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Our 28th Annual Evening Under the Stars



It's that time again! Planning for our 28th Annual Evening Under the Stars gala is underway! This year, the gala will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and we will be returning to the beautiful **Westfields Marriott**. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and our silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing. You can purchase your tickets [HERE](#). We have a limited block of rooms reserved at a reduced rate, so act fast if you would like to take advantage of this offer! You can reserve your room [HERE](#).

We're thrilled to announce that we've selected John Frisch of Savant Wealth Management (and our very own CASA Board of Trustees Treasurer) as this year's Impact Award recipient. He has been such a blessing to us, offering unwavering

support and dedication that have truly helped us grow and thrive. We know you'll want to come out and celebrate with us as we honor him!

Get ready to rock with **The Deloreans Band: The Ultimate 80s Tribute** once again this year! They've brought the fun for the past few years, and we can't wait to dance the night away!

Recent Community Support

A huge THANK YOU to Josie Geiger, Don Ripley, and the amazing team at **BION, Inc.** for choosing CASA CIS as the beneficiary of their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Classic.

With over 100 golfers and perfect weather, more than \$105,000 was raised to support children in the court system. Thank you for turning a round of golf into a powerful act of giving. Your generosity will make a lasting impact in young lives.



We were so grateful to have recently joined forces with **Reach for Growth** and **Master Gardeners of Fauquier & Rappahannock Counties** to explore the healing power of therapeutic horticulture. Our CASA volunteers learned how nature can be a powerful tool in helping children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Together, we reflected on how trauma-informed spaces, like gardens, can offer safety, peace, and a sense of growth.

In March, we heard from industry professionals who provided Continuing Education training for our advocates on mental health,

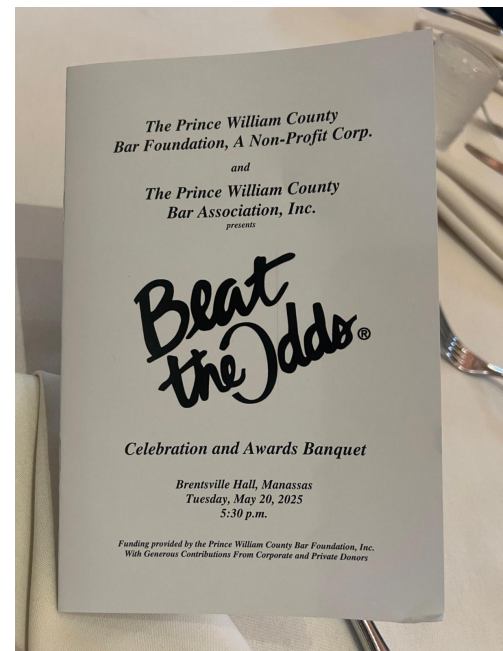
trauma, the impact foster care families have on young people, how to successfully support young people, and self-care for advocates, caregivers, and family. In April, we hosted a Lunch & Learn at the office, where Dorothy Smith, a LCSW specializing in anxiety disorders and related PTSD, depression, and stress, spoke with our advocates on the benefits of wellness practices targeted toward reducing stress and creating tailored boundaries.

Thank you, again, to **UVA Health** for the grant that made these trainings possible!

A special thank you to the Louise B. Cochrane Charitable Foundation for their donation of \$5,000. We are honored and humbled at your continued support for our mission. We depend on community support like yours to help us continue to serve our children!

Beat the Odds Awards

The **Prince William County Bar Association**, in association with the **Prince William County Bar Foundation** and local government agencies, proudly sponsors the nationally recognized Beat the Odds® program, originally developed by the National Children's Defense Fund for the benefit of local youth. This annual program recognizes and encourages youth who have come in contact with the Prince William County juvenile justice system and have achieved academic and social progress in spite of tremendous odds against them. Each year, with financial support from the Prince William County Bar Foundation, \$40,000.00 in scholarships and awards are presented to deserving youth, affirming their achievements in the face of adversity and encouraging other youth in similar circumstances to strive to succeed.



This year, 25 youth were the recipients of awards -- two of them were nominated by CASA CIS. All of the award recipients have overcome much of the adversity that contributed to their initial need for intervention by the juvenile court. The scholarships and awards were presented at a banquet on May 20, 2025. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the community to show its support for these outstanding youth.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and Presidential Service Awards

Earlier this month we spent a wonderful afternoon celebrating some of our amazing CASA volunteers. As always, our staff had a great time hanging out with our advocates and meeting some of their families.

We also took this opportunity to present our Presidential Service Awards! Julie McWilliams received a GOLD medal for over 500 hours of service; Michael Martin received a SILVER medal for over 250 hours of service; and BRONZE medals, for between 100-249 service hours, were awarded to Barbara Harrison, Harolyn Bland, James Beasley, Kathi Weaver, Megan Catherwood, Sharon Turner, Terry & Tracie Jones, and William Kircher! To all of our advocates, THANK YOU for all you do for your CASA children and our organization!



Mission in Motion

First Friday in Warrenton and the Sperryville Spring Festival

This month, CASA volunteer Tony, his wife Tonja, and our Program Director Kristen teamed up at the CASA tent for First Friday in Warrenton! First Fridays are a production of the Allegro Community School of the Arts, which partners with other organizations throughout the season. Each first Friday through October, Main Street closes for the event. It's a wonderful opportunity to chat with neighbors, share our mission, and enjoy the sunshine!



Last month, our Program Director Kristen and CASA Supervisor Ida attended SperryFest, an annual spring festival organized by the Sperryville Community Alliance in Rappahannock County. It's a day-long event that features a Main Street festival, a Great Rubber Duck Race, a Kids Corner, food vendors, and live music. Kristen and Ida set up a booth at the festival to spread

our mission (and recruit volunteers!) in our outlying counties. In addition to Prince William, City of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fauquier county, CASA CIS also serves children in Rappahannock and Warren Counties.

May Advocate Training



This month we welcomed eight new trainees to our May training! These CASA trainees completed 30 hours of training before being sworn in as Court Appointed Special Advocates on May 22, 2025, by the Honorable Judge Carlos Flores Laboy. Please join us in welcoming Anyeli, Christina, Ashley, Pamela, Sharice, Jessica S., Jessica K., and Cynthia to the team!

Our next training begins in October! To join an upcoming virtual info session, please inquire at info@casacis.org for more information.

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