

Fundraiser Hosted at Turtle Back



RIDING THE CAROUSEL WITH CASA AT THE ZOO: CASA at the Zoo attendees enjoy unlimited carousel rides on the Endangered Species Carousel throughout the night.

On the evening of June 11, **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Morris and Sussex Counties** hosted a special fundraising event, "CASA at the Zoo." Approximately 500 CASA supporters, foster children, trustees, staff, and volunteers attended the event at Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, according to the announcement. With the zoo reserved only for CASA, guests were free to explore without lines or crowds. The event included dinner, snacks, carousel, train rides, the

petting zoo, and animals from around the world. The goal was to raise unrestricted funds for CASA programs, and to highlight the importance of CASA's advocacy for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Sponsorship support allowed CASA to provide tickets to some 100 children and foster families to attend the evening at the zoo. "The money raised will help our organization to expand our programs and enhance the advocacy we provide to children in foster care," said Dr. Lisa Barsky Firkser, the organization's executive director. CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties is part of a statewide network of community-based nonprofit programs that recruit, screen, train, and supervise volunteers. CASA volunteers advocate for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. For more information, visit casamsc.org or call 973-998-7590.

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