



**CARDINALS FOR CASA
HOMECOMING 5K RUN
ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE
OCTOBER 11, 2008**



Dear Students, Alumni, and Friends of the College,

We would like to invite you to participate in the first annual **Cardinals for CASA Homecoming 5K Run**. This will be a fund raising event coordinated between William Jewell College and Clay County CASA. The race will be run on the Cardinal Cross Country Course on the campus of William Jewell. A portion of your entry fee will be donated to the Clay County CASA. Race packets can be picked up at 8:00am on the course, and the race will begin at 9:00am. Participants will receive a t-shirt and overall winners will be recognized at the football game. If running is not for you, then there will also be a 1 mile Fun Run/Walk. The registration fee is \$25 unless you are a current WJC student, and then the cost is \$5.

After the race we would also like to invite you to the Homecoming football game where our Cardinals will kick off against the Baker Wildcats at noon. It's a great day to be a Cardinal!

CASA MISSION STATEMENT

Community volunteers appointed by the Court to advocate in the best interest of abused/neglected children in Clay County, Missouri and affirm their right to a safe and permanent home.





OVERVIEW

There are currently 67 active Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Overseeing the program is a full-time Program Director, full-time CASA Case Manager and two part-time Administrative Assistants.

The CASA volunteer is a trained volunteer appointed as Guardian ad Litem (advocate) by the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri, to ensure that the needs of a child who has been abused and/or neglected are met. The CASA investigates the case and ferrets out all relevant facts through written reports and direct testimony; they serve as facilitator and negotiator who ensures that the Court, social service agency and legal counsel fulfill their obligations for the child in a timely matter; they monitor all court orders to ensure compliance by all parties and bring to the Court's attention any change of circumstances that may require modification of the Court order. It is the responsibility of the CASA to monitor the child who is a ward of the court from the beginning of the case until the child has achieved permanency. The goal of the advocate is to assist in seeking permanency for a child within a reasonable amount of time and not allow the child to linger in long-term foster care.

Over the last year, CASA volunteers have been appointed to more than 80 cases, become advocates for 110 children, and were those children's voice in more than 350 court hearings.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

-  8:00am – Race Packet Pick-up at Cardinal Cross Country Course
-  8:50am – Racers called to Start Line
-  9:00am – Homecoming 5K Begins
-  10:00am – 1 mile Run/Walk Begins
- 12:00pm – Kick-off for Football Game

Thank You For Your Continued Support of William Jewell College!



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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age on 10/11/08: _____ DOB: _____ / _____ / _____
(must be 16 years of age to participate)

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL Gender: M F

Please Check One: 5K Run 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (Current WJC Student only pays \$5.00!)	
Mail form and check on or before October 1 st to: Cross Country/Track & Field 500 College Hill Liberty, MO 64068	Registration Fee \$ _____
	Additional Donations to WJC \$ _____
	Additional Donations to CASA \$ _____
	Total \$ _____
Please make checks payable to 'William Jewell College'	

Participants may also register in person at the Mabee Center before 4:00 on Friday, October 10, 2008.

Release & Waiver: I understand that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume any and all other risks associated with running this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and or humidity, cold wind, snow, rain or ice, and the conditions of the race course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I understand that I am solely responsible for my safety while traveling to and from participating in this event. Knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge William Jewell College, its Board of Trustees, its employees and volunteers, or any sponsor or contributor, or any race officials of liability for death, personal injury, property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in the course of my participation in this event. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. The undersigned further grants full permission to William Jewell College and/or agents authorized by the institution to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any purpose. Applications for minors will be accepted only with a parent's or guardian's signature.

Signature/Date: _____

Parent's Signature if under 18: _____

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