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CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF THE SOUTH PLAINS, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT





CASA's Mission

CASA of the South Plains inspires, educates, and empowers solution-minded community members who are committed to supporting the best interest of children in the foster care system. Volunteer advocates create connections and promote nurturing relationships for the child and family, encouraging hope and healing. Through court appointment and collaborative efforts, volunteer advocates share informed recommendations for the well-being of the child.



Jaclyn Morris,

Friends of CASA,

As I think about our mission and the goals we worked to achieve last year, I am simply amazed by the CASA community! Every single day, CASA of the South Plains strives for a safe and positive future for all children in foster care. Every activity we are a part of, every event we host, and every grant we write supports the goal of serving more youth in foster care in Lubbock and the South Plains. Our primary goal will always be to ensure their voice is heard in court and their best interest is advocated for each day they are in the foster care system, ultimately striving to secure a safe, nurturing, permanent environment for every child.

CASA's impact last year included 255 Volunteers who advocated on behalf of 415 children in foster care in the South Plains. Of these youth, 122 were successfully placed in a safe, permanent home thanks to their CASA volunteer. While the impact of this permanency

cannot truly be measured in tangible ways, what we can relate are the stories of these community heroes. CASA Volunteers impact these children and our community in such magnificent ways! They work to build personal long lasting relationships with the children they serve. They work with the educational system to ensure the educational needs of these children aren't overlooked during this trying time. Because of this, 92% of these children successfully advanced to the next grade level! CASA Volunteers also push the medical system to review medications to make sure children are being prescribed exactly what they need. CASA Volunteers go above and beyond to be there when they are needed most and sometimes when they are least expected. They take their advocacy work to heart and fight for these vulnerable children so they are not left to navigate the system alone. CASA Volunteers are ultimately building a legacy of love for these precious children in our community.

In essence, your support, whether hours contributed, financial gifts, or in-kind donations to CASA, meant that in 2022, 47% of the children in foster care in the South Plains had an Advocate.

While we improved in areas of our program goals and fundraising, we are still not able to serve 100% of the children in foster care in our community. There were over 500 children in foster care without a CASA Volunteer in 2022. We as an organization will continue to expand awareness, create meaningful and lasting connections with our community partners, and press for growth to be able to close the gap. We are dedicated to creating a movement that will work to advance our advocacy and mission.

We cannot do this work alone. It is through the incredible support of donors and volunteers like you that CASA benefits the youth in foster care and our communities in the South Plains.

Thank you for being part of our CASA community and for helping to build a legacy of love in the lives of the children who need us most! We are honored to play our part in this great organization that has the power to transform lives for generations to come.

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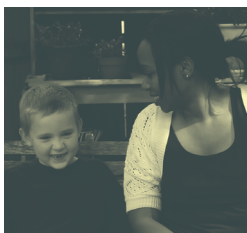
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To learn how you can become a CASA Volunteer or to donate, visit www.casaofthesouthplains.org.



Number of Children Whose Cases Closed

Relative Adoption: **2 (1%)** Reunification: **66 (47%)**
 Non-Relative Adoption: **22 (16%)** Aged Out: **19 (13%)**
 Custody Given to Relative: **23 (16%)** Other: **6 (4%)**
 Custody Given to Non-Relative: **4 (3%)**

TOTAL: 142



Total Children Served by CASA

Race/Ethnicity	Age	Gender
Hispanic: 213	Infant-5: 122	Male: 211
African American: 71	6-11: 110	Female: 204
Caucasian: 100	12-14: 69	
Multi-racial: 29	15-18: 113	
Other: 2	19+: 1	

TOTAL: 415



Number of Active Volunteer Advocates

Race/Ethnicity	Age	Tenure	Gender
Hispanic: 35	21-24: 29	10+ yrs: 9	Male: 47
African American: 2	25-34: 61	6-9 yrs: 21	Female: 208
Caucasian: 199	35-44: 34	5 yrs: 14	
Asian: 4	45-54: 52	3-4 yrs: 54	
Other: 15	55-65+: 79	1-2 yrs: 87	
		New: 70	

TOTAL: 255



Number of Donated Volunteer Hours

TOTAL: 5,258

Tax payer savings of county paid attorneys' fees

TOTAL: \$289,190



Revenue & Community Support

Total Grant Support: **\$837,281**
 Total Donations Including United Way: **\$421,740**
 In-Kind Donations: **\$180,165**
 CASA Special Events: **\$278,912**
 Interest/Other: **\$658**

TOTAL: \$1,718,756



Expenses

Program Services: **\$1,501,800**
 Fundraising: **\$83,017**
 Administrative: **\$157,569**

TOTAL: \$1,742,386



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