

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Court Appointed Special Advocates of Lane County Provides Back to School Supplies for Foster Children

Eugene, Ore. — Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lane County will be hosting a Back to School Day Wednesday, August 27, 2008 for children assigned to the CASA program. This event will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the CASA Conference Center at 174 Deadmond Ferry Road in Springfield, Oregon.

Every year, CASA partners with local businesses and organizations providing underprivileged children with new school supplies, gently used clothing, new undergarments and socks, and free haircuts (by appointment) which has helped hundreds of kids go back to school with the confidence they need to succeed.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are appointed by the juvenile court judge to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. CASA volunteers conduct independent investigations of the child's circumstance by reviewing records, contacting parents, foster parents, teachers, therapists, caseworkers and other adults involved with the child. They report their findings to the court and make recommendations for the child's best interests. CASA volunteers spend 10-12 hours a month working their case after they have received 40 hours of initial training. They make a two-year commitment to the program and are supported by CASA staff. To learn more about how to become a CASA volunteer, contact Vicki Martz at 868-3082 or visit our website at www.casa-lane.org.

CASA of Lane County is a non-profit organization that trains community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the Juvenile Court. We believe every child has a right to a safe, permanent home.