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## FY2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report has been published on our website. Click <u>HERE</u> to download.

#### E.V.E.T. TRAINING

Every Victim, Every Time Conference April 29th and 30th, 2025 Brazos County Expo Center Bryan, Texas

This two-day conference offers fresh perspectives & relevant updates for professionals supporting vicitms of crime.

CASA will pay registration fee and reimburse hotel stays for two-day attendees. Attend one or both days! RSVP to the office by April 1.



Out!!

Thank you, K of C Council 10375, for a generous donation of coats for our CASA Kids; delivered by Board Member/Jerry Carbajal.
If your CASA child needs a coat, check with us, we have several sizes!

## CASA DAY AT THE CAPITOL!

Registration is OPEN!! Join Texas CASA in Austin March 27th.

Hundreds of CASA advocates from all over the state will be visiting their legislative officials to spread the word about CASA and to raise awareness about the challenges facing the child welfare system.

RSVP to Sarah by March 7.

Volunteer Reception March 26, 2025 from 5:30-7:00 PM Omni Austin Hotel Downtown. RSVP required.

We hope you will join us!

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TO ATTEND PRE-SERVICE

TRAINING, AS A REFRESHER

COURSE (AND HOURS)

INVALUABLE CASA WISDOM

WITH NEW TRAINEES!

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#### <u>UPCOMING CASA EVENTS:</u>

- Feb 4-5: Office Closed Staff @TBRI Training
- ~Feb 4 Pre-Service Training Session 3
- ADVOCATES ARE ENCOURAGED ~Feb 7th - Coffee w/ CASA 9AM - 11AM @ Office
- ~ Feb 11 Pre-Service Training Session 5
- ~Feb 13th CASA Board Meeting
- ~Feb 14th Lunch & Learn CFE Training
- ~Feb 18th Pre-Service Training Session 7
- ~Feb 18th CASA at Lake Whitney Senior Center
- ~Feb 20th Tentative New Advocate Swearing In
- ~March 7 Coffee w/ CASA 9AM-11AM @ Office
- ~March 10 Break the Cycle Training @5:30PM "Spring into Action"

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

### SELF-CARE IS CRITICAL

Service as an advocate and supporter 🥍 is selfless and comes from a place of love, empathy, and true compassion! Your work is critical and life changing for the children that we serve.

But this work is not for the faint of heart FOR YOU, AND TO SHARE YOUR and you have to take care of YOU! Here are a few tips:

- Spend some time outside
- Meet friends for coffee
- Read a book
- Work on a craft project
- Schedule a visit to the spa
- Cook or bake something yummy
- Snuggle with your pet or a fuzzy blanket
- Find a friend you can talk to (maintaining case confidentiality)

-Sarah M gardner

# ADVOCATE OF THE MONTH:





Maggie joined us in May of 2024 as a new Advocate. Her family lives in the Whitney area. Maggie goes above and beyond for children and their families!

"Ever since I was a little girl the Lord put a passion in my heart for all kids, but specifically the hurting ones. Once I heard about CASA I knew I wanted to be apart of it, and what it stood for! It's such an amazing organization and the opportunity we have, to not only be the voice for children, but most importantly to be there for them and walk with them during the most difficult time of their lives. Thank you, CASA for the opportunity."