

Dear Carroll County Artists and Advocates!

Voices for Children of Carroll County needs your help! We are looking for local artists to take one (or more) of our Carroll's Kids wooden cut-outs and bring their voice to life by decorating them. The Kids will be a part of a public art project wherein they will be displayed in participating public libraries throughout Carroll County. Each Kid will have information about the artist, and will highlight the important work Voices for Children does in training volunteers who advocate for foster children.

On April 27th, 2012 Voices for Children will host an Awards and Adoption Ceremony at the Carroll Nonprofit Center in Westminster, where artists will be recognized, and the Carroll's Kids will be displayed and "adopted" (bought) by people wanting to give them a safe and permanent home ... the mission of Voices for Children.

Voices for Children of Carroll County is the local CASA program working with the court system to speak for the best interest of Carroll County children who have suffered abuse and/or neglect or abandonment. Court Appointed Special Advocates are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for children who become wards of the court. All children have a right to a safe environment, with loving people to care for them, but each year millions of children are abused, neglected or abandoned by their families. Many are removed from their homes and placed in foster care or institutions. The mission of every Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is to work with the court system to ensure that each child is placed in a safe, loving, and permanent home.

If you would like to bring a Carroll's Kids voice to life, you may foster a child for \$25 by completing and submitting the attached application to Voices for Children by **February 17th, 2012**. Then, bring your finished "foster child", with a short, written bio about you and your inspiration for the design of the doll, to Voices for Children, 255 Clifton Blvd., Ste. 311, Westminster by **March 23rd, 2012**. Your foster child will be displayed at a library within Carroll County and then will go the Carroll Nonprofit Center for the big adoption ceremony on April 27th!!! If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail at CarrollsKids@gmail.com or by calling: 410-840-2495!



Carroll's Kids

Foster Child Application

Yes! I'd like to "foster" a **Carroll's Kid** for \$25. I will pick up, design (according to the Application and Design Specifications attached) and return the **Kid** to Voices for Children by March 23rd at 255 Clifton Blvd., Suite 311, Westminster, MD. I understand that the **Carroll's Kid** that I decorate will be "adopted" at silent auction to be held on April 27th, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m., and that all proceeds will go to Voices for Children of Carroll County.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number : _____ Email : _____

All submissions must be consistent with the Voices for Children philosophy ~ that each child has the right to be in a safe, loving, and permanent home.

<http://www.voicesforchildren-cc.org>

Bio of artist (to be displayed with your Carroll's Kid):
(Please print, or attach a typed copy limited to 50 words or less.)

I understand that my participant timeline is: application submitted by February 17th; my completed "Foster Child" will be brought to Voices for Children on or before March 23rd, and that by not meeting this schedule my *Kid* may not be included in pictures, promotions, and the event's Program booklet, but will still be a part of the adoption event if received 15 days before the scheduled event.

Signature _____

Thank you for participating and helping to make this Carroll's Kids event possible!



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Application & Design Specifications

1. Application to “foster” (create and submit) a **Carroll's Kid** must be completed and received in the Voices for Children's office in Westminster by February 17th. Return your **Kid** to Voices for Children by March 23rd.
2. The application must include a \$25 check made out to Voices for Children, and a short bio about you and where you got the inspiration for the design of your **Kid**.
3. So we may have room to display everyone's *Kids*, the final design of the Kid cannot be: taller than 22 inches; wider than 18 inches or deeper than 10 inches.
4. When assembling your **Kid** use a lot of permanent glue as people will touch them ~ so make them tough!
5. All **Carroll's Kids** must be able to stand by themselves. If you change the base, make sure they are still freestanding.
6. You may use anything you'd like to decorate your **Kid**, fabric, mosaic, paint, etc.
7. As much fun as this event will be, it is a very serious effort to educate the public about the plight of Carroll's children who are in foster care due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.
8. Each **Kid** will have a table-top bio about you (and may include a brief notation about Voices for Children) which will be displayed with your **Kid**. Applicants will receive a picture of their *Kid* and a copy of the bio that will accompany their *Kid* throughout the event.
9. All **Carroll's Kids** will be displayed indoors.

Disclaimer: Your design must be family appropriate. VFC reserves the right to disqualify any submitted *Kid* based on deliberate or implied, inappropriate or offensive markings or design.