The Value of ONE...
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Every 8 minutes in Texas a child is the victim of abuse or neglect. 60% of these children are under the age of 6, and unable to speak for themselves. Last year in Collin County over 4,400 suspected cases of abuse or neglect were reported to CPS and 1,168 children were confirmed as victims. Unfortunately, as the population of Collin County continues to grow, so does the incidence of abuse or neglect. Despite these staggering statistics, the hardest part of our job is convincing people that abuse happens in their neighborhood and in every corner of our community.

We are grateful to every **ONE** of you for joining CASA in our fight to ensure our children have a safe and secure childhood. In 2013 CASA served 473 severely abused and neglected children, a 14% increase over 2012. 186 Advocates generated over 50,000 volunteer hours advocating for these innocents to ensure they did not fall through the foster care cracks. But numbers don’t tell the story.

**The work of CASA is all about the value of ONE: ONE child, ONE advocate, ONE donor, ONE supporter.** It's easy to get caught up talking about the big numbers, but the fundamental point of CASA is the difference **ONE** dedicated adult makes in the life of **ONE** child. It is this **ONE on ONE** specialized advocacy that makes us unique in the child welfare system.

In these pages, you will learn more about the life changing difference our CASA Volunteer Advocates make for children. You will see how our many generous supporters work together with board members and staff in a tireless effort to keep our children safe.

Never doubt that a real battle is going on every day to save these children. By supporting CASA you are making a real difference in the future for our children and our community. **We know that ONE voice truly makes a difference.**

With sincere gratitude,

Susan Etheridge  
Executive Director

Cheryl Vaughan  
CASA of Collin County Board President

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OUR CHILDREN

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our volunteer advocates and the generosity of our supporters, we continue to serve EVERY child removed from unsafe homes in our community.

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43% newborns to age 5 30% age 6-12 27% age 13-18

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OUR PROGRAM

- For over 23 years, CASA of Collin County has given hope for a bright future to thousands of vulnerable children in our community.
- Since 1991, CASA of Collin County has advocated for over 8,200 abused and neglected children.
- It costs an average of $1890 to advocate for one child for one year, less than the cost of one MONTH in foster care.
- CASA of Collin County serves 100% of the abused and neglected children entering the foster care system under the jurisdiction of the Collin County District Courts.
- CASA of Collin County is a well respected, fiscally sound nonprofit organization with strong board and executive leadership, an experienced and dedicated staff and over 200 compassionate volunteer advocates.
- Our staff is growing to meet the ongoing needs of our children. CASA has 13 full time staff. Our Recruiter-Trainer helps ensure CASA has the trained advocates needed so that we can continue to serve 100% of the children in foster care. A Permanency Specialist addresses the special needs of children who have remained in foster care for an extended period of time or are close to aging out of the foster care system.
- CASA provides a state mandated service at no cost to Collin County, saving Collin County tax payers well over $4 million dollars annually.
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CASA MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- Children with a CASA are more likely to be placed in a safe, permanent home and are significantly less likely to re-enter the foster care system than a child without a CASA.
- Children with a CASA receive more help and services while in the system.
- Children with a CASA can count on this adult. CASAs are consistent and responsible.
- CASAs spend significantly more time with the child than a paid guardian ad litem.
- Children with a CASA spend an average of eight months less in foster care and are less likely to be bounced from foster home to foster home.
- Children with a CASA do better in school, pass more courses, have better conduct and more likely to stay in school.
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OUR VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

Last year 186 Volunteer Advocates committed over 50,000 hours of service to 476 children. 55 new Volunteer Advocates were trained in 2013.

CASA Volunteer Advocates are well trained every day citizens who work to move children out of foster care and into safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. After completing a 30 hour training course, you’ll be appointed by a judge to one foster care case involving an abused or neglected child. You’ll gather information to help identify the child’s needs and guide him or her out of the system and into a permanent, safe home. You’ll make recommendations to the judge as well as serve as a communicator between the child and the court. You will be supported every step of the way by your Case Supervisor.

No special background or education is required to become a CASA volunteer. If you are 21 years of age, all you need to do is complete the necessary background checks and participate in the training. We encourage people from all cultures and professions, and of all ethnic and educational backgrounds. If you can commit about 15 hours each month, then you’re ready to become a CASA volunteer and experience the satisfaction of knowing you have made a significant difference in the life of a child.

What our Advocates say about being a CASA:

“Making a difference in a child’s life is the most rewarding and fruitful use of my time that I can imagine.” — Kent, CASA Advocate

“I was so affected by seeing a mother do what was needed to get her children back and completely change her entire life to make it happen! CASA keeps me grounded.” — Kate, CASA Advocate

“When I look into the eyes of my children, I see hope and fear. I try to bring out the hope and lessen the fear.” — Michael, CASA Advocate

“One of my children said, after many years in foster care, ‘You are the only person who knows my name.’ These children are truly abandoned by those who should protect them.”

- CASA Volunteer Advocate
GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

A Plus Certified Appliance
Heidi and Bill Aiken
Alcatel - Lucent
Allen/McKinney Netweavers
The Almy Family
America’s Charities
Aramark
Nina Atlee
Melissa Bargainer
Shelley and David Bartek
Baylor Medical Center at Frisco
Baylor Medical Center at McKinney
BB&T
Sandra and Steve Bell
Richard Benavides, MD
Tina Bigaile
Veronica Brehenstock Stricklan
Kathy Blank
Blue Mesa Grill
Randy and Sherrif Terry Box
Burese Snellings Law Firm
Susanne and Al Cardenas, MD
Marsha and Mark Cather
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Ariane and Allan McDonald
Becky and Jim McGarry
McKeeinny Police Association
Medical Center of McKinney
Memorial City Mall/SueAnn and Jerry West
Lori and Patrick Miller
Linda and Mark Moore
Brenda and Randall Nelson
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* Donors listed are at $500 and above.
The tournament featured a variety of challenging contests, fabulous prizes, camaraderie and networking opportunities for guests and sponsors and raised awareness and support for the mission of CASA.

The 10th Annual CASAs for KIDs Classic was held at scenic Gentle Creek Golf Club in Prosper Texas.
HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Become an advocate.

Join a committee.

Attend our awesome Voice for Children Gala.

Donate.

Advocate Fiercely.

Host a Fundraising Event.

Raise Awareness for CASA.

Sponsor a Donation Drive.

Tee one up at the CASA’s for Kids Golf Tournament.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Visit www.casaofcollincounty.org to learn more!

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