

## Volume 1 - 2010

### Upcoming Events

- September 11, 2010  
5K Run in Johnson Park,  
Marble Falls
- October 8-10, 2010  
Texas Fall Fest—Marble  
Falls
- January 29, 2011  
CASA Royale—Lakeside  
Pavillion, Marble Falls

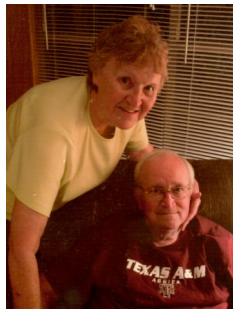
### Through the Eyes of a Child

For the first time in her 17-year-old life, Cheryl celebrates Christmas with a mother and father she can call her own. Cheryl is an adopted child who lived in foster homes for more than seven years. Before that she had a father and mother who had issues that kept them absent or non supportive and unable to fulfill their parental roles. Cheryl started her foster home journey in Gainesville, TX at age nine where she also met her Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer Cecil Harper. Harper was the stable adult who accompanied her on all of her moves to various foster homes around North Texas. "Cecil is amazing," Cheryl said. "All through my life, from foster home to foster home he was there for me. I've had a whole lot of caseworkers and case managers, but I've had only one CASA volunteer and he stuck by me. He believed in me more than I believed in myself. He's a big part of my life and I wouldn't be where I am right now if it wasn't for him." Cheryl's adoption was finalized September "I cried," Cheryl said. "A lot of people cried that day."

### CASA Statistics

- 6 children were recently adopted and now have new families!
- 16 new children added to our CASA program in June
- CASA now serves nearly 200 children in our area.
- This year our CASA volunteers have saved the five counties we serve \$421,055 in tax payer dollars!
- CASA volunteers gave their children 5,190 hours and drove over 65,000 miles so far this year

### In Memory & Honor



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend and long time volunteer advocate, Dave Gautier. His dedication to the children will be sadly missed.



**A BIG  
Shout  
Out!**

**Thank You!** For your recent support!

Christ Redeemer Church  
Church at Horseshoe Bay  
First Christian Church of  
Johnson City

St. Paul the Apostle

Trinity Lutheran Church of  
Blanco

Seven Memorials for Dave  
Gautier



After many years as a CASA Supervisor, Leigh Goding is going to take her mom and dad fishing. She will be greatly missed in our CASA organization.

## WELCOME

### New Volunteers:

Mary Dougherty  
Raymond Gonzales  
Carolyn Landstrom  
Robert Landstrom  
C. Wayne Tarver  
Ronelda Wendler

## 2010 SPEAK UP FOR KIDS CASA 5K SERIES

Johnson Park - Marble Falls  
September 11, 2010

Fun, Games, Car Show, Military \* Fun for all ages!

Register at: [www.casa5k.com](http://www.casa5k.com)





## Did you know?

**Did you know:** Children with a CASA volunteer are 16 times more likely to be adopted than those without an advocate.

**Did you know:** That CASA for the Highland Lakes Area relies on grants and donations exclusively and is not tax funded? Without the continued support of you and others in our community our CASA would not exist? Your continued support ensures that every child in our service area will have a CASA and a VOICE!

*Programs like ours work because of hearts like yours*

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Burnet, TX



*When home is no longer safe for a child, and the child must enter the foster care system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer called a CASA or **Court Appointed Special Advocate™**. The volunteer's focus is on that child, acting as the "voice in court" for abused and neglected children and giving hope and help in guiding the child to a safe and permanent home.*

*Serving Blanco, Burnet, Lampasas, Llano, and San Saba Counties*

**Additional details on upcoming events can be found on our website:**

**[www.highlandlakescasa.com](http://www.highlandlakescasa.com)**