



CASA OF HILL COUNTY TEXAS

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES FOR A BETTER FUTURE



FY2024

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

A NOTE FROM SARAH

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the year; each one seems to pass faster than the last! This year has brought challenges, changes, and many blessings.

I was hired as the Executive Director in February 2024, following Don Rawls' official retirement. Don continues to serve on the Board of Directors and is a dedicated Advocate, along with his wife, Rhodie.

CASA of Hill County Texas was very blessed to receive three grants for FY25 including the Texas-New Mexico Power, Smith Foundation, and Gaines Foundation Grants. CASA also saw many generous donors from Hill County and beyond.

My absolute favorite thing about Hill County is the way it comes together for our citizens, especially our children!

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU, Hill County, for your continued support for CASA & the kids in our community.

In service together,

Sarah M Gardner

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HILL COUNTY STATISTICS

SERVED 109 CHILDREN
IN 73 CASES

23,612.60 MILES DRIVEN

\$1,001.01 VOLUNTEER EXPENSES

1,616.60 VOLUNTEER
HOURS DONATED

240 HEARINGS ATTENDED BY
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

CHILD OUTCOMES

 20 CHILDREN REUNITED WITH FAMILY

 17 ADOPTIONS FACILITATED

 1 YOUTH AGING OUT OF CARE

CONTACTS BY ADVOCATES AND STAFF

- 417 FACE-TO-FACE CONTACTS WITH CHILDREN
- 144 OTHER FORMS OF CONTACT (FACETIME, PHONE CALLS, TEXT)
- 281 CONTACTS WITH PARENTS
- 97 CONTACTS WITH EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS
- 175 CONTACTS WITH ATTORNEYS
- 813 CONTACTS WITH FOSTER/PLACEMENTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS 2024

ROBERTA SKELTON, PRESIDENT
JENNIFER PITTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
ROXSAND LOPEZ, SECRETARY
JERRY CARBAJAL, TREASURER

FRAN EATON*
PAT HERRING*
JANICE MARKWARDT*
SUSAN POPP
DON RAWLS
DONNA RIDDLE**
LAURA SAUKE

*BOARD MEMBERS RETIRING 12/31/2024

**BOARD MEMBER RETIRED 2024

NEW MEMBERS 2025

TRISH JACKSON
MICHELLE VALERO
OPEN

2024 MILESTONES

• Winter

- Sarah Gardner hired as the Executive Director of CASA of Hill County Texas
- Don Rawls, previous ED set to retire March 15, 2024.
- Kathy McEwen hired as Supervisor 2 for CASA of Hill County Texas.

• Spring

- CASA participates in Eclipseboro, Advocate Appreciation, Child Abuse Awareness Day, Go Blue Ribbons, and Blue Sunday.
- CASA of Hill County selected to participate in the 2024 Cohort of Clergy, CASA, & Community.

• Summer

- CASA hosts annual Purse Bingo fundraiser raising record funds for the program and children of Hill County.
- Two Charity Golf Tournaments held benefiting CASA of Hill County

• Fall

- CASA selected for the 2025 Cohort for Child Advocates of Montgomery County TBRI for CASA program.
- CASA awarded Grants from The Smith Foundation, The Dorothy Gaines Foundation, and Texas-New Mexico Power.



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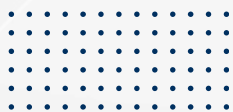
**ENVISIONING A SAFE AND
POSITIVE FUTURE FOR ALL
TEXAS CHILDREN**

-TEXAS CASA VISION



MISSION

**CASA OF HILL COUNTY TEXAS IS COMMITTED
TO SPEAKING FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF
ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.
CASA RECRUITS, TRAINS AND SUPERVISES
VOLUNTEERS WHO ADVOCATE TO ENSURE
THAT EACH AND EVERY CHILD IS PERMITTED
TO GROW UP IN A SAFE, NURTURING AND
PERMANENT HOME.**



FINANCES FY24

**YOUR VOICE CAN BE A
CHILD'S ONLY CHANCE.**

[BecomeACASA.org](https://www.BecomeACASA.org)

**TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVED (FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS
THROUGH TEXAS CASA): \$180,301.89**

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$20,684.19

TOTAL BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS: \$528.54

TOTAL NON-PROFIT CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,680.00

TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME: (BEFORE EXPENSES) \$98,031.81

COUNTY FUNDS: \$20,000

OTHER INCOME: \$775.60

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FY24: \$304,602.73



FINANCIAL AUDIT COMPLETED ANNUALLY. NO CONCERNS NOTED FOR FY23

STORIES FROM CASA

Reunification is Possible!

This year we had a mom who was fiercely committed to changing her life! She took all the steps necessary, including difficult ones, to make sure she was safe and protective of her child. They were reunified and are now thriving!

Generosity of a Community

Hill County always steps up for our children! This year, we had a family in need of beds, so the children could remain with family after being removed from their mother. A generous individual purchased a bed and a generous business in Whitney donated 2 mattresses. This all happened in a matter of hours!

If not for CASA

Two children were placed with family, after several months in Foster Care. It was our CASA Advocate who noticed the children beginning to drastically change, becoming quiet and withdrawn. After advocating with CPS for a better look into the case, it was discovered that the children were being mistreated. These children were able to move back to their previous foster home and were adopted in late 2024! Upon their return to this placement, they exclaimed "We are HOME!"





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