



CASA FOR KIDS OF EAST TEXAS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



ONE TEAM ONE DREAM

We're gearing up for our Annual Fall Fundraiser on October 20, 2026, and this year's vintage baseball theme is sure to be a HOME RUN! Join us for an evening of live entertainment, delicious food, and a lap around our famous Treat Walk as we come together to support CASA for Kids of East Texas and the children we serve. Tickets are on sale now at tylercasa.com!

Our online auction goes live October 6th. Register to bid and get ready for an amazing lineup of auction items. Grab your tickets, register to bid, and come ready to play ball!



VZ COUNTY BLITZ

Van Zandt County advocates were celebrated for their SUPER advocacy in August! CASA advocates were recognized for the meaningful impact they make on children in foster care. One advocate even received an award for their mileage reports! Staff wrapped up the day at Fire Grounds Coffee Shop in Canton, where advocates and staff connected with community members interested in learning more about CASA's mission.



SUCCESS STORY

A four-year-old child entered foster care due to neglect and physical abuse and was placed with a relative. As soon as a CASA volunteer was appointed to the case, they began searching for resources to support the child, who was experiencing a severe developmental delay. Over the next two years, the CASA volunteer regularly communicated with the child's school to monitor educational progress and advocate for additional support. They also supported the child's relative caregiver throughout the process of becoming a licensed foster parent. With CASA's consistent presence and advocacy, the child made significant developmental and educational progress. After years of support, the family became licensed to adopt, giving this child a forever home at just six years old.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Preparing for a new school year can look different for children in foster care. Along with adjusting to new home environments, they may also have to change schools. Thanks to generous donations from our community, children can start the school year feeling prepared and confident with new school supplies. These donations also help ease the financial burden for foster parents as they care for children.



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TO WATCH VIDEO**



ACADEMY SHOPPING DAY

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides an amazing program with their "Giving Machines" charities. CASA for Kids of East Texas was a recipient. Through the generosity of many donors, we were able to meet the needs of hundreds of abused and neglected children. CASA partnered with Bath and Body works for body washes, deodorants, lotions, and more. Our teens were excited to get these special kits which made them feel valued. Over 90 children were treated to a shopping day at Academy Sports in time for back to school. Additionally, youth got sports equipment so that they could participate in extra-curricular activities just like their peers. The children were so excited and to start the school year off with new, clean, and well fitting clothes. Funds were also used to purchase school supplies, and computers for homework as well as supplies to participate in career and technology classes. One student received hair clippers for his career and technology class that he will use after school for his new career. A 16 year old got to pick out a name-brand shirt for school – the first one she has ever had. Several children learned how to budget their purchases during the shopping day and were so excited when their totals were under budget.



ROSE CITY ALL STAR RAFFLE

Take a chance and win it all! Our exciting raffle package is here just in time for our annual fall fundraiser on October 20!



A private one-hour flyover of Tyler



Dinner for two at Blackhawk Creek Grill & Concert Venue



Two bottles of award-winning Kiepersol wine



Pampering pack for her



Sports Clips pampering pack for him

Interested in getting your tickets? Contact maryjo@casaforkidsofet.org or call 903-597-7725.

DID YOU KNOW?

CASA volunteers are required to complete at least 12 hours of continuing education each year. We support our advocates by providing monthly seminars led by community educators, covering topics that help them navigate the many situations they may encounter while advocating for children. Every child deserves a knowledgeable, prepared advocate who is ready to speak up for their needs. Scan or click [here](#) to learn more about our Continuing Education Seminars.



DUTCH BROS

Dutch Bros graciously invited CASA back for another Buck for Kids event! On September 18, \$1 from every purchase at all Tyler Dutch Bros locations was donated to CASA. Staff made a sunrise appearance at several locations to thank supporters in person and share more about CASA's mission and the impact of advocacy.



CASA ON THE ROAD

Dur volunteers end up in some pretty crazy places while advocating for children! While we serve children in Smith, Wood, and Van Zandt counties, children are sometimes placed with family and caregivers outside of our area, even outside of Texas! That doesn't stop our advocates from making sure their needs are being met. By the end of June 2026, our CASAs had already traveled more than 23,000 miles to advocate for children. Here are a few snapshots from their journeys!

