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The Children's Campaign Annual Giving Ensures A Powerful Voice

AUSTIN, TEXAS (November 3, 2008) – Each year, CASA of Travis County conducts their Annual Children's Campaign in order to field support for their operations. Based on current trends, CASA will need approximately 150 more volunteers and \$650,000 to reach every child in Travis County who needs a CASA advocate.

Laura Wolf, CASA of Travis County Executive Director feels indebted to those who give to CASA's Children's Campaign and recognizes that their "commitment to CASA's work helps ensure that children will not have to navigate the daunting legal and Child Protective Services (CPS) systems on their own."

Wolf says, "The endless dedication found in our volunteers is displayed every day in bettering the life of a child removed from their home due to abuse or neglect." Currently, CASA volunteers serve approximately 74% of the total number of children in the courts.

The Children's Campaign begins every October and donations are accepted through the year's end. For more information on The Children's Campaign or to donate, please visit www.casatexas.org or call 459-2272.

About CASA of Travis County

CASA of Travis County is the only organization in Travis County appointed by judges to be *guardians ad litem* in child protective services cases. CASA provides advocates to speak up in court for the best interest of children who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. CASA recruits, trains, screens, and supervises these community volunteers so that they may properly advocate for the best interest of the child. Volunteers drive the success of CASA and do so by being the voice so many children are left without. CASA volunteers not only spend time with the child entrusted to them but also meet with the child's school, doctor, and care-giver in order to better assess recommendations they make to the court. CASA of Travis County was established in 1985 and continues to grow with over 400 trained volunteers serving more than 1,200 children each year.

For further information on CASA of Travis County, visit www.casatexas.org.

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