



Thank you for making a difference in our lives!

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THANKSgiving Dinner

Dinner honoring all CASA Advocates

November 2 – 6:00 P.M.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



We will be celebrating all of our CASA Advocates on Monday, November 2, at our 3rd annual THANKSgiving Dinner. We continue to see amazing results due to each of you. We are so blessed to have you. Please come, hear guest speaker, Rep. John Otto and be honored!

November Activities

The first few weeks of November are full of CASA events which are summarized below:

- ❖ The Texas CASA Conference will be held in New Braunfels November 5-7. Please contact Debbie if you are interested in attending.
- ❖ Adoption Day is November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Liberty Community Center inside City Hall
- ❖ 2nd Annual Fun Run will be Saturday, November 10, at Liberty Municipal Park. Flyers for runners/sponsors are included in this newsletter. If you know any runners or if you workout at a gym, please share the flyers!



Dialog with Debbie

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* **Fostering Futures** – Who taught you how to do a budget? Open a savings account? Fill out an application? Sort and wash clothes? On and on and on... For many of our 13 to 18 year old CASA Children, the opportunity to learn these life skills often goes untrained for them. Thankfully, we have Janice Petrey and we have **Fostering Futures!** Janice's "Program In a Box" life skills training modules offer hope and a better future to many children. If you know of someone who would be great at teaching or assisting teens in these life skills, let your Advocate Coordinator know. They do not have to be an Advocate to teach a lesson! This program is funded by the Houston Endowment Grant.

* **Finding Family** - As Kevin Campbell, founder of **Finding Family** says, "You have 12 brothers and sisters? Your parents must have been nuts!" I always answer the same, "No, they were not, they were following God's plan for them and I would not have wanted it any other way!" Imagine no realized family at all. Imagine never having that connection. As you know, many aged out CASA children never have that connection, but thanks to **Finding Family**, a program that seeks to build and maintain a lifetime Family Support Network, many kids may now be able to have the safety, security, comfort, identity and dignity to claim a sustained family unit. Making this work is not a science, it is an art, often complex, but very worthwhile. I urge you to contact your Advocate Coordinator if you are interested; our next class is October 27. This program is funded by a Walmart State Giving Grant.



CPS Corner

Christine (Chris) Vien is the new CPS Supervisor, replacing Debbie Leonard. Chris currently has two areas while CPS locates a replacement supervisor who Chris will train. We are excited to see and hear the feedback about Chris. She responds extremely fast, is fair and thorough and has GREAT follow-up skills. Please copy Chris when you are copying your CPS caseworker and Advocate Coordinator.

Another great improvement is that CPS is holding case staffings. Brainstorming occurs recommendations are discussed; we have seen amazing results.

CASA welcomes Chris and looks forward to working with her and her replacement.

Letter from the editor

This newsletter is being published by Advocates Bill and Pat Baker. If you have any ideas, photos, etc., please feel free to contact us at 832-215-2428 or billandpatbaker@gmail.com



Every child is a different kind of flower and all together make this world a beautiful garden.

Additional Advocate Info

The last page of the newsletter has a list of the paperwork and other information that is needed monthly from each Advocate. The training sessions thru February 2016 are also provided. Please keep this page as a handy reference. Look for a new streamlined court report format coming soon!





Super Hero Fun Run benefitting CASA Sponsorship Form

Forms must be received by October 15th, 2015 to ensure all benefits

CONTACT NAME

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

Sponsorship Levels (Please circle your selection)

Platinum: \$1,000 Gold: \$500 Silver: \$250 Bronze: \$100

- My regrets, I/WE are unable to attend this year but enclosed is a contribution
- Enclosed is a check made payable to **CASA of Liberty/Chambers Counties**
- Charge \$ _____ to the following: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Card#

Signature

Expiration Date

Super Hero Fun Run

CASA Liberty/Chambers Counties

The Event - The 2nd Annual Super Hero Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 14th starting at 8:30am at Liberty Municipal Park. It's a beautiful 5K, 10K, or a Kid's K through the park.

Your Opportunity - As a sponsor, you will gain visibility for your business while giving a powerful voice to abused and neglected children in our community. We are pleased to offer you valuable publicity opportunities with this year's sponsorship benefits.



	Platinum (1,000)	Gold (\$500)	Silver (\$250)	Bronze (\$100)
Promotion Table at Race	*			
Banner (provided by company) Displayed "Super Hero Fun Run "	*			
Company Name and Logo on t-Shirt	*	*		
Company Name and Logo on Brochures, Media Advertisement	*	*	*	
Company Name and Logo on a Mile Marker Sign	2	1	1	
Complimentary Race Entries	4	2	1	
Complimentary T-Shirts	4	2	1	
Company Fliers or Giveaways from donors in "Goodie Bags"	*	*	*	*
Verbal recognition at event	*	*	*	*

Other Sponsors are needed for:

Kid's Masks, Capes, Bounce House, Awards, Ice, Water, Drinks, and Fruit.



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SUPER HERO



Fun Run



*Come join the Fun!
Dress as your favorite
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Saturday, November 14th

Liberty Municipal Park

601 E.L. Wilson Drive • Liberty, Texas 77575

Registration begins at 7:30 A.M.

Kids 1K Run (10 & Under) - 8:30 am • 5K & 10K - 9:00 am

1K \$10 • 5K & 10K \$25

All Ages Welcome

*COSTUME CONTEST
FOR ALL AGES!*

The 5K/10K Course will use a current high school cross country route, along with asphalted park trails winding through Liberty Municipal Park.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CASA LIBERTY/CHAMBERS COUNTY

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Gender (circle): M F Birthdate: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Entering: 1K Fun Run 5K Fun Run 10K Run

1st 50 1K Participants will receive a cape, all will receive a mask & medal. Pre Registered 5K and 10K participants will receive T-shirts.

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL **PRE-REGISTRATIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 30TH.**

Make Checks Payable To: CASA Liberty/Chambers County

Mail to: P.O. Box 9027, Liberty, TX 77575

Register at BJ Ford, Clawson Printing or Online @ active.com

RULES

- ★ Entry fees are non-refundable.
- ★ You must be in good health and physically prepared to take on the challenge of the distance chosen.
- ★ Children 3 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Advocate Mandates and Info

As we have learned in our training, paperwork is necessary for CASA to remain in compliance with their regulations. Listed below is a summary of the documentation that we should keep up-to-date or check regularly:

- Review Green Binder when visiting child
- Provide name and phone number of foster care agent to your Advocate Coordinator
- Provide name and direct phone number of counselor to your Advocate Coordinator
- After each visit/phone call, send summary email to Advocate Coordinator, CPS Caseworker, CPS Supervisor (Chris Vien), and Attorney AL
- Complete timesheet and spreadsheet at end of month and send to Advocate Coordinator

As you know, Texas CASA has a mandate that every child must be visited each month if they are within 2 hours of an Advocate. If the end of the month is coming and you think or know that you will not be able to visit, please let your Advocate Coordinator know ASAP. If you cannot visit, then, due to a new Texas CASA Board mandate, the Advocate Coordinator must visit by the 10th of the following month. With our children spread out across counties, it is important to give your Advocate Coordinator as much time as you can so they can plan to visit. Our visits and paperwork are very important to CASA !

Training dates/times/topics are listed below for October – February, 2016 if you need hours!

Training Sessions October – February 2016

<p>Advocacy Focus Conf. Call Debbie Dugger & Advocacy Coord.</p> <p>Advocate Training Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Fostering Futures Janice Petrey</p> <p>Finding Family Kathy Dagle</p> <p>Advocate Training Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Fostering Futures Janice Petrey</p> <p>Advocate Training- Night Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Conversations with Kathy Kathy Dagle</p> <p>Advocate Training Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Advocate Training Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Conversations with Kathy Kathy Dagle</p> <p>Finding Family Kathy Dagle</p> <p>Fostering Futures Janice Petrey</p> <p>Advocate Training Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Advocate Training- Night Dahl Rollins</p> <p>Conversations with Kathy Kathy Dagle</p> <p>Fostering Futures Janice Petrey</p>	<p>Mon. Oct. 12th 12 Noon or 8:00 pm</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. Oct 12th-15th 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Fri. Oct 20th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Tues. Oct 27th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. Nov 9th-12th 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Tues. Nov 17th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Tues. Nov 17th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Wed. Nov 18th Noon</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. Dec 7th-10th 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. Jan 11th-14th 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Wed. Jan 14th Noon</p> <p>Tues. Jan 19th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Tues. Jan 26th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. Feb 8th-11th 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Tues. Feb 16th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Wed. Feb 17th Noon</p> <p>Tues. Feb 23rd 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p>	<p>800-356-8278 Code:768295 CASA Cottage</p> <p>Lunch will be served CASA Office</p> <p>Dinner will be served CASA Office</p> <p>Dessert will be served CASA Cottage</p> <p>Lunch will be served CASA Office</p> <p>Dinner will be served CASA Cottage</p> <p>Dessert will be served 800-356-8278 Code:768295 CASA Cottage</p> <p>Lunch will be served CASA Cottage</p> <p>Lunch will be served 800-356-8278 Code:768295 CASA Office</p> <p>Dessert will be served CASA Office</p> <p>Dinner will be served CASA Cottage</p> <p>Lunch will be served CASA Office</p> <p>Dessert will be served 800-356-8278 Code:768295 CASA Office</p> <p>Dinner will be served</p>
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