

Gifted

We have been gifted with a \$15,000 donation from Beltway Park Church to assist us in child benevolence and volunteer mileage reimbursement. Child benevolence may include band uniforms or instruments, camp fees, tutoring or basically whatever comes up that one of our kids needs. Obviously, we have many kids and limited funds but will always do our best depending on the need and resources available. We can reimburse volunteers who travel over 50 miles to see their child(ren). The reimbursement form is on our website or available through your supervisor. We are considering hiring, as needed, individual volunteers to make visits for volunteers who can't take the added time to see their children. Seeing our kids face-to-face is paramount in building relationships and building connections to brighter futures. These are our Big Country CASA kids, and it matters for them to stay connected to family and our Big Country area.

Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!

Nancy Etheredge, a community volunteer, stopped by the office with beautiful quilts for volunteers to share with our children. Please stop by and get yours while supplies last! If you see Nancy, please let her know how much we appreciate her from over the years. She has donated many quilts to our children.



Do what you can to show
you care about other
people, and you will make
our world a better place

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State of the CASA Program

Our ED, Lee Ann, will be the speaker at the Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, October 18th at noon both in-person and on Zoom. She will update us on last year's stats and impact and inform us about issues to include on our dashboard including Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE).

VOLUNTEER TRAINING INFO

Our new volunteer training class started September 8th and we have 6 volunteers in the class. Please contact Rebel and Denorah for details on the next training. Our first CASA Coaching night will be Tuesday, October 11th at 5:45 and will feature Ella Lifebook training. Sessions will be a great refresher on a wide range of advocate tools and skills.

FOSTER 325

Beltway Park Church has a new initiative in gathering and equipping local churches and communities to get involved in foster care. This collaboration of churches is committed to ensuring loving, stable homes for every child in foster care within the 325-area code and wrap-around support for foster families. If you are involved in a church or community interested in answering the call for children, please visit [Foster 325](#).



Resources

The 88th Legislative Session begins in January 2023 and there are several ways you can be a part. CASA Day at the Capitol is March 1, 2023, and we will be planning to attend. Texas CASA has a number of legislative priorities to voice and we will be discussing those in upcoming meetings.



Community Based Care

With our region and the roll-out of Community Based Care, Texas CASA has provided a guide for CASA programs. Following is the link or you can borrow a copy from the office. [CBC-Guide-2nd-Edition-Texas-CASA-Web-Version-1.pdf](#) (texascasa.org)

Texas Permanency Outcomes Project (TX POP)

UT Austin has launched a Child Welfare Academy and you can enroll and receive a certificate in Child Welfare Services. This training is very well done and it is all online. Go to [How To Enroll - Texas Permanency Outcomes Project](#) (utexas.edu)