



The Huntsville-Madison County Hospitality Association presented the 37th Annual Taste of Huntsville, on Thursday, October 20, 2011. All proceeds helped benefit CASA of Madison County and HEALS, Inc.. Attendees sampled food from restaurants throughout the area. Everything from upscale dining to fast and casual. The event brought out hundreds of visitors anxious to sample delicious offerings from restaurants like Grille 29, Purity Dairy and Connor's. While at the event, guests also enjoyed drinks and shopped the many silent auction items available from local retailers. Some of those who participated in the silent auction were lucky winners of spa packages, passes to local attractions, specialty services and many other wonderful items! Many thanks to those of you who were able to support our organization! If you missed it, make sure you visit our Facebook page for pictures of this wonderful event.

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December 2011



**'Tis the Season for Giving - Remember Our Seniors**

The holiday season is here and the CASA staff is preparing for our Christmas gift program. Each year, we have the honor of providing gifts to our clients through generous donations from our community. We hope to keep the tradition going with more donations and volunteers.

**How you can help:**

**Donations** - If your youth group, social club or company would like to provide gifts to our clients, check out this list of suggested items: bath towels and wash cloths, electric blankets, blankets/quilts, throws, gloves, scarves, hats, gift cards (ex: Kroger or Walmart), robes, or weather radios are just a few ideas.

**Volunteers** - Starting the second week of December, CASA will need dozens of volunteers to deliver gifts to clients all over Madison County.

Volunteers can deliver one gift or a hundred. You can make deliveries on your own, or in groups! The more the merrier! Give us a call!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Needs List**

- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Kroger)
- Food boxes with nonperishable foods (ex: canned fruit or vegetables, soup) low sodium/ low sugar/ diabetic friendly
- Paper products: paper towels, Kleenex®, toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies: (hand soap, laundry detergent, etc.)
- Adult undergarments size large and x-large, pull-ups or tab type: (ex: Depends®)
- Liquid nutritional drinks: (ex: Ensure®, Glucerna®)
- New electric heaters with safety features
- Personal Care Products: (shampoo, deodorant, etc)

**Fill A Wish:**

- **Fill A Basket**
- Laundry Basket filled with Bath Towels, Laundry Detergent, Non-Slip Bath Mats
- Small Basket filled with bath soaps, wash cloths, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
- **Fill A Bucket**
- Mop Bucket filled with Mop, Broom, Dust Pan, Floor Cleaner and Bath Cleaner
- **Everything but the Kitchen Sink**
- Dish towels, Dish Cloths, Dish Detergent, Paper Towels and Hand Soap
- **Items that Come In Handy**
  - Flashlight with batteries, Night-lights with batteries, and First-aid Kits

**Give A Gift in Honor or Memory of a Loved One**

A contribution made in someone's name is a great gift to honor them during the holidays. It's a gift that gives throughout the year! A card will be sent notifying them of the gift made in their honor or in memory of their loved one and how the funds will be used to further our mission. 

**Frequently Asked Question #1**

**Can you come and speak to my organization?**

Yes! CASA is happy to send a representative to speak at your club's next meeting. We are always looking for more ways to spread the word about our mission in the community. Sharing our story with members of the community can lead to more volunteers, additional services for our clients and extra resources for our mission. To schedule a CASA speaker, contact the CASA office at 256-533-7775.

Please send your FAQ's to [jessica@casamadisoncty.org](mailto:jessica@casamadisoncty.org)

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**CASA GARDEN IN REVIEW**



The 2011 season began in mid-February – that’s when garden workers started fertilizing plants, clearing rows and planting. Our planting system incorporates a crop rotation to keep our

soil functioning happily. Over the years, we have improved the soil to a beautiful, easily cultivated, nutritious base, where tasty veggies can grow, using organic methods. No pesticides, herbicides or artificial products!

Each year new crops are also introduced. This year’s star was cucuzza (pictured above), an Italian squash that is quite versatile and fun to grow. But our crops range from asparagus to zucchini and include figs, blackberries and grapes. We heard turnips, both the root and greens, were favorites among our clients so the turnips are growing well and being harvested several times a week. We even added a “cold-bot” this year. It’s a walk-in refrigerator that keeps produce fresh and tasty until they’re ready for delivery.

Blueberries and lima beans will also be on the menu for 2012!

**WORK AT THE CASA GARDEN!**

**GARDEN WORK DAYS:**  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 2:00-4:00PM  
SATURDAYS: 8:00AM-NOON

**VEGGIE DELIVERY DAYS:**  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 9:00AM

MEET AT THE CASA GARDEN:  
4725 BOB WALLACE AVE 35805  
**QUESTIONS:** CALL 256-533-7775

GROUPS MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCED.

The Master Gardeners who operate the Demonstration Vegetable Garden in the Botanical Garden have generously supplied us with over 1,000 pounds of their produce so far this year to distribute. We appreciate all of their contributions!

Operation of the CASA Community Garden depends entirely on volunteer labor, including delivery of produce to our clients. We’ve done it for more than 20 years and it is one of the oldest community-run gardens in the state. It is a quiet, happy place because we all work towards providing tasty food and nutrition for our homebound clients. We’re doing a pretty good job- and we hope to continue for many years to come!

**GARDEN ADDRESS:** 4725 Bob Wallace Avenue, next to the Botanical Gardens, west of the intersection of Bob Wallace and Jordan Lane.

**Give to CASA - Change a Life**

Dear CASA Friends,

One of our supporters made an interesting observation recently, “How many of us are getting younger?” The answer, of course, is none of us. Another good question “Who will be there as we age?” This answer is easy: CASA of Madison County!

Clients, like the ones pictured below, rely on our services to stay safe in their homes. Your gift can change a life. Take it from Ms. Nolen.

She’s a 73 year old widow who has always been the caretaker in her family. This last year, her health has started to deteriorate. Now she needs help, but her family lives in Florida. Her home is in Madison County, so she called CASA! We were able to have volunteers go out to her home and build a much needed wheelchair ramp. Volunteers were also able to repair the deck of her mobile home for a safer entrance and exit. After the volunteers were

done, Ms. Nolen was thrilled. She called our office staff to let us know her new favorite thing to do is to go get her mail every afternoon ... **because she can!** Many times it is something as simple as stepping right

Meet Mr. Harry! CASA client since 2002. We provided him with much needed medical equipment this year, as well as veggies and groceries. Mr. Harry utilizes our Transportation program and says he loves getting fresh veggies from our CASA Community Garden.



outside the door that make a world of difference in the lives of our clients.

As 2011 comes to an end, we have had an increase in requests for help in all areas of service and continue to try our best to meet the needs of our clients. Many times, our clients express gratitude for the work we do because they say they feel like they are forgotten sometimes. We’re here to assure them that CASA will help them in their time of need.

**Now, we need your help.**

Your financial contributions ensure this population is served. We have enclosed an envelope to provide you with an opportunity to REMEMBER OUR SENIORS during this giving season and you can see for yourself how your gift can benefit our clients. In order to meet the needs of the aged and homebound, we need individuals who believe in our mission and can support

our efforts. That’s why we look to you to remember CASA in your charitable contributions. Your monetary gift is 100% tax deductible and we accept any amount. CASA is supported solely by local funds and those funds are used to provide essential services year round.

Thank you for your continued support in our community!

**THANK YOU!**



*CASA would not survive without our volunteers!*



Meet Ms. Ursula, a CASA Client since 2004. Ursula always appreciates the help she gets from CASA volunteers and the CASA staff. In 2006, our volunteers built her a ramp. Then in 2008, grab bars were installed in her home. She receives fresh veggies from the CASA Community Garden and participates with our Friendly Visit Program. We’re happy we are able to meet her needs.

This is Mr. Henry. He’s been a CASA Client since 2008. CASA helped build him a ramp that allows him much easier access in and out of his home. A big thanks to the volunteers who pitched in to build his ramp!



To learn more about the organization or volunteer opportunities, call CASA at 256-533-7775 or email [info@casamadisoncty.org](mailto:info@casamadisoncty.org).