Mediation Center of The Coastal Empire

Velvet Gala

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020
5:30 - 8:00 PM
SOHO SOUTH CAFE

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The Mediation Center was founded in 1987 to increase access to justice for citizens of the Coastal Empire by providing cost-effective alternatives to litigation. In the 32 years since the Center began operating, its programs have expanded to serve over 4,400 local citizens on an annual basis, and its physical footprint has grown larger in order to serve the increased alternative dispute resolution needs of the population. The Center is a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and it relies on volunteers, grant funding, and donations to sustain its operations. The annual Velvet Gala serves as the Center’s primary source of private funding for each fiscal year.

MAJOR PROGRAMS

- Mediation Services
- Family Law Resource Center
- Guardian Ad Litem Program
- Fatherhood Initiative
- Transitional Parenting Seminar
- Children 1st: High Conflict Class for Parents
- Youth Peer Mediation in Schools
- BRAVE Youth Skills Training
- Community Conferencing for Youth
- Workplace Conflict Training

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Mediating over 900 cases (with approximately 55% being mediated to an agreement) resulting in decreased conflict and unnecessary consumption of valuable judicial resources.

- Providing family law services, including assistance completing mandated court forms, to over 1,200 self-represented litigants through the Family Law Resource Center.

- Administering the training and selection of Guardians Ad Litem to represent the best interests of children in hotly contested custody cases.

- Educating over 800 individuals about successful co-parenting practices as well as minimizing the impact of divorce and separation on children through the Transitional Parenting Seminar and Fatherhood Initiative.

- Training over 1,200 students annually in peer mediation and communication skills to facilitate problem-solving, encourage leadership, and promote a healthy learning environment in our schools.
Thank you for your generous contribution to the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire. Your sponsorship of the 3rd annual Velvet Gala supports the valuable conflict resolution programs, youth services, and legal system education offered by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Jill Cheeks, the Mediation Center hosted its inaugural Velvet Gala in 2018 to increase awareness of the important work the Center is doing in the Eastern, Atlantic, and Ogeechee Judicial Circuits. We welcome the opportunity to share more information with you about the Center’s programs at this year’s event as we showcase the efforts of our mediators, educational instructors, and youth advocates. As in the past, the highlight of the Velvet Gala will be the presentation of the Center’s 2020 Awards to notable community partners who have fostered and sustained the Center’s mission through their service. We are excited to hold the 3rd annual Velvet Gala at Soho South Cafe in downtown Savannah where attendees will enjoy live music, heavy hors d’oeuvres, open bar, and signature red velvet cupcakes.

As local attorneys who routinely access the Mediation Center’s parenting seminars and mediation services on behalf of our domestic relations clients, we witness first-hand the value of the Center to our community. We know our clients (and their children) benefit from the educational services the Center offers when it teaches parents to share their children post-separation and post-divorce. We also know that the cost-effective dispute resolution services the Center provides gives our clients an avenue to control their divorce and parenting agreements such that the family’s resources are used to support the family as opposed to being spent on costly attorney’s fees and the judicial process. These benefits to our area citizens are difficult to quantify, but the results are real and important.

The successful work of the Mediation Center is made possible by our community partners, including sponsors like you. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at our January Velvet Gala fundraiser.

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- Organization Name: __________________________________________________
- Organization Address: _________________________________________________
- Primary Contact: _______________________________________________________
- Phone: ____________________________ Email: ______________________________

Payment Information

- A check made payable to The Mediation Center is enclosed.
- Credit Card Number: ___________________________________________________
  Expiration Date: _________________ CID: ________________________________
  Name on Card: _________________________________________________________
  Billing Address for Card: ______________________________________________

Please invoice our organization.

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