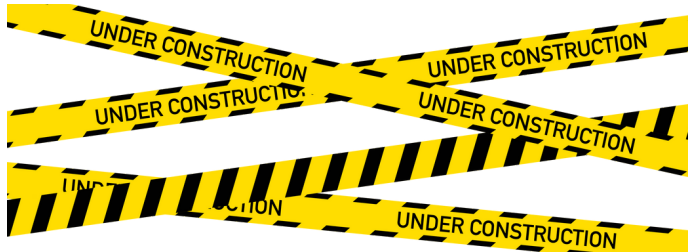


## CFE Tool of the Month

Collaborative Family Engagement really does have some of the best tools out there to use to connect with your CASA kiddos as well as their families and people they care for deeply!

Our CFE tool for March will be the addition of PDF versions of CFE tools available for viewing and printing from our website! Stay tuned for this new feature!



Quilt displayed along with raffle tickets (\$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets) will be available April 1-5 at R' Quilt Haven at 115 N. Leggett.

More dates and locations to come!  
Drawing to be held in June!

Quilt is donated and fundraiser is conducted by the Abilene Quilters' Guild, quilt pattern by Deb Tucker, pieced by Dianne Hawley and Stephanie Patterson, quilted by Jana Bailey

## Spotlight!

Congratulations, Lee Ann, for being recognized by your peers!



Lee Ann has been with Big Country CASA since 2020! Before that, she worked for CPS for 8 years, was the director of CASA of Trinity Valley for 18 years, and worked 4 years for Texas CASA!

Advocate trainer, Micheal Dean, states, "There is no better person to lead Big Country CASA. Her heart for children knows no bounds."

Beverly Day, BCC's Administrative Assistant, had to say this about our Executive Director, "No matter what is happening around us, Lee Ann helps us all remember to put children first. That's why we are here. Every child's life matters, and they depend on us!"

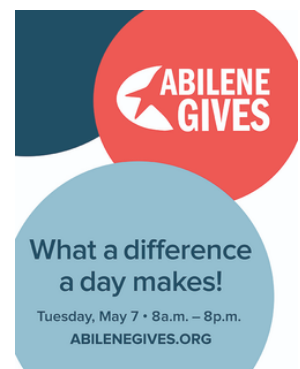
Dana Ward, BCC Recruitment and Community Engagement Specialist says, "Lee Ann has been a comforting presence! Leading well and helping her people stay focused on the main thing, Children and Families!"

Big Country CASA is better because you are here!



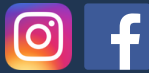
Please reach out to staff or supervisors if you are feeling overwhelmed or in need of assistance!

**Abilene Gives**  
kicks off  
May 7!  
Let's help  
keep Abilene  
generous!



We have been given a generous \$35,000 match for this years campaign!

Don't forget to like, share, and comment on our social media posts!



## Info Meet Thursdays!

### In Person:

March 7, 9-10am @ Summer Moon

March 14, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (South)

March 21, 2-3pm @ Starbucks (Barrow)

March 28, 5:15-6:15pm @ Mad Coffee & More

### Virtual Info Meet:

March 20, 7-8pm

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430834190?pwd=SHZOcXk0UXlNYmdKUjl4bVB0T09xQT09>

**Volunteers are Welcome to**

**Attend Info Meets and Bring a Friend!**

## Other Important Dates:

**Summer New Volunteer Training**

**Refer a friend!**

Begins June 6, 2024 through June 27, 2024!

For a complete schedule, please visit our website:

[www.bigcountrycasa.org](http://www.bigcountrycasa.org)

### Reminder:

CEU hours start over in 2024 - You have 10 more months to get your 12 hours for the year!

### March CEU Opportunity:

March 18, from 6-9 pm - CASA Café

"The Importance of Trauma Informed Care"

March 26, from 7-9pm - Book Club

"The Boy Who was Raised as a Dog"

Champion for Childrens Conference- April 4-5 @

Hilton Double Tree downtown

### Office Closed:

March 29, 2024 in observation of Good Friday.



## Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition-Events for March & April

**AWARENESS EVENT SERIES**

**6pm-7pm @ Hartford Annex @ 5340 Hartford**  
Doors open at 5:30pm

**MARCH 20 (WEDNESDAY)-**  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS- DARRIN COX

**MARCH 27 (WEDNESDAY)-**  
YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS- ROD PRUITT

**APRIL 3 (WEDNESDAY)-**  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SUBSTANCE USE THROUGH THE LENS OF PREVENTION- CINDY FRAZIER

**APRIL 10 (WEDNESDAY)-**  
YOUTH AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS- DARRIN COX

*Hope needs a helping hand*

## New Volunteers!

Congratulations to Laura Gloria, Ramona Ratto, Jovita Conner, Sharleene Jacques, Darlene Ledwell and William McKay on becoming our newest volunteer advocates!

**Every child has a chance--it's you!**



STRATEGIC PLANNING WILL BE HAPPENING IN THE SPRING!  
ANY VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE CAN LET **LEE ANN** KNOW BY CALLING THE OFFICE AT **325-677-6448** OR EMAILING HER: **LMILLENDER@BIGCOUNTRYCASA.ORG**



## Quote of the month:

**"DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT YOU PLANT."**

**-Robert Louis Stevenson**