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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ENDORSES CASAC FUNDRAISER

County Executive Gregory Edwards is supporting Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) as they raise funds for their 5th Annual "Helping Keep Kids off Drugs" Bowl-a-thon.

Edwards is also encouraging other community groups or individuals to help CASAC roll a strike on June 3rd!

"I am committed to all effort aimed at keeping the children of Chautauqua County drug-free," said Edwards. "That's why I fully support CASAC, and their 5th Annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser. I encourage everyone to sign up and take part in this important event."

CASAC Board and staff are looking for sponsors for the 2011 CASAC "Helping Keep Kids Off Drugs" Bowl-a-thon which will be held at the Fountain Bowl on Fluvanna Avenue, Jamestown on June 3rd at 7 p.m. Funds raised at the event will be used to provide alcohol and other drugs prevention education and intervention services for youth in our community. CASAC'S goal is to reach \$7,000.

Friends of CASAC are encouraged to participate in the Bowl-a-thon by collecting sponsor pledges, or organizing teams to help raise funds by competing against each other. A pledge form is available on the CASAC website, www.casacweb.org. If you are interested in having a team or joining one of CASAC's teams call (716) 664-3608.

Any resident who wants to support the project but doesn't want to bowl or pledge an individual can just make a monetary donation to CASAC at 2-6 East Second Street, Suite 405 Fenton Building, Jamestown, NY 14701.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be the major sponsor for the event. Special thanks to co-sponsors of this event: Eagle Systems of Jamestown, Fountain Bowl, G & P Gynecare, Support Enterprises Inc., and Falconer Printing and Design.

Since 1974, CASAC, a not-for-profit United Way supported agency, has been dedicated to providing prevention education and community awareness of problems related to alcohol, other drugs and compulsive gambling. CASAC is the only New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) approved and supported agency in Chautauqua County. For further information about CASAC programs and services, call the Jamestown office at 664-3608, or the Dunkirk office at 366-4623, or go to www.casacweb.org.

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