



## ④ Sale of unique chairs helps fund Dallas CASA

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More than two dozen pint-size chairs and other pieces of whimsical children's furniture will be for sale Wednesday at the fourth annual Cherish the Children luncheon at **Northwood Club**.

The luncheon benefits **Dallas CASA**, which recruits and trains volunteer advocates to serve as voices in court for abused and neglected children in Dallas County.

The luncheon is hosted by Dallas CASA's **Children's Council**, which brings together local designers, artists and retailers to create imaginative children's chairs and other furniture. The one-of-a-kind pieces are unlike anything you could find at a typical toy store. More than 25 chair designers have signed on this year, including **Tom Addis Productions Inc., Creative Room Arrangements, Fabricadabra, Haley Lane Interiors, Judi Napier, Paper Source** and **Janet Rice Interiors**.

The chairs are sold at the luncheon to raise money to support Dallas CASA's work.

Dr. **Anu Partap**, pediatrician for **Children's Medical Center Dallas'** foster care clinic, will be the keynote speaker at this year's event. **Tincy Miller** is honorary chair of the luncheon, and **Kristina Whitcomb** is event chair.

An auxiliary of Dallas CASA, the Children's Council, is dedicated to supporting the work of Dallas CASA volunteers. Since 2006, the Children's Council has raised nearly \$400,000, most of which has come from the luncheon.

"All children deserve a safe home and the chance for a decent childhood," said Children's Council president **Pam Busbee**. "Cherish the Children brings our community together to make sure that abused and neglected children won't be hurt again."

On an average day in Dallas County, nearly 2,000 abused and neglected children live in foster care because they cannot safely live at home. These children need powerful voices to speak for them. Sadly, only one-third of the children in protective care in Dallas County have a CASA voice in court. The Cherish the Children luncheon helps Dallas CASA pursue its goal of providing a voice in court for every child who needs one. Volunteers provide critical information and recommendations to help judges make decisions about each child's life.

In 2010, more than 450 volunteers contributed about 24,000 volunteer hours to help more than 1,300 children in the court system.

Major donors include:

\$10,000: **Nancy Ann Hunt** and **Angela M. Thompson**.

\$5,000: **Becky Lozier** and **Rosewood Corp.**

\$2,500: **Margie Francis, Kayla Kennedy**, Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, **Orix Foundation, Eleanor** and **Steve Penrose, Glenda** and **Monty Ross**, and **Kristina Whitcomb**.

\$1,000: **Eloine Sinclair Clarke, Margo Goodwin, T.C. Lupton Jr. Family Foundation/Dr. and Mrs. William P. Huckin**, and **Medora Monigold**.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, was founded in 1980.

To buy tickets to the luncheon, which are \$150 to \$500, e-mail **Sara Rockey** at [srockey@dallascasa.org](mailto:srockey@dallascasa.org) or call 214-827-8961.

To learn more about Dallas CASA or the Children's Council, visit [www.dallascasa.org](http://www.dallascasa.org).