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 Is in Search of More Volunteers**

City, Texas –YOUR CASA PROGRAM is seeking more volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children in foster care in SERVICE AREA.

“We want every child involved in the child welfare system to have an advocate by their side while they go through such an uncertain time in their lives,” said ED’s FIRST AND LAST NAME, Executive Director of YOUR CASA PROGRAM. “We are always in need of more volunteers from the community to serve these children and their families.”

CASA volunteers with YOUR CASA PROGRAM 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.

FEATURE QUOTE FROM A CURRENT VOLUNTEER (SAMPLE BELOW)

“Our work is so important to these children and it can create a lifelong impact for them and their families,” said FIRST AND LAST NAME OF VOLUNTEER, a CASA volunteer at YOUR CASA PROGRAM. “You’re not only changing the lives of children, you’re changing your own!”

Just last year, YOUR CASA PROGRAM advocated for # children in foster care in COVERAGE AREA. Yet, some children still don’t have a CASA volunteer to advocate for them.

“Our mission is to serve every child in our area,” said ED’S LAST NAME. “We never want a child to go without a CASA volunteer—that’s why we need our community’s support, and for more people to step up and make a difference!”

If you’d like to find out more about becoming a CASA volunteer or other ways to get involved visit BecomeACASA.org or LOCAL PROGRAM URL.

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