



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA BUZZ

DECEMBER 2025



**Check out Lee Ann's Spot
on the Abilene People
Podcast!**



Watch the Abilene People podcast at BigCountryHomepage.com to see more CASA content!

**Welcome to Abilene,
Texas CASA Friends!**

The Texas CASA Public Policy team recently wrapped up the Tour of Texas — statewide visits to provide Post-89th Legislative Session trainings, general updates and to facilitate conversations about the future of CASA in Texas!



Check it out!

We are highlighting our CFE tools! Learn more on our website at <https://bigcountrycasa.org/volunteer/advocate-resources/cfe-tools/> or check out our social media post this month about the Youth Journal tool!

Winter Lightfest is HERE!

We are full on volunteers for Winter Lightfest! If you are still interested in helping, let us know and we will put you on a list of people to call if we need a sub! Thank you all for your help!



CASA Sweatshirts!

Make sure you send Dana your size by December 5th! You can bring a check or cash to the office, or you can use this link: <https://bigcountrycasa.networkforgood.com/>

Please make sure to note that it is for the sweatshirt!

Dana will send out a projected pick-up date when she knows something.

Bring in Some Shelf Stable/Pantry Goods!

From November 7th through December 12th Big Country CASA will be collecting pantry items for those in need from Crockett Early Head Start. If you are interested in providing some contact Dana Ward or Courtney Muñoz to drop off! 325-677-6448



Tour de Abilene!

We were fortunate to be invited to tour Youth Voice this month on December 9th. 140 Mulberry St, Abilene, TX 79601

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



Info Meet Thursdays!

In Person:

December 4th, 9-10am @ Monks

December 11th, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (North)

December 18th, 2-3pm @ Mad Coffee & More

Volunteers are Welcome to

Attend Info Meets and Bring a Friend!

January New Volunteer Training

- Thurs Jan 22nd 6pm – 7:30pm
- Mon Jan 26th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Jan 29th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Mon Feb 2nd 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Feb 5th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Mon Feb 9th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Feb 12th 5:45pm – 9:00pm

Please feel free to attend to refresh your CASA knowledge. Let Jennifer know so she can have dinner for you.

December CEU Opportunities:

Lunch and Learn - December 2nd @12pm - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Keep an eye out for other opportunities!

Tour de Abilene Dates:

December 9th @ 9am @ Youth Voice

Reminder:

You have about 1 months to get your 12 hours of CEUs for the year! Please contact Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org if you have any questions!

Quote of the month:

"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return"

— Nelson Mandela

Volunteer Opportunities to share with your CASA kiddo!

The Abilene Zoo is looking for help! If you are interested in repping Big Country CASA or sharing this info with your CASA kiddo, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FAFA92AA3FB6-60471345-volunteer#/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather Johnson at the Abilene Zoo at mary.johnson@abilenetx.gov



Hope needs a helping hand



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

Confidential Companions!

We know that being a CASA volunteer is hard on the heart! Please know that you are more than welcome to have a Confidential Companion if you are interested! Reach out to Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org for more information!

**BCC will be
closed**

December 23rd

-Jan 1st.

**Opening at 8:30
on January 2nd.**

