

MAR 2024

CASA CORNER



UPCOMING COURT DATES

IBERIA PARISH
March 18, 2024

ST. MARTIN PARISH
March 06, 2024
March 19, 2024

ST. MARY PARISH
March 07, 2024

CASA BIRTHDAYS

James Bertrand - Mar. 01
Amanda Landry - Mar. 08
Anita Lantier - Mar. 10
Sarah Giroir - Mar. 14
Halley Romero - Mar. 28

A NEW EASTER TRADITION

Easter egg hunts and egg dying are only a few of the Easter traditions we all know and love. If you're looking to start a new family tradition this Easter season here are some ideas to try:

- Track the Easter Bunny (www.trackeasterbunny.com)
- Give back to your community; join a neighborhood cleanup, plant flowers/trees in a local garden or park, volunteer at a local charity event, etc.)
- Embrace your inner bunny and bake a carrot cake!
- Test your speed with an egg spoon race! (NO BOILED EGGS ALLOWED)
- If you're feeling particularly artsy, craft and wear an Easter Bonnet! It'll look great when paired with your Sunday Best.
- Is your Christmas tree still up? Turn it into an Easter tree!
- Attend a local Easter parade!

CASA Children w March Birthdays

Pamela Landry - 1 child (Mar 6th)
Sharon Thibodeaux - 1 child (Mar 9th)
Jasmine Skipper - 1 child (Mar 16th)
PLEASE contact the office about your party in a bag.

Employee SPIRIT month

COASAS OF THE 16TH JDC



STAFF MEMBERS

Employee SpiriT month

CASA of the 16th JDC

APPOINTED ADVOCATES

(hoNoRaRy)

Theresa Burleigh
Kristie Caruso
Roselyn Conrad
Kathryne Delcarpio
Michaela Davis
Lacey Fonseca
Sarah Giroir
Dru Gros

Anita Lantier
Krista Magers
Susan McFarland
JERI MESTAYER
Chasity Morales
Erin Romero
ATHENA SELF

Lakendra Hines
RHONDA JAMES
PAMELA LANDRY
Sharon Thibodeaux
Bobbi Williams
Thomas Zaunbrecher
Lasmine Skipper

BOARD MEMBERS

(NOT PICTURED)

WALTER THIBODEAUX, JR. DIRECTOR
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O
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EMPOWERING SOCIAL WORKERS

Did you know that by 2030 there will be more than 782,000 social workers in the United States? This makes social work one of the fastest growing professions in the United States! Social workers enter the profession because they truly want to help others. They go through years of education, training, and supervision so they can do the delicate but important work of meeting people where they are and helping them achieve their goals. Social workers are uniquely qualified to handle societal troubles such as homelessness, addiction, suicide, and more. Not only does this training apply to individuals, but also families, communities, and even the larger society if regulations and laws must be changed in order to help people who need it.

However, social workers need support to meet the high demand for their vital work. That is why the Social Work Month theme for 2024 is Empowering Social Workers! According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median pay for social workers in 2022 was \$55,350. Considering that in order to do their work many social workers must earn a master's degree and go through the expensive process to gain licensure; this is not enough. In fact, Ipsos did a National Social Work Public Opinion Survey that found that slightly more than half of respondents think social workers should get higher pay. It is important for the public to support legislation and initiatives that empower and support the social work profession and improve their bottom line. This includes the Improving Access to Mental Health Act, student loan debt relief, and social work safety legislation.

MORE ON
**SOCIAL
WORK**



HAPPY EASTER

Rhonda
James

6 YEARS

Michaela
Davis

2 YEARS

Bobbi
Williams

2 YEARS



national

WOMEN'S

history month

In 1980, U.S. President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 National Women's History Week, urging everyone in the United States to participate. According to Carter, "too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

The week-long event officially became a month-long one in 1987 when Congress passed a resolution designating March as Women's History Month. Since the first Women's History Week in 1978, other countries have joined the United States in honoring women and their contribution to history and culture,

Today, Women's History Month continues the discussion of women and their contributions through activities such as museum exhibits and film screenings, and by encouraging the study of achievements by women year-round.



2024 THEME

Women Who
Advocate for
Equity,
Diversity &
Inclusion



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Amanda Landry
Executive Director



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Halley Romero
Advocate Supervisor



CASA OF THE 16TH JDC'S

Annual Casa Gala

APRIL | 12 | 2024

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30

BIZ CASUAL | ADULT ONLY

CADE COMMUNITY CENTER
1688 SMEDE HWY ST. MARTINVILLE, LA 70582

\$50 TICKETS

\$5,000

SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

\$2,500

SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

\$1,000

SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

\$500

RESERVED
SEATING FOR 8

Our Mission

WE ADVOCATE FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASA OF THE 16TH JDC, INC. IS COMMITTED TO A SINGLE GOAL: ADVOCATING FOR ABUSED CHILDREN TO SECURE THEIR PLACE IN STABLE AND NURTURING HOMES. WE ARE A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF ST. MARTIN, IBERIA AND ST. MARY PARISHES AND ARE BASED IN NEW IBERIA, LA. WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO DEVELOP MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND HELP THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES, AS WELL AS REPRESENT THEIR BEST INTERESTS, EXPLAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS TO THEM IN SIMPLE TERMS, & KEEP THE COURT UPDATED ON THEIR STATUS AND SITUATION.

SILENT AND LIVE
AUCTION ITEMS

360 PHOTOBOOTH



2024 ANNUAL CASA GALA

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL (PLEASE SELECT)

☐ KING & QUEEN (\$5,000)

- ONE SPOT ONLY
- 2 FRONT ROW TABLES W/ SEATING FOR 10
- VERBAL & SCREEN RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
- COMPANY NAME & LOGO ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL
- PRINT ON ADS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS PRE & POST GALA NIGHT

☐ PRINCES & PRINCESSES (\$2,500)

- TWO SPOTS AVAILABLE
- TABLE W SEATING FOR 8
- VERBAL & SCREEN RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
- COMPANY NAME & LOGO ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL
- PRINT ON ADS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS PRE & POST GALA NIGHT

☐ KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE (\$1,000)

- THREE SPOTS AVAILABLE
- TABLE W SEATING FOR 8
- COMPANY NAME & LOGO ON ALL EVENT MATERIAL
- PRINT ON ADS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS PRE & POST GALA NIGHT



TO PAY BY CHECK, MAIL TO:

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PLEASE EMAIL YOUR LOGO TO JORDAN.COURTOIS@CASA16JDC.ORG