



STATE OF TEXAS
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A Message from the Governor:

Child abuse and neglect are complex and ongoing problems in our society, affecting all too many children in Texas.

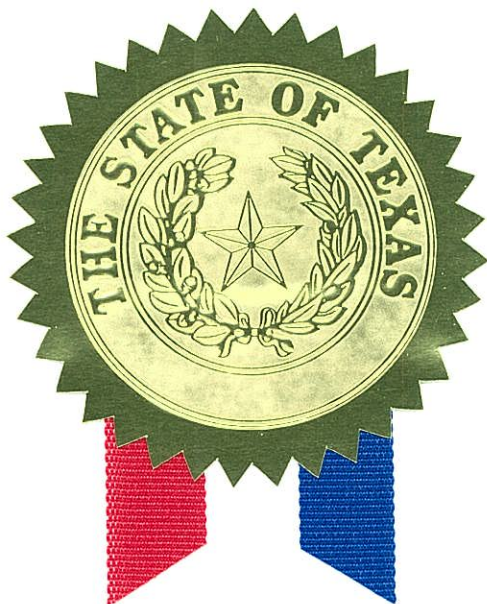
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are dedicated volunteers — teachers, business people, retirees, mothers, fathers and grandparents — who step forward to make certain that foster children have safe homes and stable environments.

These fine Texans — more than 5,000 of them working within 68 local programs — personify the best of Texas, lending a much-needed helping hand to our most vulnerable citizens.

I encourage all Texans to become more aware of CASA, as well as the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect. Only by becoming informed and, ideally, involved in working toward a solution can we finally ensure that all children in Texas are safe.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in recognizing the contributions of CASA volunteers and the people who support them. As you celebrate April 14, 2009, as

Court Appointed Special Advocates Day



Sincerely,

Rick Perry

*Rick Perry
Governor*