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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 **[BENEFACTOR] Donates $DONATION AMOUNT to YOUR CASA PROGRAM**

City, Texas – BENEFACTORrecently made a generous donation of $AMOUNT to YOUR CASA PROGRAM, an organization which provides children in foster care with a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer to advocate for their best interests.

BENEFACTOR’s donation will support YOUR CASA PROGRAM’s RECRUITMENT EFFORTS/TRAINING EFFORTS/NEW BUILDING FUND/ETC. as they continue to advocate for children and families across COVERAGE AREA.

“We are so thankful for the support from BENEFACTOR,” said ED’s FIRST AND LAST NAME, executive director of YOUR CASA PROGRAM. “It’s because of the continued generosity of our community and supporters like BENEFACTOR that CASA PROGRAM NAME can do the work we do advocating for children in foster care and their families.”

INSERT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BENEFACTOR AND HOW THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR CASA PROGRAM CAME ABOUT.

INSERT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE DONATION WILL BE USED FOR, IF FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC AND ENGAGING. E.G. EXPLAIN A NEW INITIATIVE, DISCUSS PLANS FOR MOVING INTO A NEW BUILDING, ETC.

CASA volunteers with YOUR CASA PROGRAM are members of the community who 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 the children are safe and have the resources and connections they need to grow and thrive.

“We are always in need of donations to support our work, as well as more CASA volunteers to serve children and families in our community,” said ED’s LAST NAME, “There is no other volunteer experience like being a CASA volunteer, and I encourage anyone interested to find out more about the work we do and how you can become a part of it.”

For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer and other ways you can get involved, visit [www.BecomeACASA.org](http://www.BecomeACASA.org) or YOUR CASA PROGRAM URL.

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