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Yamhill County CASA Elects Four New Board Members

Yamhill County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has elected a diverse group of community-minded citizens to its board of directors. Each will serve a two-year term.

The new board members include Yazmin Funes, Yamhill County Head Start human resources specialist; Sara Johnson, Grandhaven (McMinnville) Elementary School principal; Patriciafaye Marshall, a long-term care insurance sales specialist and substitute teacher; and Kristine (Kay) Murry, an office assistant with a child advocacy background.

"These board members bring a range of skills and talents we have been looking for – a connection with schools, fundraising expertise, an important link to our growing Hispanic community and the young viewpoint," says Yamhill County CASA Program Director Michele Cotner.

Funes' career in human services spans 15 years. She began her life in Mexico City where she was a trained model and actress and a student headed for a degree in law. Funes came to the United States in 1988 with her husband and moved to Mount Angel and then Salem to raise two children. In 1992, she began her career in human resources at Monrovia Nursery in Yamhill County. Funes was elected to the CASA board in September 2007.

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New CASA Board Members (continued)

Johnson was selected as Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year in 2007. She has been Grandhaven's principal since 2003. Johnson earned a bachelor's and a master of education degree from Eastern Oregon University and is finishing a doctorate in education from George Fox University. The McMinnville resident was elected to the Yamhill County CASA Board of Directors in June 2007.

Marshall is a substitute teacher in the McMinnville Public School District since 2005. She is also a long-term care sales specialist and serves as guest minister at the McMinnville New Thought Fellowship. She has provided fundraising consultation to various nonprofits and was national fundraising and major gifts director of the Kucinich presidential campaign. Marshall, who lives in McMinnville, was elected to the CASA board in July 2007 and chairs the organization's Fundraising Committee.

Murry is an office assistant for The Saunders Company in Newberg and Dundee. She was involved in student government at Clatsop Community College. Murry, whose mother was a CASA, volunteers with Victory Over Child Abuse and The Healing Circle, Astoria, Oregon-based nonprofits that help sexually abused children. She was elected in October 2007 to the Yamhill County CASA Board of Directors. Murry received an associate degree in general studies from Clatsop Community College in 2004 and resides in Newberg.

Wineries, Venues to Make Case for CASA during Wine Country Thanksgiving

Five Yamhill County wine outlets have made a Case for CASA during the 2007 Wine Country Thanksgiving weekend celebration.

Crush Wine Lounge & Bistro in Newberg donated \$1 to Yamhill County CASA for every glass of Pappas Wine Company Pinot Noir poured Wednesday, Nov. 21st. In addition, Crush sold glasses and bottles of Yamhill Valley Winery Pinot Gris donated by Crestview Crossing as a benefit for Yamhill County CASA. Crush is located at 115 N. Washington St.

Crush's Wednesday event kicked off a series of events and donations by area wineries to Yamhill County CASA during the traditional Wine Country Thanksgiving weekend.

Case for CASA (continued)

At Youngberg Hill in McMinnville, owner Wayne Bailey named each of his three blocks of vineyard after one of his daughters. His daughter Natasha, who will be 8 in December, took a special interest in every aspect of producing the wine. "She helped with everything from picking, to crushing, to sorting, to bottling," Bailey says. In honor of Natasha and all children, a portion of the sale from a special bottling of wine from her property – named **Natasha's Noir** – will go to Case for CASA. "We especially want to support such a valuable program that helps children," Bailey says.

Coelho Winery in Amity contributed a portion of the purchase price of 2005 Pinot Noir and 2006 Pinot Noir Rosé from sales on Nov. 25th. WillaKenzie Estate Winery and Hamacher Wines have both made generous donations to Yamhill County CASA's programs during November.

"This Thanksgiving season is the perfect time to begin the Case for CASA program, which combines a vital element of our local economy – the wine industry – with a vital force for good in children's lives," Yamhill County CASA Director Michele Cotner says.

What Does It Cost to Support a CASA or a Child for A Year?

This question is a good one to ask a program such as ours.

Our overall expense was \$84,317 and we had 49 volunteers during the 2006–07 budget year. So we spent about \$1721 dollars per CASA. There were 160 children working with a CASA during the period so we spent \$527 per child. During 2005-06, the expenses were \$68,244 and there were 48 CASAs working with 156 children.

Let's see how that stacks up with National CASA data:

		<i>Median Cost per Volunteer</i>	<i>Median Cost per Child</i>
National	2005	\$2780	\$910
Yamhill	2005/06	\$1422	\$437
National	2006	\$2670	\$950
Yamhill	2006/07	\$1721	\$527

We are clearly good stewards of the dollars we do receive. We are also able to work with about 60% of the children in foster care. Our goal is to have a CASA for every child who needs one. If we had 17 more volunteers, we could reach that goal. Please think about our CASAs and their children as 2007 comes to an end. And **Thank You** for everything you have already done.

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- Make a Donation to CASA*
- Enjoy our "No-Show" Tea Party*
- Vote for CASA on First Federal Community Ballot*
- Participate in our Fundraisers*
- Remember CASA in your Estate Planning*
- Purchase CASA bracelets as gifts*
- Join the Board of Directors*

Local Wineries and Venues Make the Case for CASA this Thanksgiving

(see inside for details)

- I would like information on becoming a CASA VOLUNTEER a FRIEND OF CASA
- Please contact me about **OTHER WAYS I MIGHT HELP**
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