

Charleston Association of Legal Assistants – May 2019

Members of the Charleston Association of Legal Assistants (CALA) have adopted a local non-profit group, HALOS, as one of our community service projects for 2019. HALOS is an organization that supports families in kinship care. Kinship care is when a family member assumes care of a child or child(ren) they are related to when the children are removed from parental care by DSS. By having the child rehomed with a family member, the child avoids being placed in foster care. HALOS provides these caregivers (often grandparents) with whatever supplies they may need to assume care of the child – including beds, cribs, car seats, etc., in addition to providing them with support services, including pro-bono legal services. On Saturday, May 4, members of CALA volunteered at the annual Kinship Care Family Picnic. Over 200 children and their caregivers were treated to an afternoon of fun and food at a local park. CALA members played games with the kids, served food and drinks and had fellowship with many of the caregivers who enjoyed a day of respite and relaxation. CALA will also be participating in a School Supplies Drive for HALOS in August, as well as their Kinship Holiday Party in December. Members of CALA pictured here are: Pam Germanos, Barbara Carter, Delfin Floresca, Skyla Priesser and Barbara Mills.

