

Good News from CASA

February Newsletter 2022

Bell and Coryell Counties



NEW VOLUNTEERS

Welcome Aboard!

Hello and thank you to our new advocates! Since our last newsletter, we have had the pleasure of adding six beautiful souls to our advocate ranks. Since being sworn in, these advocates have hit the ground running. These newcomers have fully embraced their roles as advocates for the children of Bell and Coryell Counties. As you all know, we do not function as an organization without all of your help! We are so pleased that we have been able to bring new folks on to the team.



We are overjoyed that you are with us:

Kevin Kyle, Emily Danielson, Jim Lane, Judge Cornish, Stephanie Bradley, Hannah Owens, Megan Hill, Christa Stencil-Trout, Maile Clancy

Want to Volunteer?

Check out www.casabellcoryell.org
or call the CASA Office at (254)-774-1881



RECIPE CORNER

TEXAS CAVIAR

- 1 (14 ounce) can corn, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- a bunch of green onions, sliced
- 3 jalapeños, seeds and membrane removed, diced
- 1 (8 ounce) bottle zesty Italian dressing
- 3 avocados

1. Combine the corn, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, green onions, jalapeños, and zesty Italian dressing in a large bowl. Stir to combine.
2. Remove the pits from the avocados and chop the flesh into cubes. Stir into the bowl.
3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips for dipping.



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Recent Success Stories



Guy Jones

Volunteer Advocate, Guy Jones, has recently gone above and beyond for one of our lovely CASA kids. Mr. Jones also finds the time to tutor a high school student in Algebra. We all know that advocating for our children can take up a good amount of time and energy but we always rise to the occasion when children in our communities need us. It is actions such as these that continue to inspire us here at CASA. Mr. Jones has been with CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties for several years. Throughout his time at CASA he has fulfilled many different roles. Mr. Jones continues to show his passion and dedication to the children we serve. We would like to say a big "thank you" to Mr. Jones and his ongoing service on behalf of our organization! It is because of our volunteers that we are able to care for and guide the young people in our counties.



Temple's Day for Women

The **Frank Mayborn Convention Center** hosted its annual **Day for Women** on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The event gave several businesses and organizations the opportunity to advertise their goods or services. CASA was lucky enough to participate in the Day for Women. Recruiter and Trainer, Lolita Gilmore, Executive Administrator, Missy Hlavaty, and Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Molly Miloy, manned the booth and spoke with those in attendance. The goal of attending this, and any, event is to spread awareness of our organization and how many children in the care of the state need good advocates in their corner. Reaching new audiences to educate them about what we do and who we are at CASA is imperative to one day being able to serve every single child in Bell and Coryell Counties that ends up in the care of the state. If you know of an event that CASA should attend, please let us know! We would love the opportunity to get out there and meet as many people as we can.



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Events Coming Up

St. Patrick's Day 5k

CASA will be hosting its 5th annual St. Patrick's Day 5k fun run on March 19, 2022 at Vista Real Estate in Temple, TX. Last year's 5k was such a success that we wanted to bring it back and celebrate with our friends, family and community for a great cause. The 5k in 2021 raised more than \$1,650 that goes to recruiting and training new volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more children we can help in our communities. We hope to see an amazing turnout this year, not only to fundraise but also because we genuinely enjoy seeing and spending quality time with our advocates and their families. This is perfect opportunity to get everyone out of the house and have some fun!

We will be giving away race medals according to age group at the end of the race. Free t-shirts are also available to anyone who registers by March 11th! The fun run is just that, we want you all to have a great time while getting to know your fellow advocates.

We know that sometimes it can be hard to connect with other volunteers but it is a wonderful resource to have other CASAs by your side when you need to vent or need help with a case.

We want to focus more time on connecting all of you with each other and to us because we are here to help you be the best advocates you can be! For easy registration, the QR code and link are located on the right. They can also be found on our Facebook page if you want to share with family and friends. We really hope to see you there.



<https://runsignup.com/casa5krun>



What's coming up?

- Coffee with CASA**
February 4th 9:00 am
AR*U*SHA Coffee and Tea in Belton
- New Advocate Swearing In**
February 8th 6:00 pm
CASA Office in Belton
- Think Tank Thursday**
March 4th 5:30-7:00 pm
TBD
- St. Patrick's Day 5k**
March 19th 9:00 AM
Vista Real Estate in Temple
- CASA Golf Tournament**
April 25th Time TBD
Sammons Golf Course in Temple

Support CASA with a Specialty CASA License Plate

You can help raise awareness for CASA and support the local programs across Texas by purchasing a specialty CASA license plate for your vehicle! For every \$30 plate sold, \$22 of that goes to Texas CASA and the local programs to increase our statewide efforts to advocate for every child in the foster care system.

By buying a specialty CASA license plate you are not only supporting the programs through your purchase, you are also increasing awareness to every bystander that sees your plate! As of now, more than 1,170 people have registered their CASA plates.

Let's keep that number growing!

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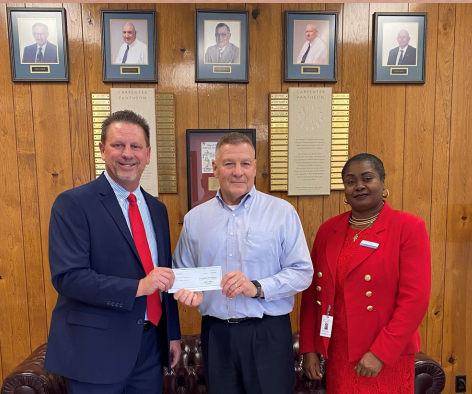


Thank you!



DECEMBER WAS A SUCCESS!

These gracious folks donated to CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties during the month of December 2021



CASA Executive Director, Kevin Kyle, Lead Advocate Supervisor, Denise Hanley, and Tommy Stinson from

E R Carpenter

\$25,000



CASA Executive Director, Kevin Kyle and Nicole Shaw from

Stars and Stripes Exchange of Fort Hood \$500

TEGNA Foundation \$3,000



CASA Executive Director, Kevin Kyle and Sherry Capehart from

TXB Convenience Store \$1,000





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