Drew Shoaf, 14-16 Cameron McCoig, 20-24 Tyler Frazier, James Romer & Dana Lehman, 25-29 Steven Delucia, Jimmy Kosieniak & James Schallner, 30-34 Nathaniel Cornelius, Aaron Hopper & Brian Rowe, 35-39 Hiroki Yamamoto, Norman Preston & Jason Mosley, 40-44 Morten Lillelund, Frank Shoaf & John Kirkpatrick, 45-49 Takumi Tsuda, Michael Guajardo & Mike Griggs, 50-54 Dean Langdon, Allen Lewis & Kevin Wilson, 55-59 Kurt Breswick, David Hyman & Richard Fern, 65-69 Danny Place & Raleigh Archer.

Women's top finishers in age brackets: 14-16 Megan Smith, 17-19 Rachel Sams, Mallory Hamilton & Morgan Adams, 20-24 Lindsay Seitter, Emily Erickson & Katherine Simson, 25-29 Charity Sirkle, Mary Leahy & Melynda Milburn, 30-34 Diane Strong, Angela Elser & Jessica Lichaa, 35-39 Delaine Thiel, Susan Hanna & Laurie Agee, 40-44 Susan Warren, Julia Pezzi & Patsy Jacobs, 45-49 Barbara Gordon, Lenora Debord & Kelley Calk, 50-54 Debbie Lewis, Diane Lenderman & Karen Roberts, 60-64 Brenda Burton.

A special thanks to our 10k sponsors: LFUCG, BB&T Bank, Nuti Builders, Sullivan University, Windstream, R J Corman, Xceed Personal Fitness, Dunkin Donuts, Tropical Fruit Smoothie Café, Pepsi Cola, Events Imaging, Minuteman Press, Flame Run Hotshop & Gallery, Ms. Helen Bongard, and Ms. Sara Metcalf.



Photo above: runners finishing the last mile at Spindletop Hall.



Photo to left: first place Overall Women's Division, Colleen Cornelius and Nathan Cornelius, first place Men's Division Age Group 30-34.

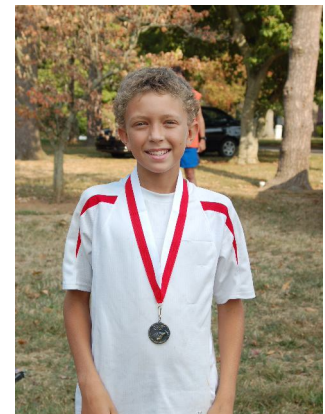


Photo to right: our youngest runner, Drew Shoaf (who ran his very first 10K!), age 11, son of Cameron Shoaf, CASA Board of Directors member.



Photo to left: in the center of the photo, Jeff Buhr, first place finisher in the Men's Overall Division. Also in the photo from left to right: other overall top finishers Marta Roller, John Kelly, Colleen Cornelius, and Anne Easton. Wes Ruth not in photo.

Photo to right: runners cool down and refresh while waiting on the run results. Some of the foods provided by Tropical Smoothie Café, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co, Papania's Inc, and students from Sullivan University.



More photos are available online; you can see them at [www.lexingtoncasa.com](http://www.lexingtoncasa.com). Photos on this page and the website courtesy of Joe Schuler.

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***You must be the change you wish to make in  
the world —Gandhi***



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**FOR CHILDREN**

*Please help our local non-profit organization, CASA of Lexington, generate the funds to continue advocating for the best interest of our local community's most vulnerable children. **Help the children, while experiencing the power of affecting change and the joy of knowing you are making a difference.***

*All contributions are tax-deductible.*