



CASA OF FREESTONE AND LIMESTONE COUNTIES

**BY THE NUMBERS:
SERVING CHILDREN, CHANGING FUTURES**



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

 **FY2025**



**FOR A CHILD IN
FOSTER CARE**

**SMALL MOMENTS
TODAY CAN HAVE
A BIG IMPACT
TOMORROW.**



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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The Butterfly Effect

At CASA of Freestone & Limestone Counties, we believe that small, consistent actions create lasting change. Just as a butterfly's wings can set powerful forces in motion, the dedication of each CASA volunteer can transform the future of a child in foster care. Every court appearance, every visit, and every word of encouragement adds up — creating ripples of hope, stability, and love that shape a child's story for the better.



A NOTE FROM ASHLEY

Dear Friends,

As we close out this year and reflect on our journey, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible work happening through CASA of Freestone & Limestone Counties.

Our mission is to ensure that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect has a dedicated advocate to stand beside them—someone who will speak up for their best interests and help them find safety, stability, and hope for the future.

This year, our volunteers have been a powerful voice for children in foster care. They have stepped into courtrooms, visited children in placements both near and far, and stood beside families as they navigate some of the most challenging times in their lives. Their consistent presence reminds each child that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

The heart of our work is simple: to change a child's story. Every hour volunteered, every mile driven, and every kind word shared helps to build a brighter future for the most vulnerable children in our community.

Because of your support, we are able to recruit, train, and empower volunteers to carry out this vital mission. Whether you have given your time, your resources, or your encouragement, you are part of this movement of hope and healing.

Together, we are changing lives and building a stronger future for Freestone and Limestone Counties—one child at a time.

Ashley Gomez



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FREESTONE AND LIMESTONE COUNTIES STATISTICS



- Served 53 Children in 32 Cases
- 20,332 Miles Driven
- 131 Hearings Attended by Volunteers and Staff
- 1,157 Volunteer Hours Donated

CHILD OUTCOMES



19 children reunited with family



12 adoptions facilitated

CONTACTS BY ADVOCATES AND STAFF

- 269 Face-to-Face contacts with children
- 112 Other forms of contact (FaceTime, phone calls, text)
- 509 Contacts with parents
- 792 Contacts with Caseworkers
- 183 Contacts with education professionals
- 290 Contacts with attorneys
- 502 Contacts with foster/placements



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Toney, Chairman

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Kim Stevens

LaToya Washington

Beth Westhoff

Darryl White

Gayle White

Anjela Wietzikoski



**** Advocates of the Year****

2025 MILESTONES

Winter

- Courtney Kriven hired as Volunteer Recruiter/Community Engagement Specialist
- CASA participated in Adoption Day in both Limestone and Freestone Counties
- CASA of Freestone and Limestone Counties underwent first Quality Assurance Audit scoring 99%/100%

Summer

- Oncor Cares-Golf Tournament held benefiting CASA of Freestone and Limestone Counties.
- CASA advocates assisted in 7 children who had been in care over 2 years reach permanency

Spring

- CASA of Freestone and Limestone County hosts an Annual Bingo fundraiser
- 5 Volunteers were trained and sworn in;
- Underwent Financial Audit- no discrepancies

Fall

- CASA awarded Raymond Alford Trust Foundation Grant
- CASA hosts Clay Shoot Fundraiser
- CASA of Freestone Counties' nomination for "Foster Parent of The Year" was selected for Region 7

CASA in the Community



VISION



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Texas CASA's vision is a safe and positive future for all Texas children in the child protection system.

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MISSION

CASA of Freestone and 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 ultimate 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 FY25

Total Grants Received (Federal and State Grants through Texas CASA): \$189,580

Total Individual Contributions: \$3,580.00

Total Corporate and Foundation Grants: \$33,537.82

Total Fundraising Income: (before expenses) \$50,367.25

County Funds: \$33,000

Total Expenses for FY25: \$307,939.71



FINANCIAL AUDIT COMPLETED ANNUALLY. NO DISCREPANCIES NOTED.

STORIES FROM CASA

A Father's Commitment

This year, one little girl's life changed in a beautiful way. After being removed from her mother's care, she was able to meet and build a relationship with her biological father for the very first time. With time, trust, and the support of her CASA, she was ultimately placed safely in his home. Today, she is thriving—happy, secure, and surrounded by the love of a father who is fully committed to keeping her safe.

A Journey to Permanency

Two brothers, just 5 and 6 years old, spent much of their young lives moving in and out of foster care beginning in 2019. Their journey was filled with uncertainty, but one constant remained—their CASA Advocate. For years, she stood by them, visiting regularly, ensuring their needs were heard, and never giving up.

In 2025, that dedication was rewarded when the brothers were adopted into a safe and loving home. Their CASA, who also serves as the program's Executive Director, reflected: "Watching them finally reach permanency after years of instability was the most rewarding part of my service. They now have the foundation they need to grow, thrive, and simply enjoy being kids."

Five Brothers Find Forever

Five energetic brothers, ages 2 through 12, came into care facing an uncertain future. From the start, CASA worked hard to keep them together, knowing their bond as siblings was their greatest source of strength. It wasn't always easy—five boys can be a handful—but their CASA Advocates remained steadfast in making sure their voices were heard and their needs met.

In 2025, their journey reached the happiest of endings when they were adopted by their paternal great-aunt and uncle. Surrounded by love, stability, and family, the brothers now have the forever home they deserve—together.





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