UPDATE ALL HIGHLIGHTED AREAS. ONCE FINALIZED, COPY AND PASTE THE TEXT INTO THE BODY OF AN EMAIL TO YOUR LOCAL MEDIA. INCLUDE A PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOT OF THE ED IF POSSIBLE.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ANYTHING, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING YOUR LOCAL MEDIA, PLEASE CONTACT THE TEXAS CASA COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. PLEASE SEND A LINK OR PDF OF ANY COVERAGE YOU GET. GOOD LUCK!

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 **Your CASA Program Celebrates [5/10/15/20] Years in [City/County]**

City, Texas – YOUR CASA PROGRAM celebrated its 5/10/15/20-year anniversary on [DATE OF ANNIVERSARY OF PROGRAM START]. Since its inception, YOUR CASA PROGRAM and their team of volunteers have advocated for children in foster care who have experienced abuse and neglect. Throughout their [# years] years in operation, they have advocated for [# OF CHILDREN ADVOCATED FOR] children and families in [coverage area].

“We’re so grateful that we can continue our advocacy and for the support we receive from the community,” said ED’s FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME, executive director of YOUR CASA PROGRAM. “It’s because of our amazing community that we have been able to continue to grow and make a difference for children and families in foster care during all these years.”

CASA volunteers with YOUR CASA PROGRAM, also known as Court Appointed Special Advocates, are specially trained and appointed by judges to advocate for a child or sibling group while they are in the foster care system. They advocate for the child in court, school and other settings; and get to know everyone involved in the child’s life, including their parents, foster parents, teachers, doctors, family members and others.

CASA volunteers advocate first and foremost for children to be reunified with their parents whenever safe and possible. When reunification is not an option, they may advocate for the child to live with another relative or family friend. They can also advocate for the child to be placed in an adoptive home. In all cases, CASA volunteers are steadfast, consistent presences for the children they serve, making sure they are safe and have the resources and connections they need to grow and thrive.

“We all hope for a day when every child and family have the support they need to thrive, but until that day comes we will continue to recruit CASA volunteers and advocate,” said ED’s LAST NAME. “We’re always accepting more volunteers who can aid us in helping the most vulnerable in our community.”

[USE THIS SPACE TO WRITE 1-2 PARAGRAPHS ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM’S INVOLVMENT IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND/OR WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM IS DOING TO CELEBRATE THE OCASSION.]

Make an impact right here in our community by becoming a CASA volunteer. Every child has a chance–it’s you ®. YOUR CASA PROGRAM’s next information session is being held on TIME/DATE at LOCATION. For more information, visit [YOUR PROGRAM WEBSITE] or www.BecomeACASA.org.

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