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## **CASA Blue Ribbon Society Members Recognized for Their Support**

*Reception Honors Donors' Support of CASA and the Work Advocates do to Speak Up for Abused and Neglected Children in Montgomery County*

**THE WOODLANDS, Texas (November 18, 2014)** -- CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County celebrated some of the organization's most generous annual donors at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CASA Blue Ribbon Society Appreciation Reception. The event was held at the new ROBOARD'S The Perfect Cut Steakhouse (located at The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center) on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Over the past 25 years, the blue ribbon has become widely recognized as a national symbol of child abuse prevention. This movement began in the spring of 1989 when a concerned and heartbroken grandmother, Bonnie Finney of Norfolk, Virginia, took a stand against child abuse after experiencing the death of her grandson. She tied a symbolic blue ribbon to her van as a signal to her community of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is Montgomery County's only court-appointed organization advocating for abused and neglected children. CASA Child Advocates are appointed by Judges to watch over and speak up for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social services system, or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Advocates stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

In Montgomery County, it costs \$1,215 to provide an Advocate for one child for one year. The CASA Blue Ribbon Society was created in 2013 to recognize donors who give a generous annual gift to help CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County provide an Advocate for every abused child in need.

For more information about the CASA Blue Ribbon Society or CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, visit the website at [www.CASASpeaks4Kids.com](http://www.CASASpeaks4Kids.com) or call (936) 441-5437.

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*Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are appointed by the Court to speak up for the best interest of children who have been removed from their parents and are under the Court's jurisdiction. CASA's goal is to provide a court-appointed volunteer to serve as Guardian ad Litem for every child in the foster care system. For the past 22 years, CASA has been training volunteers, raising awareness in the community, and working to stop the cycle of child abuse in Montgomery County. Learn more about CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County at [www.casaspeaks4kids.com](http://www.casaspeaks4kids.com) and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CASACHildAdvocatesofMontgomeryCounty>*

