

CASA Volunteers have Significant Impact in the Foster Care System

Fairmont State University conducted research on the effectiveness of CASA in West Virginia. The study analyzed three years of federal child welfare data (2019–2021) from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect. The findings show that CASA volunteers help mitigate the negative effects of abuse and neglect, increasing the likelihood that children achieve case goals such as reunification or adoption. **We know CASA works here in Texas too.**

Congratulations to all CASAs who are in the trenches making positive impacts on children in foster care.

Source: Fairmont State study highlights positive impact of CASA volunteers on foster care outcomes | WV News | wvnews.com

Are you wanting to volunteer for the FUN RUN?

If you are interested in helping with race prep or on the day of, please check out our volunteer section on the race website!

We will need help with swag bag stuffing, set up the day before the race, swag bag pick up the day before the race, and the day of the race we will need helpers in our children's area, Chase the Villian race, and at our registration tables! There is a spot for everyone!



Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Quarter, Danny Minton!



Serving CASA Kiddos since June of 2020!

Hope needs a helping hand



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

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



Don't Forget to Head over to Target and support Big Country CASA!

Info Meet Thursdays!

In Person:

February 13th, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (North)
February 20th, 2-3pm @ Majestic Coffee
February 27th, 5:15-6:15pm @ Mad Coffee & More

Volunteers are Welcome to Attend Info Meets and Bring a Friend!

Other Important Dates:

Spring New Volunteer Training

Begins March 20th, 2025, and runs through April 10th, 2025!

Please feel free to attend any training sessions you choose to refresh. Let Jennifer know so she can have dinner for you.

Our next class will start in May!

For a complete schedule, please visit our website:

www.bigcountrycasa.org

Refer a friend!

Reminder:

You have 11 months to get your 12 hours of CEUs for the year! Please contact Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org if you have any questions!

January CEU Opportunity:

Keep an eye out for opportunities sent through email from Jennifer Lemke!



Just a reminder! The office follows the bad weather delays and cancelations of AISD!

MENS:

- 2/13, 7:00, VS SEATTLE U
- 2/20, 7:00, VS SOUTHERN UTAH
- 2/22, 6:00, VS UTAH TECH

WOMENS:

- 2/27, 6:00 VS TARLETON STATE



ACU HAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED US WITH LIMITED TICKETS TO EACH MALE AND FEMALE HOME GAME THIS YEAR!

PLEASE CONTACT DANA AT DANAWARD@BIGCOUNTRYCASA.ORG TO RESERVE!

Quote of the month:

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." - Ann Bradstreet