



CASA
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FOR CHILDREN
BIG COUNTRY CASA

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Summer 2021 Update

Superhero Power Parade Celebrating Abilene Gives

Over \$65,000 was given through Abilene Gives and our BCC Parade from 160 donors and sponsors on May 4th! Staff and volunteers celebrated our key sponsors Arrow Ford, Star Dodge, and Lawrence Hall Chevrolet with a superhero themed parade. THANK YOU to everyone who donated, joined us for the big day, and shared our posts on social media!





MARKETING & RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR

JoDe Rickard, currently an Advocate Supervisor, will be transitioning to our newly created Marketing and Recruitment Director position. Volunteers are the core of our program; her work will greatly increase our ability to serve more children.

COMMUNITY BASED CARE IMPLEMENTATION

This year Big Country CASA has met challenges and helped to lead in changes across the child welfare system in Region 2. Community Based Care (CBC) is a new way to provide traditional foster care services which previously originated from the Department of Family and Protective Services. CBC allows communities the flexibility to draw on local strengths and resources. 2iNgage is the provider for the Big Country and is now providing services once the Court gives conservatorship to the Department. These include foster care placements, case management, kinship, and reunification services.



COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We are wrapping up our first fiscal year implementing CFE practices. Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) is a new endeavor at Big Country CASA that builds on an old truth - everyone needs a supportive community. When a child enters care without a supportive network of family and friends, CFE goes to work identifying and contacting people who are important to that child. Through family-finding efforts and family meetings, a lifelong network is built that will be in place after the child's time in care ends.



STORY CHANGERS CAMPAIGN

Interested in making a BIG impact? Consider becoming a Story Changer by becoming a monthly donor! For just \$25 a month you can be a consistent donor, whose commitment will make a difference in the lives of children.

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Big Country CASA. No charges or fees are deducted from your donation.

To get started, visit smile.amazon.com/ch/73-1301658, choose Big Country CASA as your charitable organization, and shop, knowing your donations will help children in foster care in the Big Country.

YARD SIGNS

Would you like to have a CASA sign for your yard? Give us a call today at 325.677.6448, and we will bring one to you!



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