



CASA FOR KIDS OF EAST TEXAS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



The Giving Machine

Imagine a vending machine that doesn't dispense snacks or drinks, but instead offers donors the chance to meet real, tangible needs. That's the idea behind The Giving Machine, operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each year, nonprofits are chosen as beneficiaries, and this year, CASA for Kids of East Texas is honored to be among them! The Giving Machines will be on the move this holiday season, making stops in



McKinney, Grapevine, and Arlington between November and December. At each location, community members can "purchase" an item that directly supports CASA children from clothing to comfort items, school supplies, sporting equipment, and more.

Want to learn more or support CASA through The Giving Machine? Visit:

texasgivingmachine.org/dfw/#charities

Back to the '90s THIS MONTH

Break out your scrunchies, neon windbreakers, and high-top sneakers because Back to the '90s is THIS MONTH!!!!

Join us as we travel back in time for a night full of nostalgia, 90s jams, and fun for all ages. Guests will enjoy:

- A DJ playing all the hits of the '90s (Backstreet Boys, NSYNC, Britney, Mariah Carey, & more!)
- 2 teams battle head to head in a hilarious pie in the face challenge
- A treat walk where everyone wins
- All you can eat food
- Exciting auction items you won't want to miss
- A chance to show off your best '90s outfit
- So. Much. More.

We can't wait to see you on October 21st at 5:30pm!!!!

TICKETS: TYLERCASA.COM



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Since our last newsletter, CASA has been appointed to 124 new children. That means that 124 more children from your community have been removed from their families and placed into foster care since March of this year. Removed from everything familiar to them. Most were removed from their schools and friends, without any preparation or notice to say goodbye. They leave abruptly to ensure their protection and immediate safety but that doesn't allow them any time for preparation. This alone is traumatic and scary but add in the mistreatment they already suffered to initiate such a sudden move. Our CASA children need comfort. They need nurturing. They need joy and laughter. They need people to invest IN them and provide hope. Our volunteer advocates do all these things by developing relationships with the children and family. Advocates visit them at their home, their school, attend meetings and court, visitations, as well as take them on outings. By participating in all aspects of the child's life, our CASA volunteers gather first-hand information and advocate for the child's needs. They encourage healing by ensuring the child has everything they need and by building trust. Advocates encourage children to be children.

Those 124 children were removed from 60 families. For CASA, that means we need 60 volunteers since March to advocate for the best interests of these children. These children need advocates that focus directly and intently on them, their needs, safety and protection. Do you know of someone that has the heart and time to invest in the children from your community or know of a group we might speak to about this opportunity? Contact sonya@casaforkidsofet.org to discuss.



Stuff the Sleigh

This holiday season, we are bringing back our annual Stuff the Sleigh Gift Card Drive — launching November 1st! Gift cards help us give children in foster care specific items they have been wishing for. Together, let's make sure our CASA kids feel the holiday magic all season long.

Donations can be dropped off at our Tyler CASA office. Online donating will be available November 1st at tylercasa.com.