



04/25/2023

Attention: Honorable Daryl Melton
Brent Cox
Keith Nabours
Stanley Jacks
James Low

To the Commissioners of the Court serving Sabine County,

I am writing on behalf of Advocates for Children, Inc., D.B.A. CASA of the Sabine Neches Region, to request your consideration for granting funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 to support child advocacy in Sabine County.

CASA of the Sabine Neches Region serves abused and neglected children who have been placed in the child welfare system in Sabine County as well as the counties of Orange, Hardin, Newton, Jasper, and Tyler.

Our program recruits, screens, trains, supervises, and supports volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates also known as Guardian Ad Litem for children in state conservatorship.

Twenty-six Sabine County children were in state conservatorship in 2022. CASA was appointed to serve as guardian ad litem for 10 of those children. In 2023, we have made the commitment to Associate Judge Lisa Andrews to accept assignment of all new cases in Sabine County. To ensure our program can keep up with the need, we are doubling our efforts to recruit volunteers from in and around Sabine County to adequately serve the children. We have also secured office space at 2285 Worth St. in Hemphill to provide training and support for our volunteer advocates.

Funds will be used to support recruitment and training in Sabine County and to purchase items needed to complete the set up of the office space, such as office supplies, a computer, internet access, printer, chairs, and signage.

Thank you for considering our request. I would be happy to meet at your convenience to discuss any questions or provide more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Codie Vasquez".

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Mission Statement: CASA of the Sabine Neches Region exists to promote and protect the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected in Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Tyler Counties in Texas, by training volunteers to advocate for them in courts, in schools, and in our community for family reunification or alternative placement in a safe, permanent, and loving home.

EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE—IT'S YOU.

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