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# 'Boardwalk Empire' Lucky Charms

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ATLANTIC CITY — The HBO Emmy Award winning series *Boardwalk Empire* may be the talk of the town, but I bet you didn't know that Terence Winter, *Boardwalk Empire's* creator, gifted the cast and producers of the show with jewelry by local Atlantic County designer Paula Jerome to help celebrate the Emmys!

Jerome couldn't be more thrilled about the fact that Winter discovered her Atlantic City Charms collection was a perfect fit with the show. Winter said, "When I wanted to buy a special gift for my actors and fellow producers following our Emmy nominations for *Boardwalk Empire*, I needed to look no further once I saw Paula's spectacular Atlantic City-themed jewelry. Her designs are understated yet elegant; her diamond studded postcard cuff links and sterling silver pendants will be our lucky charms come awards night."

Jerome, who frequently spent childhood summers in Atlantic City, said that is what inspired her for the collection. "I never would have dreamed that what began as an homage to my fond memories would make its way to the red carpet," she said.

Her new line of jewelry features precious and semi-precious stones with 100 percent recycled gold and silver, and are produced using eco-friendly methods that protect our environment. Check out paulajerome.com.

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Another shout out goes to CASA volunteer Teri Conklin from Linwood, because she was chosen as United Way's "September Volunteer of the Month" for her outstanding service to children living in foster care in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Conklin's case supervisor, Kelly Waterfall, said, "I nominated Teri for this award because she has been an amazing advocate on her case, and worked hard to bring a family of three siblings in foster care back together. Her work hasn't gone unnoticed."

Waterfall also added that Conklin's advocacy for the three children was so passionate that Judge Patricia Wild called to thank Conklin for her service. "It was because of Teri that these children were able to stay in the same foster home they had been in for eight months," Waterfall said. "If Teri hadn't presented all of the facts of the case in her court report, those children could have been uprooted again and placed with a different family. We are so grateful for Teri's work on this case and helping these children stay in their foster home."

Humbled by her recognition, Conklin said, "I am just happy to be selected and working on this case. The reason I got involved with CASA was a desire to give something back to the community and it's also personal for me due to some family history. I see that it makes a difference, and because the system is so big, sometimes the child's voice can get lost and they can't speak for themselves. And sometimes it's just that little missing piece of information that can go a long way in helping these children."

Conklin also commends the local chapter, saying, "The training is amazing and the people who work for the Atlantic Cape office are outstanding in terms of their energy level, commitment, and ability to train their volunteers on a regular basis."

A CASA member is a Court Appointed Special Advocate who speaks in family court on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system. They are dedicated to ensuring these children are



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