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ANOTHER GREAT CHILD SUPPORT AWARDS BANQUET



Court Watch of North Carolina held its 5th Annual Child Support Awards Banquet Thursday, October 9, 2008, at The Joseph S. Koury Hospitality Building on the GTCC Jamestown campus. The five award winners were recognized for their excellence in collecting child support in Guilford County. These award winners included the HONORABLE H. THOMAS JARRELL, JR. (District Court Judge Award); HARRIETT MILLER (Guilford County Management Award); MONICA GRAY (High Point Child Support Agent Award); JANICE CROMARTIE and JENNIFER JONES (Greensboro Child Support Agent Awards). These awards are coveted primarily because they are made based on nominations submitted by their colleagues.

Guests enjoyed a full-course dinner prepared and served by students of GTCC's School of Hospitality Education. SUSAN SASSMAN served as Master of Ceremonies. There were door prizes and a silent auction. We look forward to seeing you at this year's event which is again scheduled for October.

Our Mission...

Helping children and their families who need assistance from the courts, and working to improve the North Carolina Judicial System.



Court Watch Board member Stan Sprague presents Wal-Mart's Carolyn Cooke with a plaque of appreciation. For four consecutive years, Wal-Mart's Battleground store has helped sponsor Court Watch's annual Child Support Awards Banquet.

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The 2008 Awards Banquet was made possible by generous sponsorship donations from:

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Juvenile Neglect and Abuse Study Update

Pat Maguire continues to put forth much effort and has moved ahead on this project despite meeting scheduling difficulties with Mark Roberts that occurred over the holidays. Although this project is now slightly behind the forecasted sequence, progress is still being made. Stemming from her involvement in this project, Pat had the wonderful idea to contact Harmony House to see if they could act as a reliable and neutral after-hours location for parent-child visitation to occur in. Although not set in stone yet, this idea does have promise.

As you will recall, the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect project looks at the process by which children are removed from their parents' custody. One of the concerns noted so far is that noncustodial parents must have their visitation at the DSS agency during working hours, and this is usually a hardship on working parents. At any rate, Pat and Mark are in the process of constructing the final survey to go out to respondents soon - probably in February. If you have additional questions about how the study is going please contact Mark Roberts at his office at 574-0404.

Court Watch 2008 Financial Statement

INCOME		OPERATING EXPENSES	
Individual Donations.....	\$2,595	Salary/Wages.....	\$12,317
Board/Advisory Board.....	2,800	Rent	4,260
Endowment Income	4,326	Postage/Printing	1,144
Awards Banquet (gross)...	5,172	Phone/Internet	2,167
Foundations.....	3,250	Supplies.....	785
Corporations.....	1,500	Awards Banquet	1,015
Miscellaneous	1,693	Miscellaneous.....	528
Total Income	\$21,336	Total Expenses	\$22,216

Join the Human Race!

Court Watch is forming a team for the March 28th Human Race. Please help us make our involvement in this event a success. We have set a goal of \$1000 for our 2009 Team. All money raised will supplement our child support programs.

There are many ways you can help us reach our goal for this event. You can donate to our Human Race Team or you can join the team and collect sponsorship donations. Joining our team does not mean you have to walk in the race. Team members can choose to walk, cheer on walkers or stay home. The only requirement is to collect sponsorship donations and remember no donation is too small! To receive a registration form, donation form or more information, please contact Jennifer Criscuolo at 336-275-2346.

Consumer Electronics Recycling Program

Court Watch of NC is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cell phones, inkjet cartridges, laptops / notebook computers, iPods, digital cameras, & digital video cameras. Your used items may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund Court Watch of NC.

Collect all your old consumer electronics from your coworkers, friends and family members. If you have any questions or need your donated items picked up, please call Jennifer Criscuolo at 336-275-2346. We greatly appreciate your support!



NEW STAFF

Administrative Director - Robert Shupe

Bob joined us as our new Administrative Director in December 2008. He has a BS degree from the University of North Dakota and a Masters degree in Education from UNC-Charlotte. Bob began his career playing professional ice hockey for the Charlotte Checkers of the Eastern Hockey League. He then moved to Atlanta and later Florida, where he worked for several major publishing companies in circulation and marketing. In 1985 he moved to Greensboro where he worked as a publishing consultant to major regional and national retail chains. Bob lives in Greensboro with his wife Carol. They have three grown children.

Development Director - Jennifer Criscuolo

Court Watch has hired Jennifer to be our new Development Director. Jennifer has a BA degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She worked for the House of Representatives in Washington, DC., and then with two trade associations in the Washington area. Her next stop was Philadelphia, where she spent four years as the Development Officer for the Overbrook School for the Blind. There she developed the school's funding base by cultivating alumni and other individual donors and writing grants. We are looking forward to having Jennifer strengthen our funding base. Jennifer lives in Oak Ridge with her husband and their five year old son.

Court Watch Intern

Terri Winters, our spring intern at Court Watch, is a senior at Guilford College. She is a Psychology major from Rochester, NY. Her volunteer experience includes working with preschoolers and the elderly. She most recently received the Customer Service Excellence Award from Edward Jones Investments, here in Greensboro.

Terri brings great enthusiasm and organizational skills to Court Watch. We look forward to having Terri with us for the spring semester.

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