



CASA OF FREESTONE AND LIMESTONE COUNTIES



FY2024

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

A NOTE FROM ASHLEY

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 January 2023, and CASA of Freestone and Limestone Counties became the 73rd CASA program in Texas.

We received our first case assignment on February 13, 2023. Since that time, we have been able to serve 100% of children in care.

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

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU, Freestone and Limestone Counties, for your continued support for CASA & the kids in our community.

In service together,

Ashley M. Gomez

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FREESTONE AND LIMESTONE COUNTIES STATISTICS

SERVED 57 CHILDREN
IN 34 CASES

28,780.74 MILES DRIVEN
<CIRCLING THE WORLD

126 HEARINGS ATTENDED BY
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

1,049.1 VOLUNTEER
HOURS DONATED

CHILD OUTCOMES



9 CHILDREN REUNITED WITH FAMILY



5 ADOPTIONS FACILITATED



4 CHILDREN PLACED PERMANENTLY WITH RELATIVES

CONTACTS BY ADVOCATES AND STAFF

- 274 FACE-TO-FACE CONTACTS WITH CHILDREN
- 167 OTHER FORMS OF CONTACT (FACETIME, PHONE CALLS, TEXT)
- 459 CONTACTS WITH PARENTS
- 175 CONTACTS WITH EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS
- 221 CONTACTS WITH ATTORNEYS
- 516 CONTACTS WITH FOSTER/PLACEMENTS
- 176 CONTACTS WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

2024

KELLY TONEY, PRESIDENT
STACEY BUSH, VICE PRESIDENT
TRACI CROMWELL, SECRETARY
MARQUISE LEE, TREASURER

CHUNKY BUSBY
ERICA CARROLL
JACOB HARRISON
TRACI LAFOY
DIANN MANNING
MARGIE REED



TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

CHARLES BARNETT
KENNETH BROWN
LISA BROWN
BOBBI BURROUGHS
CAMPBELL BURROUGHS
NATASHA BUSBY
STACEY BUSH
JENNIFER CLEMENTS
JAMIE COLVERT
SUSANNE FLORES
KELLI HALL
JACOB HARRISON
BRITTANY HOWARD
PAMELA JOHNSON
SARAH JOHNSON
TAYLOR LENAMOND
KEYOSHA MACK
ANDREA MAYNE
GLORIA MORALES
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
KIM STEVENS
DAVID TIMMERMAN
AMANDA WALKER
LATOYA WASHINGTON
ANJELA WIETZIKOSKI
CAROLYN WILLIAMS

2024 MILESTONES

● *Winter*

- CASA participated in Advocate Appreciation, Child Abuse Awareness Day and Go Blue Friday
- CASA had its program's 1st Quality Assurance Audit, scoring 100% on all case files/documentation

● *Spring*

- CASA hosted Boots, Bling, and Bingo Event fundraiser for the program and children of CASA of Freestone and Limestone Counties
- Oncor Energy Golf Tournament benefiting 4 local programs, including CASA of Freestone and Limestone Counties.

● *Summer*

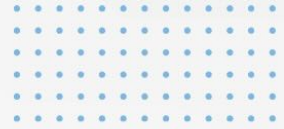
- CASA was awarded Raymond Alford Trust Grant for the program and children of Freestone and Limestone Counties
- Volunteer Supervisor, Kenneth Brown, hired. Kenneth was Advocate of the Year for '23. He and his wife, Lisa, have been advocates since inception.

● *Fall*

- CASA hosted Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser for the program and children of Freestone and Limestone Counties.
- CASA hired Courtney Kirven, as our Recruitment Coordinator.



VISION



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

-TEXAS CASA VISION



MISSION

**CASA OF FREESTONE & LIMESTONE COUNTIES SERVES AS
AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN IN CPS CUSTODY AND
REPRESENTS THE CHILD(REN) IN COURT THROUGH
TRAINED VOLUNTEERS IN COLLABORATION WITH KEY
AGENCIES, LEGAL COUNSEL, AND COMMUNITY
RESOURCES.**

**THE GOAL OF CASA OF FREESTONE & LIMESTONE
COUNTIES IS TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD(REN)
AND ACHIEVE PERMANENCY THAT WILL ALLOW THE
CHILD(REN) TO THRIVE.**



FINANCES FY24



TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVED (FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS THROUGH TEXAS CASA): \$102,317.69

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$11,453.15

TOTAL CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GRANTS: \$5,000.00

TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME: (BEFORE EXPENSES) \$49,916.47

COUNTY FUNDS: \$30,000.00

RAYMOND ALFORD TRUST: \$30,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FY24: \$203,009.62



FINANCIAL AUDIT COMPLETED ANNUALLY. NO CONCERNS NOTED FOR FY23

STORIES FROM CASA

Reunification is Possible!

This year we had a family that initially struggled to understand why CPS became involved. It took their CASA Advocate several months for them to understand the seriousness of the situation. But when they did, it made all the difference in the world. The mom and dad both fiercely committed to changing their lives for their children. They took all the steps necessary, including difficult ones, to make sure they were safe and protective of all 4 of their children. They were reunified and are now thriving!

If not for CASA

A 14-year old male had been placed in a particular foster home for over 2 years. He had been in foster care for over 6 years. His younger siblings were adopted. It was our CASA Advocate who noticed the child beginning to drastically change, becoming quiet and withdrawn. He lost 14 pounds in a few short weeks. After advocating with CPS for a better look into the case, it was discovered that the child was being mistreated. CASA worked to locate family members. Because of CASA, this young man was able to move in with a family member. He is thriving and on the A-Honor roll. His relative is becoming licensed to adopt him.





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