



CASA FOR KIDS OF EAST TEXAS

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Back to the '90s

Get ready to dust off your denim jackets — our biggest event of the year is almost here! Join us on October 21 for Back to the '90s, CASA for Kids of East Texas' annual fall festival and fundraiser. It'll be a night full of nostalgia, fun, and food in support of children in foster care. Expect throwback music, games, costumes, and surprises that'll take you straight to 1999.

Get your tickets: tylercasa.com

Interested in sponsoring? Email Isabel@casaforkidsofet.org



Montez Car Show

Back in May, the Montez Car Show proved to be more than just a showcase of classic cars, it was a celebration of community, generosity, and support for children in foster care. We are incredibly honored to share that CASA for Kids of East Texas was gifted a \$20,000 donation from the event.

Thanks to the Montez team, participants, and attendees, this generous contribution will directly support our mission of providing advocacy.

Wood & Van Zandt County-Wide Blitz

In late June, our CASA staff hit the road for a county-wide blitz across Wood and Van Zandt Counties — spreading the word about our mission and the urgent need for CASA volunteers. From small businesses to civic organizations, churches to local media, we met face-to-face with community members to share how they can step in and speak up for children in foster care.

Along the way, we had plenty of laughs, got a little lost (navigation is harder than it looks), and even treated ourselves to ice cream at the Dairy Palace. It was a jam-packed 2 days of connection, purpose, and momentum.

If you know someone who would make a great CASA, now's the time to get them involved!



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It's no secret that CASA has a growing need for volunteers. In our counties alone, there are over 100 children without a CASA volunteer. Of course, our case supervisors will make sure that each child is accounted for, but how special would it be for a child to have a volunteer who advocated for them?

- Advocates who made sure they had eye and dental exams.
- Advocates who recommend that their child has weekly visits with their sibling who is placed miles away.
- Advocates who stood in the gap and made sure that their child is seen in an overwhelmed system.

Is that volunteer you?

"There are a whole lot of kids out there who are one adult away from a positive future. CASA volunteers are often that one adult."

Jersey Mike's Day

Mark your calendars! On Friday, August 8th, Jersey Mike's in Tyler is hosting a giveback day, with a portion of sales going to support CASA for Kids of East Texas. Come out, grab a sub, and help make a difference for children in our community! CASA staff will be on-site.

