E.R. Carpenter Foundation Again Provides \$25,000 Grant for CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties

Continuing on their tradition of generosity during the holiday season, the E.R. Carpenter Foundation presented another check to CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties for \$25,000 in grant funding on Wednesday, December 21st.

Thomas Stinson, the company's Division Manager in Temple, presented the check to CASA Executive Director Kevin Kyle. E.R. Carpenter is the world's largest manufacturer of comfort cushioning products that include bedding, foam, cushions, carpeting, and other packaging products. The Carpenter Foundation invests in local agencies and projects that have the opportunity to significantly impact needs in the community - such as CASA, which provides a voice for abused and neglected children that are placed in the foster care system.

The funds provided by the foundation will be used to ensure that CASA employees are wellequipped with the technology required to effectively serve children in crucial need of their care and services. A portion of the funds will also enable the Bell and Coryell Counties office to bring on additional employees who are fully dedicated to the CASA mission.

"The Carpenter Foundation's grant once again opens the doors for CASA to greatly expand its reach as we head into a new year" stated Executive Director Kevin Kyle. "As our team of staff members and volunteer advocates continues to grow and serve more children in our area, we know that this would not be possible without the foundation's generosity".

Stinson stated, "the Carpenter Foundation is committed to supporting local non-profit organizations, and I believe that CASA fills an urgent need for the children in our community. When children in the system are facing hardships caused by circumstances out of their control, CASA employees and volunteers go above and beyond to ensure that the children have someone to advocate for their well-being. After seeing how this organization has a tremendously positive impact on our community, it was an easy decision to provide funds and partner with CASA for another year".

CASA is actively seeking volunteer advocates to represent more children in the Bell and Coryell County areas. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about CASA, please call (254) 774-1881 or go online to <u>www.casabellcoryell.org</u>. If your company would like to support CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties, please email <u>casa@casabellcoryell.org</u> or call the office number above.

CASA would like to thank Mr. Thomas Stinson and the E.R. Carpenter Foundation for their continued generous support of the efforts to provide every child with a voice.