

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to inform you of a new free community support group in Northwest Arkansas called C.A.S.A. (Cleptomaniacs And Shoplifters Anonymous). **C.A.S.A. offers an opportunity for shoplifters and other stealing offenders to demonstrate to the prosecutor/judge that the offender is serious about changing their compulsive behavior. Please consider recommending this group to your clients. We can provide support for you clients to help them stop their compulsive stealing. We can also direct them to free resources that will give them with the tools they need to stay honest.**

C.A.S.A. is an independent weekly self-help group. It was founded in Detroit, Michigan in September 1992 by a recovering shoplifter, who felt such a group could help himself, others, and the community as a whole. C.A.S.A. is a self-run group made up of a diverse group of persons with a mix of voluntary and court-ordered attendees.

I am enclosing a C.A.S.A. flyer for posting on your bulletin board. Please also feel free to contact me directly for questions or clarifications. You may also visit our web site at

www.HelpForShoplifters.com, or email us at

CASA@helpforshoplifters.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in allowing us to serve our community in an effort to reduce shoplifting in Northwest Arkansas.

C.A.S.A .Meeting Location and Time:

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
820 W. Oak St. - Rogers, Arkansas (9th Street Entrance)
Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Email: CASA@helpforshoplifters.com

CASA General Information:

CASA's **purpose** is to provide a safe, confidential and non-judgmental space for compassion, understanding and recovery from "addictive-compulsive" dishonest behavior, primarily shoplifting, fraud, kleptomania and embezzlement.

CASA's **goal** is to educate individuals in the group and the community at large about the complex motivations and recovery treatment process for these behaviors, while emphasizing personal responsibility and accountability. We have helped many and want to do more!

About the founder:

Mr. Terrence Shulman is the Founder/Director of The Shulman Center for Compulsive Theft, Spending & Hoarding. He has been an attorney-at-law since 1992 and a certified social worker and addictions counselor since 1997. Mr. Shulman founded CASA in the Detroit area in 1992 and has worked professionally with hundreds of clients, in person and by phone, who have had issues with various theft behaviors.

Mr. Shulman has written several books on addition, including "Something for Nothing, Shoplifting Addition and Recovery." This book is offers great insights and life strategies for the shoplifter addict, from the mind of a recovering shoplifter.

For more information about the CASA group and The Shulman Center for Compulsive Theft, Spending & Hoarding, go to www.kleptomaniacsanonymous.com, or call Mr. Shulman at (248) 358-8508.

Testimonials about C.A.S.A:

"CASA has helped me in many ways. It has made me feel like I'm not alone in my struggles, that other people have the same feeling and it's easy to share and help others. There should be more CASA meeting in other places and the problem should be more recognized." - Jessica, 18, Southgate, Michigan

"I am going before the Parole Board soon. I want help. I've been in too much trouble because of shoplifting and I can't get help anywhere for my addiction. Your program (CASA), from what I've heard, helps people express themselves and find ways that others have used to stop stealing. That's what I need: support, so I can stop. I am a good person who lives a good life other than my shoplifting problems. I really need your help." - Andre M., Michigan Dept. of Corrections, Camp Kincheloe

(Excerpts from Mr. Shulman's Book, "Something for Nothing")