

## What's Going on at Big Country CASA?

### **Abilene Gives:**

We ended Abilene Gives Day 2023 with a grand total of \$62,920.00! Thank you to all who gave!

### **SUPERHERO 5k Fun Run 2023**

Thank you to our SUPER volunteers for helping make our Superhero 5k Fun Run a huge success!! The weather was perfect for our participants! Our overall top male winner said "this is one of the prettiest and best courses I've run – even with the hill!". He also said the volunteers made it more fun! So thank you for giving your time to help BCC raise funds to further our mission and to put on an amazing race and community event!



Please reach out to staff and supervisors if you are feeling overwhelmed or in need of assistance!



## Spotlight!

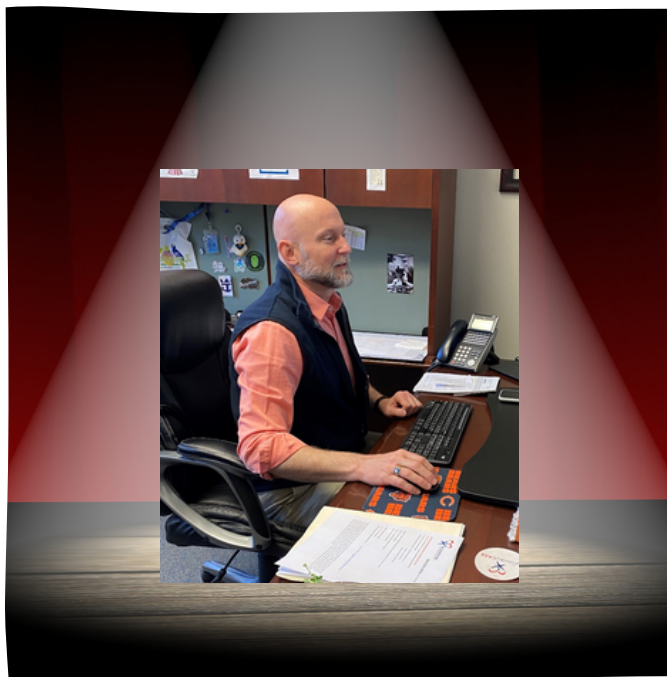
Rob Marcelain began his CASA journey with BCC in June 2017 as an Advocate Supervisor. Since that time Rob has worked alongside 60 plus advocates in 75 plus cases, and he personally works 3 cases.

Selma said that "Rob is dependable, positive, and although at times can be witty, he is easy-going and a delight to work alongside."

Advocate, Marcy Toppert, states, "I am so thankful Rob is my supervisor! He has a clear love for children and teens and seeks what is best for them in each situation. Rob is the absolute BEST, and any foster child or CASA volunteer who knows him can testify to that truth!"

Rob enjoys the theater and volunteers at the Paramount monthly and he can sometimes actually be seen on stage himself.

Congratulations Rob on your heart, hard work and being recognized by your peers!





## New Advocates

April 20, 2023, three new volunteers were sworn in. Please welcome and congratulate Lauren Lindsey and Miranda Richardson, as well as Dana Ward, BC CASA's own Recruitment and Volunteer Coordinator.

Every child has a chance-it's you!

*Hope needs a helping hand*

## Info Meet Thursdays!

May 11th from 5:15-6:15pm Mad Coffee & More

May 18th from 9-10am Starbucks on Buffalo Gap

May 25th from 10-11am Tea2Go on Catclaw

### Virtual Info Meet

May 17th Zoom Info Meet 7 - 8pm ZOOM

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83803455991>

## Other Important Dates:

**May 2nd** Abilene Gives 2023

**May 6th** at ACU, Big Country CASA's Superhero 5K Fun Run

**May 17th** - 11:45-1pm - CASA Training room: Trauma Focused Play Therapy for Foster Children w/ Rebecca Haught

**May 29th** office closed for Memorial Day

## Quote of the month:

In honor of both Mental Health Awareness Month and AAPI Heritage Month:

*"Feelings come and go like clouds in a windy sky. Conscious breathing is my anchor."*

- Thich Nhat Hanh



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