

"EVERY KID IS

ONE CARING ADULT

AWAY FROM BEING A SUCCESS STORY."

Josh Shipp



IMPACT REPORT



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Child Advocates of Montgomery County

Our mission

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County provides quality court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused and neglected child can have the opportunity to thrive in a

**SAFE, NURTURING, AND
PERMANENT FAMILY.**

**In 2021, CASA
Child
Advocates
served 100% of
children in
foster care in
Montgomery
County.**

Our vision

Our vision is a community where families remain connected and

**CHILDHOOD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
ARE ELIMINATED.**

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A Message from the President & CEO

2021 concludes a tremendous year for CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County. We are proud to have emerged from the pandemic a stronger and more agile organization with an enhanced ability to serve children.

We have continued to serve 100% of the children in Montgomery County for the last 7 years. Through the pandemic, while we may have used some new technologies for court hearings and some visits, our staff and Advocates continued to build connections with the children we serve and ensured that their safety and best interests remained the focus of their child welfare case.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County is committed to being a leader in collaborative efforts to help our community understand the impact of childhood trauma, improve outcomes for children in foster care and enhance our efforts in family finding and preservation. To these ends we purchased, updated, and moved into a new, permanent home.

This property, which is comprised of a historic home and an adjacent former carriage house in downtown Conroe, has allowed us to expand our programs to enhance our ability to provide trauma education, expand our family engagement initiatives, and better serve teens in our community before they exit foster care. We are grateful for the generous contributions to our Capital Campaign, which made this dream a reality. If you haven't visited us yet in our new home, please stop in and see us!

Financial responsibility is always a priority for CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County. We ended the year with 11 months of cash reserves for operating expenses. This is a goal set by our board, and it ensures our ability to continue to serve every single child in foster care in Montgomery County.

Although we do serve every child, our work goes on. On average, 5 children enter foster care in Montgomery County each week. We must continue to ensure that the best interest of these children remains the focus of everyone in the child welfare system so that the cycle of child abuse and neglect can be broken.

None of this work would be possible without your generous support of the most vulnerable children in our community. Whether you are a donor, board member, volunteer, or someone with a heart for children, thank you. Your support sends the living message of a legacy of healed children and families.

Thank you!



Ann Marie Ronsman, MSN, RN, TBRI Practitioner
President & CEO



"CASA Advocates change the trajectory of children's lives. The work we do is powerful because it is not ONLY about this child in care for whom we are advocating. It is about the ripples that come from changing the life of this single child, and as a result, changing the generations who follow this child and go on to live healthy lives, unimpacted by trauma. At CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, the generations who follow the children we serve are the message that we send into the world that we will not see. It is their children and great-grandchildren who are the legacy of our work."

Why is CASA needed?

68,461

Number of confirmed victims of child abuse in Texas in 2021.
199 children died, victims of abuse or neglect*

\$220

MILLION per day is the direct and indirect cost of child abuse in the United States***

5.2

children die every day in the U.S. due to abuse and neglect. 70% of these fatalities are children under the age of three**

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2021 FACT & IMPACT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

282 Court-Appointed Volunteers

16,230+ Hours Served

116,800+ Miles Driven

596 Children's Lives CHANGED!

100%

of the children in the custody of DFPS were served by CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County in 2021

10,000+

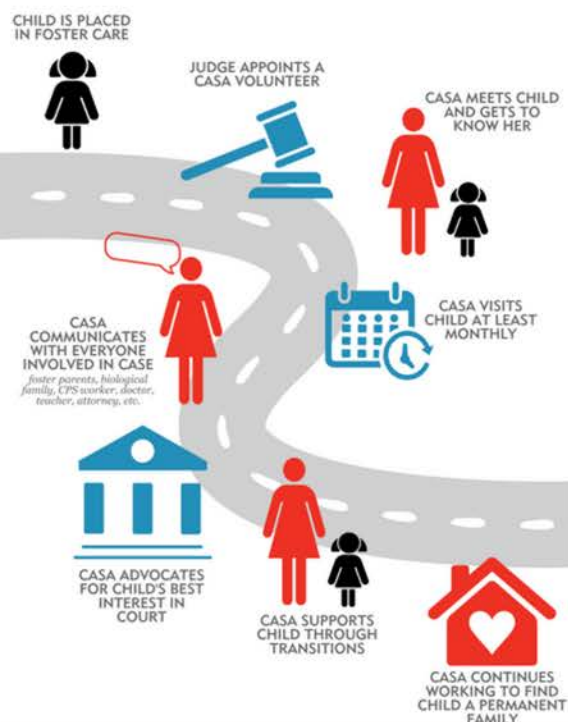
Number of children served by Child Advocates of Montgomery County since 1992

\$2000

is what it costs Child Advocates of Montgomery County to serve one child for one year

What does CASA do?

FOLLOW A CASA VOLUNTEER'S JOURNEY TO HELP A CHILD FIND HER FOREVER HOME.



*Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2021 Data Book
**U.S. Department of Healthy & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Child Maltreatment (2019)
***Gelles, Richard J., & Perlman, Staci (2012). Estimated Annual Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect. Chicago IL. Prevent Child Abuse America

What is a CASA volunteer?

When a family is in crisis and becomes involved in the child welfare system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer to advocate for the child. That volunteer is called a *Court Appointed Special Advocate®*, or CASA.

CASA VOLUNTEERS

- Are screened and **HIGHLY TRAINED**
- Are **APPOINTED BY JUDGES** to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system
- Are assigned to **HELP ONE CHILD** or set of siblings at a time
- Provide **VALUABLE INFORMATION** to the judge and others involved in the case to ensure the child's best interest
- **RESEARCH** each child's situation
- Make **OBJECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS** to help each child reclaim their childhood from abuse and neglect
- Are a **CONSISTENT PRESENCE** in the child's life as they navigate the foster care system
- Help maintain a **SENSE OF URGENCY** to all children's cases
- Recognize that **PERMANENCY IS ESSENTIAL** for a child's well-being

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

-- Mother Theresa

Who are CASA volunteers?

CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU -

objective, compassionate, self-motivated individuals from the community. They come from all walks of life and backgrounds. Some work full-time and others stay at home or are retirees. All are passionately committed to make a difference for children who might otherwise slip through the cracks in an overburdened foster care system.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DOES AN ADVOCATE NEED?

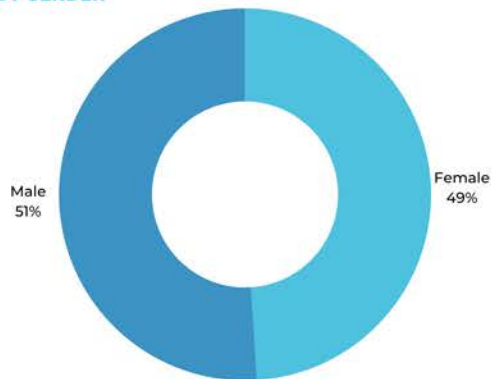
- Be at least **21 YEARS OLD**
- Successfully pass **CPS SCREENING & BACKGROUND CHECK**
- Successfully complete **35 HOURS** of online & classroom training*
- Be able to make a **12 MONTH COMMITMENT** to a case
- Be **COMPUTER LITERATE** and have **ACCESS** to a computer
- Have a **DRIVER'S LICENSE** and personal transportation
- Be objective, tenacious, wise, and **CARE VERY DEEPLY** about making a difference for kids

* Plus 3 hours of court observation

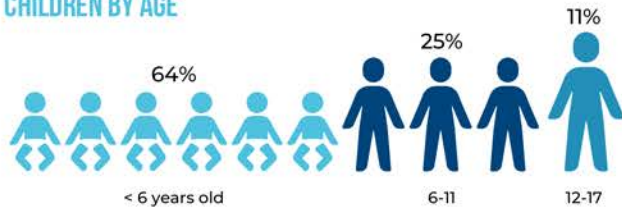
596 Children Served

2021 CHILD STATISTICS

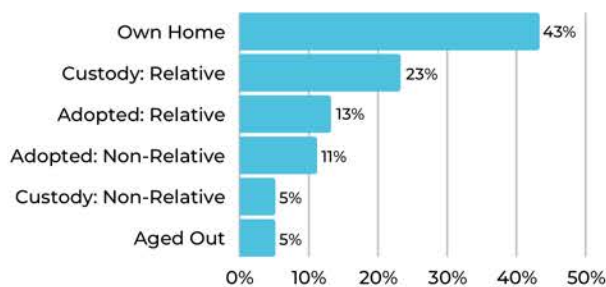
CHILDREN BY GENDER



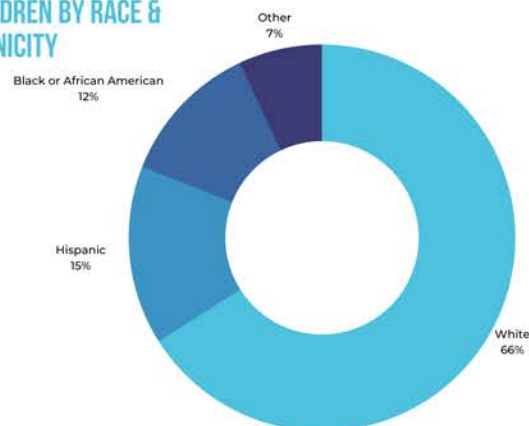
CHILDREN BY AGE



PLACEMENT OF CHILD AT CLOSE OF CASE



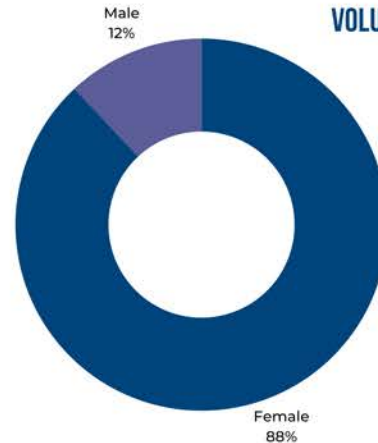
CHILDREN BY RACE & ETHNICITY



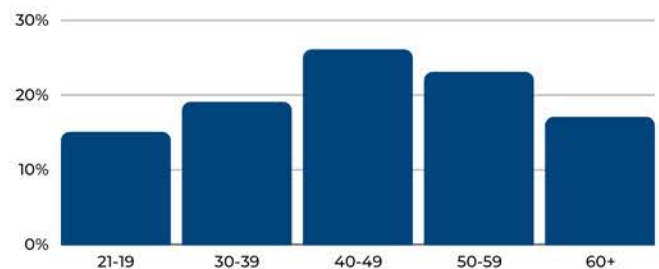
282 Active Volunteers

2021 VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

VOLUNTEERS BY GENDER



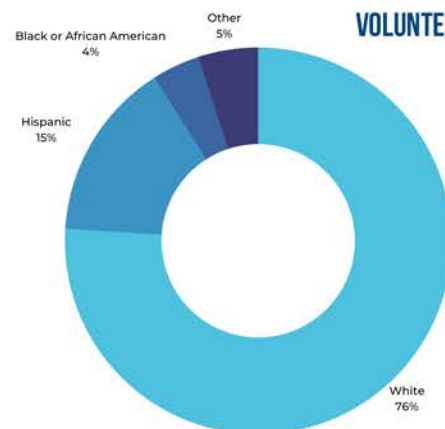
VOLUNTEERS BY AGE



VOLUNTEERS BY TENURE



VOLUNTEERS BY RACE & ETHNICITY



Based on data collected 11/1/20-10/31/21

Meet the Clifford family and their Advocate, Julia!

Brothers Mason, then three years old, and Bo, then two, were in the car with their parents in March of 2019 when they heard sirens from behind. After pulling the car over, law enforcement officers ran the father's information and found he had outstanding warrants; he was arrested and taken into custody immediately.

Upon further inspection of the car, officers found about 7 grams of methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia, all within arm's reach of the two little boys.

For their immediate safety, the two brothers were taken into Child Protective Services (CPS) care.

When Jennifer and Ryann Clifford answered their phone that night, their foster agency was on the other end of the line, asking if they could possibly take in two young brothers. Right now.

When the boys arrived, they had a few items with them, thrown in trash bags. Dressed in dirty pajamas, Mason wasn't wearing a diaper, and Bo needed to be changed. Both boys also had marks and bruises on their bodies, signs of physical abuse.

Julia, a volunteer Advocate and mother of six as well, found out about the case from her CASA Supervisor and quickly stepped up to take the case.

A few days after arriving at the Clifford home, one night after dinner, Ryann and Jennifer were playing with the boys when Ryann noticed Bo had wandered into the kitchen and went to check on him. Ryann saw the pantry door was open and found Bo in the trash can, pulling food and garbage out and eating it.

The Cliffords also noticed that Mason and Bo never seemed to be full, almost always asking for more and more food after finishing meals. They later found out that Mason and Bo had often gone two or three days at a time without food.

As Julia continued working the boys' case, she found that Mason and Bo had an older sister, Bella, who lived with grandparents. Julia knew it was important for the siblings to be able to see one another, and she was instrumental in making sure that happened, even supervising the visits herself.

Bella was also eventually taken into care and immediately placed with Jennifer and Ryann in September of 2019.

Julia understood that transitions are hard. She brought Bella books and craft kits to welcome her home to the Cliffords. Julia also arranged for all three siblings to receive bikes and helmets from the CASA Bike Guys program.

During the course of both cases, the children's parents had gone back and forth to jail. They were unable to show the court that they could provide a safe home for Mason, Bo, or Bella. In February, 2020, Julia appeared before the court in-person to testify in Mason and Bo's case, and the parents' rights were terminated. Bella's case was about 6 months behind her brothers' case, but Julia pushed CPS and the judge to move Bella's hearing up. It was set for April, 2020.

Then a global pandemic gripped the nation and Montgomery County courts shut down. Julia feared Bella's case would be pushed back. In April, the courts planned to conduct hearings via Zoom, and Julia became the very first CASA Advocate to testify via Zoom in Montgomery County on behalf of Bella.

Because of Julia's efforts to keep Bella's case on-track, the three siblings were able to be adopted together, with friends and family joining in remotely, in September of 2020 on Zoom. Bella woke at 5 am that morning, unable to sleep because she was so excited, and recalls, "I was so excited to be accepted into this family."

Today, you can find the boys riding bikes around the yard, Mason often helping his little brother, Bo, with his balance. Bella has learned to play the ukulele and even writes her own music and lyrics. The three of them absolutely adore their little baby brother, Emerson, who was born in July of 2020.



MASON, EMERSON,
JENNIFER, BELLA, BO AND
RYANN CLIFFORD

**Because of
Julia's efforts,
the siblings'
futures look
bright. Bella,
Mason and
Bo are
growing and
thriving, safe
and loved,
and free from
the cycle of
abuse.**



Scan to watch
the story here!



JULIA--BELLA, MASON, AND
BO'S CASA ADVOCATE

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“As one person, I cannot change the world. But I can change the world of one person.”

-- Paul Shane Spear

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2021 Statement of Activities

REVENUE



Total unrestricted revenue, support, and reclassifications

\$2,074,474

*Net of direct benefit to donors

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Total restricted revenue contributions (Capital Campaign)

\$1,886,738

*As of 10/31/21
100% of campaign goal achieved in 2022

EXPENSES

Total

\$1,573,339



Net assets 10/31/21

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Advocates by Years of Service

10+ YEARS

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Denise Inman
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Charlotte Tabarini

5-9 YEARS

Dona Angell
Cheryl Baehr
Ree Belhumeur
Audrey Blythe
Julie Brown
Kirsten Bubier
Kathryn Bullard
Kathy Butler
Ron Carroll
Elizabeth Chapman
Sally Cline
Patrick Conlon
Melanie Curtsinger
Emmie Dorsainvil
Diana Ender
Jennifer Engel
Pamela Fairchild
Ron Finch
Mark Fincher
Sherri Forscher
Rebecca Grubert
Cara Hafer
Monica Hague
James Harville Jr.
Vicki Hewitt
Jennifer Hill
Mary Kay Hinkle
Betty Keyser
Ronald Kloster
Rebecca Koterwas
Colette Krieps
Deborah Kubera
Melinda Lehmann
Lindsey Long
Margaret Martin
Nancy McCulloch
Kashonna McHenry
Catherine Miller
Pam Miller
Leslie Mills
Whitney Montgomery
John O'Malley
John Palilla
Sandra Powers
David Randall
Miriam Reed

5-9 YEARS

CONTINUED...

Patrick Riley
Tamara Robichaux
Shannon Russell
Carol Seltz
Tammy Sisson
Francine Stanfield
Angelika Stinson
Linda Ulrich
Carol Watford
Meredith Watts
Meredith Wedin
Kelley Wolf

1-4 YEARS

Kayla Adams
Texas Adams
Ellen Antonov
Pamella Arquitt
Caroline Austin
Michelle Ayala
Doyin Ayeni
Nancy Ayre
Kathleen Baldwin
Elizabeth Barham
Erin Barker
Megan Behan
Debora Belanger
Laura Bennick
Veronica Benson
Sumit Bhat
Julie Black
Charlene Boone
Kristina Brazee
Lisa Bremner
Melissa Brown
Malika Bruno
Leanne Burns
Christina Bushra
Pam Byrne
Martti Cade
Randall Cade
James Cain
Morgan Calhoun
Caroline Cameron
Dawn Campbell
Jesus Campos-Garcia
Jacqueline Candemir
Amanda Carroll
Ashling Casey
Patricia Chesser
Ryan Choate
Tanya Claggett
Marie Colborn
Stephanie Coleman
Allison Conner
Dan Conway
Joni Cope
Eileen Corbett
Dana Craig
Steven Crooke
Krishna Danda
Doris Daner
Sharon Daniels
Meaghan Davenport

1-4 YEARS

CONTINUED...

Rachel de Groot
Denise DeGeare
Julia Dell
Carole Denney
Heidi Doxey Ford
Jamy Drake
Sandra Dresch
Kristi Drexler
Joseph Driskill
Debra Drumm
Keenan Durmon
Belinda Eason
Gregg Edelman
Maria Falcon
Krystal Farris
Edward Felman
Katherine Fitzgerald
Karen Flink
Thomas Ford
Vanessa Fowlkes
Robert Friedman
James Funke
Rocio Galaviz-Trejo
Racheal Garza
Stephen Gasaway
Jennifer Gibson
Becky Glass
Janet Glisson
Taryn Gordon
Megan Grant
Maria Green
Jessica Grosse
Michaela Grudzinski
Debra Hamilton
Randolph Hansen
Karen Hargrave
Kimberly Hart
Willard Harvey III
Jennifer Hearne
Brittan Hierholzer
Monique Hineline
Stefani Hinkel
Andrea Huff
Shanna Hulet
Gerald Humphrey
Margarita Iles
Sharon Ingebreetsen
Pamela Jackson
Sara Jacoby
Brianna Jaetzold
Robert Jefferis
Misti Jeter
Julia Johnson
Bethany Johnson
Julie Jones
Stephanie Jones
Barbara Jonker-Drenth
Natalie Kaiser
Sandra Kerth
Michaela King

1-4 YEARS

CONTINUED...

Frances Kohoutek
Elizabeth Landgraf
Ingram Lee
Keith Lemons
Lindsey Loflin
Paula Logan
Shanna Lohr
Deborah Looney
Christina Lykke
Michelle MacLean
Pamela Madrigal
Tammie Manchester
Corey Mark
Kari Martin
Kimberly Marvel
Daniel Matthews
Mark McDermott
Kaylei McGarrett
Kelly McGrail
Whitney McMullin
Cynthia Mehling
Andrea Mendez
Shetal Mentlewski
Vicki Miguez
Lindsay Miller
Sonia Miller
Annette Milliff
Jennifer Mills
Kevin Montagne
Jennifer Moreno
Deborah Morse
Kimberly Moser
Lynnette Mullins
Eulalia Munoz-Cortijo
Christina Nordstrom
Kristen O'Neal
Katherine Orr
Cari Otto
Wayne Owen
Tracee Palafox
Maxine Parappilly
Kelly Parker
Brian Parrish
Brett Peabody
Bryan Pearson
Dana Pearson
Samuel Perry
Rachel Phoenix
Paula Piecyk
Zahir Poonawala
Wesley Prince
Francine Querio
Michael Quinn
David Randall
Ginger Rathert
Cassandra Raun
Bobbie Reese
Melissa Reese
Karen Roberts

1-4 YEARS

CONTINUED...

William Roe
Kristie Ross
Amanda Rothwell
Jennifer Rutledge
Robin Sacks
Ana Saldana
Rhonda Salerno
Gabrielle Salton
Jeane Schalm
Elizabeth Schardt
Florescia Schnicer
Indiana Schnicer
Alisann Schweiker
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CASA's New Home

THE ROCK CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

The new home of CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, the historic Falvey-Miller House in downtown Conroe, offers space to expand our programs and increase our capacity to serve children and families.

The main house--built in 1929--has been named The Rock Center for Child Advocacy after generous campaign contributors, Doug and Julie Rock. The carriage house is now The Watford Resource Center for Trauma Intervention after donors Mike and Carol Watford and houses the Woodforest Community Education Room and the Waste Connections TBRI Coaching Center.



CHALLENGES OF FORMER LEASED OFFICE SPACE

- Single-use Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) coaching room and limited staff availability
- CWOP youth in care (children without placement) living at CPS office during the day
- Inability of volunteers to engage family and/or other individuals connected to a child prior to first court hearing
- No space to host teen-centered events (such as life skills training)
- Lack of adequate space to host the Trauma Informed Care Montgomery County Task Force



SOLUTIONS PROVIDED BY NEW OFFICE SPACE

- TBRI coaching program expansion including additional spaces for coaching sessions and TBRI Practitioner solely dedicated for coaching purposes
- Multi-use spaces available for parent/child visits as alternative to CPS office
- Early Collaborative Family Engagement initiative to focus on meaningful connections for the child BEFORE first court hearing
- Multi-use spaces for teen-centered events (including interactive, outdoor community garden)
- CASA4Teens program expansion including staff dedicated to teen life skills and post-secondary education purposes
- Larger training room



COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 100% of children and families in the child welfare system in Montgomery County will be offered TBRI coaching services by CASA
- Increased services provided to children and families affected by trauma, resulting in better long-term outcomes and healing
- Less stress on children and caregivers
- More functional and secure environment
- Increased youth programs on-site
- A truly "Trauma-Informed" Montgomery County, Texas where the needs of traumatized children are recognized and addressed proactively



In 1992, CASA leased its first office space at 304 Main Street (inside the "West" building)



For many years, CASA rented office space at 412 W. Phillips Street



In 2021, CASA purchased the property at 505 N. Main Street after 29 years of renting

CAMPAIGN NAMING RIGHTS

The Rock Center for Child Advocacy (Main Building) - Doug & Julie Rock

The Watford Family Foundation Education Center (Carriage House) - Mike & Carol Watford

The Amy Streifel Community Garden and Pergola - Mark Streifel & Family

The Waste Connections TBRI Coaching Center - Waste Connections

The Woodforest Charitable Foundation Community Education Room - Woodforest Charitable Foundation

'The Adventure' Signature Garden Sculpture - Patrick & Deb Conlon

The Astros Foundation Interactive Community Garden - The Astros Foundation

The Rose Garden - Jim & Jane Funke

The Garden Bird Sanctuary - James & Angela Pung

Children's Outdoor Play Area in memory of Jud and Petey Albers - Michael & Nancy Quinn

Bailey's Sensory Play Path - The Reitmeyer Family

'Reading Girl with Dog' Bench Sculpture - John & Helen Thaeler

What is TBRI®?

TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI® uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors. While the intervention is based on years of attachment, sensory processing, and neuroscience research, the heartbeat of TBRI® is connection.

79%

Percentage of custody case outcomes resulting in Family Reunification or Relative Custody in 2021. This is up from 67% in 2020.



Creating Connections for Children in Care

TRUST BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION (TBRI)

This year, our TBRI contacts more than tripled from 46 contacts in 2020 to 163 in 2021. The TBRI team passed out books, met personally in the office with caregivers and/or met with children and caregivers in their homes.

TBRI trainings for Advocates continued on Zoom during 2021. Thanks to generous donations from Ralph & Shirley Alexander and ChampionX, CASA created 'TBRI Go Bags' for the Advocates to pick up before the training and take with them on visits with children. The bags included water bottles, bubble gum, fidgets, a list of life-value terms, and an engine plate craft.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County continued its efforts to train outside organizations on TBRI and trauma-informed care including groups at Insperity and ChampionX, plus an interview on the Momma's Well podcast.

COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (CFE)

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County was one of the first programs in the state of Texas to begin implementing Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) on our cases. Now, more than 7 years later, Advocates use CFE tools readily in every case.

The main goals of Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) are to avoid removing children from their family of origin whenever possible, and to help children achieve strong connectivity and permanency faster, preferably with relatives or other trusted loved ones.

In 2021, CASA Child Advocates continued to train Advocates on CFE principles. Family member support continued to increase in Family Group meetings during 2021; virtual meetings made it convenient for parents and family members to be more involved in the CPS process.

In collaboration with the Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS) and community partners, we are working to ensure that every child in foster care has the opportunity for lifelong connections.

CASA4Teens Program

In 2019, CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County announced a new approach for teen outreach. The program, "CASA4Teens" (formerly the "Fostering Futures" program), aims to increase successful outcomes for youth aging out of foster care.

Last year, the CASA4Teens program accomplished the following:

- Partnered with Sheltering Harbour RTC for 15 book club meetings at their boys' and girls' campuses. A total of 35 youth participated and took part in lessons on resilience, gratitude, and strength.
- Held two college and career talks at the Sheltering Harbour RTC for 12 youth. For many participants, it seemed as though this was the first time they considered college to be an option for them.
- Held college and career talks for approximately 18 youth at Bridgeway Shelter.
- Partnered with Love Fosters Hope to send kids to camp.
- Planned future partnership with Bridgeway Shelter for life skills initiatives with their kids.
- Held a quinceañera for one girl in care; 40 family members attended.
- Provided tools for Advocates supporting teens including: budgeting, career, and college tools for activities on their visits, using them as a launching pad for more personalized conversations; hygiene-specific challenges & considerations for foster youth; paying for post-secondary education



GAME OF LIFE

Thank you to the Leadership Montgomery County Class of 2021 for their innovative work on the Game of Life. With COVID restrictions still in place, their team of 17 worked relentlessly for 7 months to find creative and engaging ways to bring this life skills training event to the teens in Montgomery County. In April of 2021, 51 teens at 7 locations participated in the simulcast event while LMC and CASA volunteers were on-site at each location to walk them through hands-on learning activities. Because of LMC's work on this project, CASA now has a library of lessons available so that all teenagers can receive the life skills they need as they prepare for adulthood.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee is made up of many specialists from the education field, mostly retired. This includes a retired superintendent of schools, a retired principal and ESL specialist, a retired school counselor, a retired educational diagnostician (special ed) and a retired gifted and talented specialist. The committee also recently added a behavior specialist.

The Education Committee is available to answer any questions related to the success and or struggles of our children in school. Members of the committee offer to attend meetings with Advocates such as ARD meetings or 504 meetings.

CASA Case Supervisors submit questions regarding education which are then referred to the committee specialist. On a monthly basis, the committee fields an average of 10 questions from volunteers.

The Education Committee has written helpful blog articles for the CASA website and has also contributed articles and videos for drip learning by text message for Advocates.

Educational Advocacy

HANDLE WITH CARE

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County continued to partner with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office on a collaborative initiative called "Handle with Care." Handle with Care is a program that enables local law enforcement to notify local school districts when they encounter a child at a traumatic scene, so school personnel and mental health partners can provide appropriate trauma-sensitive interventions immediately.

Handle With Care requires:

- Law enforcement to send notification to schools
- Schools to receive notifications and prepare for trauma-sensitive support

The goal is to set schools up to better help children exposed to trauma focus, behave appropriately, and learn.

We are proud to have the following partners in this initiative:

- Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
- Children's Safe Harbor
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- All Montgomery County Constables Offices
- Conroe PD
- Shenandoah PD
- Splendora PD
- Willis PD
- Conroe ISD
- Magnolia ISD
- Montgomery ISD
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The Montgomery County Handle with Care program is currently the only county-wide program in Texas.

**One person can make
a difference, and
everyone should try.**

-- John F. Kennedy

Serving Every Single Child

ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

Foster children are particularly vulnerable to falling victim to sex trafficking and other forms of human trafficking. 60% of all child sex trafficking victims have histories in the child welfare system.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County continued our anti-trafficking program initiative in 2021.

Texas CASA created the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Course. This free course was created to help Advocates identify victims of trafficking, understand the unique needs of exploited youth, and provide them with the highest level of advocacy. The course has 9 modules and takes approximately 2.5 hours to complete. CASA asked our volunteers to register and complete this online training then come together virtually on Zoom to discuss what they had learned. About a dozen Advocates took the course, advancing their knowledge on this important issue.

FOCUS ON INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

CASA embraces diversity and inclusion. CASA staff and volunteers participated in the Woodlands Pride Festival in at Town Green Park in the Woodlands in October of 2021. The theme of the event was Love Connects Us All. Staff talked to a wide number of attendees about our mission and ways they could become involved, such as becoming an Advocate or by making a donation.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County were also re-certified by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's All Children All Families this participation cycle, one of 119 organizations that have met their standards for accreditation. All Children – All Families is the only national program dedicated to LGBTQ+ inclusion in child welfare (foster care and adoption agencies). Receiving the accreditation was an acknowledgment of our commitment to continue to be the best Advocates we can be for every single child we serve. We acknowledge that strength comes in valuing diverse experiences and backgrounds.

Human trafficking, which is the exploitation of people for sexual servitude, forced labor, or financial gain, is rampant in many countries and is thought to generate over \$30 billion worldwide. Here in the U.S., the FBI estimates that over 100,000 children are victims of sex trafficking.



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