



2025

## CASI COMMUNITY GRANTS

Giving back to the community is at the heart of CASI employees.



CASI Community  
GRANTS



**To know that we have a partner  
in the community that wants to  
help — we're immensley grateful."**

---



## CASI COMMUNITY GRANTS

# FOCUSED ON THE COMMUNITY

---

The CASI Community Grants program is focused on education, social services and issues involving women and children with an emphasis on underrepresented populations. Grants are to be awarded to nonprofit organizations that align with these funding priorities:

### EDUCATION

Programs that focus on academic improvement, mentoring, and career development as well as programs that provide direct support to schools.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

Programs meeting basic health, welfare, and other needs of the underprivileged, sick, or elderly.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

Programs that make our communities a positive, interesting place to live and raise a family.

**The CASI Community Grants benefited 13 non-profits in the community where CASI operates in 2025. These organizations were chosen by a committee made up of every-day CASI employees.**

# Traffick 911

**Mission:**  
**To free youth from sex trafficking through trust-based relationships.**

**[www.traffick911.com](http://www.traffick911.com)**

Founded to support the victims of the most heinous of crimes, Traffick911 exists today as a steady support in what can be an unbearably tumultuous time.

Every year, nearly 400 young people seek the support of Traffick911 as recovering victims of child sex trafficking. While traditional state and local systems like child welfare, juvenile justice, medical and healthcare systems offer assistance and assurance, Traffick911's Voice & Choice Program aims to be the service that keeps those vulnerable people from falling through the cracks.

With a three-pronged approach of 24/7 crisis response, relational advocacy and case management and community-based services, Traffick911 works to empower those young people, giving them agency and assurance in their lives. Starting with straightforward support like food, clothing, resources and even advice, 60 percent of clients also receive safety planning services. Boasting a proud proof of success, 66 percent of clients reach their empowerment goals within a quarter.

Traffick911 says as those early milestones are met, trust and support develops into long-term healing, which encourages youth to advance their lives further. Be it education, careers, lasting relationships, the Voice & Choice Program aims to ensure young people establish a platform of support for the future.

CASI Community Grant funding backs up that mission, striving to ensure that young people in these difficult circumstances will always have the support they need to recover.



» **Trust and support develops into long-term healing, which encourages youth to advance their lives further.**



# My Possibilities

**Mission: The relentless pursuit of full, untapped possibilities for all Hugely Important People (HIPsters). We believe that HIPsters, or individuals with IDD, have immense untapped potential. Our goal is that, through comprehensive programming, unwavering support for the individual, and allowing HIPsters to take an active role in shaping their own lives, we can unlock that potential.**

**[www.mypossibilities.org/cnsa](http://www.mypossibilities.org/cnsa)**

More than 200,000 people live with intellectual and developmental disabilities in North Texas, and one Plano operation is committed to ensuring every one of them is able to live life to the fullest.

My Possibilities partners with “HIPsters” (Hugely Important People) across 90 zip codes, providing education, support, services and independence for clients and their families. The operation’s campus is hope to a

number of unique programs, including the Employment Innovations School.

CASI Community Grants funding supports the vocational training program, providing those adults with the skills, support, and most importantly, the experience to secure meaningful employment. Launched in 2023, EIS offers year-round curriculum and coursework, combining classroom instruction with hands-on job training. Aimed to develop technical and soft skills, students study from one of five career tracks—Facilities and Maintenance, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Retail and Customer Service and Administrative Support—giving these men and women the tools they need to enter the workforce ready and prepared.

More than 117 HIPsters took part in the first year of the program, with 23 graduating. Those students earned 27 certifications, including OSHA10, TABC and food handler certification.





» **CASI Community Grant funding backs up that mission, striving to ensure that young people in these difficult circumstances will always have the support they need to recover.**



# Boys & Girls Club of Cooke County

**Mission: Serving youth and families in Cooke County, we want to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential, as productive, caring, responsible citizens.**

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

Gainesville, Texas's Boys & Girls Club is well known as a community safe space, a place where kids can leave their troubles behind, have fun and learn together. However, as the need for greater support has grown, Club leaders are committed to ensuring every child has the support they require.

With an increase in the need of mental health crisis events for children at the Cooke County facility, staff set out to prepare. CASI Community Grants funding supports that effort, paying for dedicated training from the Crisis Prevention Institute.

The education gives these employees the tools and tips to deescalate these tense, sometimes dangerous situations, reducing the risk of injury to staff, students and the person struggling in the moment.

**»» Our Club provides a safe, fun, and positive space for Kinder through 9th grade youth to thrive in**







# Operation Kindness



## Pet Food Support for vulnerable families

### [www.operationkindness.org](http://www.operationkindness.org)

One of the world's most renowned animal rescue shelters, operating in the Dallas metroplex, is constantly working to ensure every pet has a home, and every owner doesn't have to decide between food for the family and food for their furry friend.

Operation Kindness in Carrollton offers a variety of pet adoption and foster programs, along with veterinary care and community resources like low/no cost vaccine and wellness clinics. CASI Community Grants funding supported its Pet Food Support program.

Operating out of both the Carrollton shelter and

through mobile events in the area, volunteers provide free pet food and care items like leashes, collars, flea/tick medication and more. With items offered at little-to-no cost to clients, the pantry aims to eliminate the most significant barrier that pet owners face, caring for their animals during times of economic struggle without sacrificing their health or the health of their beloved companion.

The needs of pet owners have grown over the years, with nearly 1,100 people receiving assistance at its start in 2023 and that number increasing to nearly 7,000 in 2024. In that time, Operation Kindness has distributed more than 397,000 pounds of food, kitty litter and basic supplies.

# Human Rights Initiative of North Texas

**Mission: To empower immigrants facing human rights abuses through legal and social services, promoting their right to life and liberty.**

**[www.hrionline.org](http://www.hrionline.org)**

Immigrants in the United States face countless challenges, with one of the largest being the daunting legal and social service systems. The Human Rights Initiative of North Texas is committed to ensuring these people and families have someone backing them up every step of the way.

The effort offers a variety of specialized support systems, lending legal and professional advice to those in need. CASI Community Grants funding directly supports HRI's Unaccompanied Children's Legal Program, representing young people who entered the U.S. uncompiled and who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by one or both of their parents.

HRI staff work with the young people, providing legal aid and professional support while documenting experiences and stories to support their path to asylum. In addition, HRI offers resource navigation support for clients, partnering them with food pantries, holiday gift drives, back to school supplies and financial assistance.





## Metro Relief



**Three Pillars: We focus our attention on three primary outreach ministries, providing the mechanism by which we are able to help those suffering homelessness toward a sustainable recovery.**

### **[www.metrorelief.org](http://www.metrorelief.org)**

For Texas' Metro Relief, Inc., taking on homelessness means bringing the work to where the people are.

The group's mobile outreach organization sets out to provide resources and assistance direct to where they are, while also addressing long-term solutions and aiming to end the root cause of homelessness entirely.

Since 2013, Metro Relief has served more than 100,000 meals while assisting nearly 2,000 people in transitioning to no longer living on the streets. In 2024, the group provided 601 vital documents and housed 162 formerly homeless people.

The group credits its connection-building in making the difference, creating trust for when members of the homeless population are ready to make the change.

CASI Community Grants funding supports the operation's mobile mission, providing food, hygiene kits, clothing and support every Friday and Saturday, while also allowing case managers to visit existing clients and providing transportation and assistance in connecting with social services.

# Frisco Fast Pacs

**Mission: To feed children enduring hunger in our community, nourishing their potential for healthier school days.**

**[www.friscofastpacs.org](http://www.friscofastpacs.org)**

Food insolvency is a problem everywhere. According to research by Feeding Texas, the Lone Star State suffers the highest food insecurity population in the United States, with 5.3 million Texans unsure of where their next meal might come from. In particular, 22.2 percent, or one-in-five Texas kids, experience hunger. Frisco Student Fastpacs is trying to put a stop to that.

Aiming its focus squarely on the Frisco Independent School District, the group provides meals to 1,250 children. Delivering 187,500 weekend meals though the school year, Fastpacs also offers more than 65,000 student snacks in that timeframe.

The impact of the group has been so pronounced and impactful that the group has opened its playbook to

others. Heather Canterbury, Executive Director of Frisco Student Fastpacs, said she's hosted and called non-profits and food service agencies all across the country to share their results and success stories, in hopes of eliminating childhood hunger forever.

HRI staff work with the young people, providing legal aid and professional support while documenting experiences and stories to support their path to asylum. In addition, HRI offers resource navigation support for clients, partnering them with food pantries, holiday gift drives, back to school supplies and financial assistance.



**CASI Community Grants  
Funding goes directly  
toward the fight against  
childhood hunger, fueling  
the weekend meal program  
for those students in Frisco  
ISD.**






## CASA of Denton County

**The mission of CASA of Denton County, Inc. is to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Our trained and supported community volunteers build a strong, consistent relationship with each child and their family, promote community resources, and make informed recommendations to the court.**

**[www.casadenton.org](http://www.casadenton.org)**

Every year, more than 200 volunteers dedicate their time and energy to supporting children in Denton County as they work through the complexities of the legal system. Often removed from their homes by Child Protective Services due to allegations of abuse and neglect, these children are struggling for an advocate. That's where CASA of Denton County steps in.



Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County works with more than 500 kids every year through the Court Advocacy Program. Specially trained, these volunteers are committed to ensuring children have the support they might not otherwise be receiving at home, stepping in as guardians ad litem to represent the best interest of these kids in court. The connection regularly exceeds 18 months, with advocates providing consistent support for children and families every step of the way.

Volunteering for CASA is no small step, and that's where financial support makes a big difference. Funding from the CASI Community Grants program ensures that educational efforts are realized to the fullest for those interested volunteers, while also securing marketing money to locate the very best people to serve and support in this all-important role.

# Samaritan Inn

**We are a comprehensive housing program that supports individuals in realizing dignity and gaining independence.**

**[www.saminn.org](http://www.saminn.org)**

Providing dignity and independence to those struggling to secure housing, North Texas' Samaritan Inn has been making a difference in people's lives for more than 40 years.

Founded as a ten-bed men's shelter, the operation has expanded greatly, serving as Collin County's largest service provider for those without homes, operating a 226-bed transitional shelter, a 20-unit reduced-rent apartment complex and a diversion unit that supports more than 1,500 people annually.

In addition, Samaritan Inn offers support programs like Family Foundations, a trauma-informed care effort that helps families experiencing homeless to reclaim their lives and independence. The program meets basic



needs like family-focused case management, mental health counseling, financial education, child advocacy services, development classes and more. More than 260 people have taken part since its creation. Hoping to hit targeted thresholds, every participant earned a job, with all children involved receiving childcare or school engagement support. Nearly 80 percent of those parents completed financial literacy classes and took part in the overall coursework for at least six months.

CASI Community Grants funding supported the McKinney, Texas operation's future, ensuring Family Foundations can continue to help those in need for years to come.





# Volunteer Services of Texoma Community Center



**Vision: Promote and enhance access to intellectual, developmental, and behavioral health services that improve the lives of those in our community.**

**[www.texomacc.org/about-us](http://www.texomacc.org/about-us)**

Whether it's emotional or behavioral, mental health challenges impact more than just the person diagnosed. Family members, loved ones, school and community supporters, the challenges are always there.

That's why Sherman, Texas' Texoma Community Center created Camp Wonder. The three-day event provides a supportive environment for children with those behavioral health challenges. Offered over multiple weeks and divided by age group, kids in attendance take part in age-appropriate games and activities. Camp begins with team building and interpersonal skills lessons, with following

days focused on actions like creating coping/fidget toys and community outings like visits to the zoo or pool. Students who attend build meaningful relationships and lasting bonds with friends and educators, with many attendees returning summer after summer to continue the fun. Around 125 children ages 3 to 17 take part every year.

Ensuring that cost is never a barrier, Camp Wonder is offered at no cost to families, with expenses covered through donations and financial support like from the CASI Community Grants program. The funding covers staffing, transportation, room and board, outings and other expenses.

# Denton County Friends of the Family

**Mission: Proving compassionate, comprehensive services to those impacted by rape, sexual abuse, and domestic violence- while partnering with the community to promote safety, hope, healing, prevention, and justice.**

[www.dcfof.org](http://www.dcfof.org)

The lasting impact of hurt for those harmed by domestic and sexual violence is impossible to measure. That's why, where those impacted are ready, Denton County Friends of the Family sets out to start that journey.

A comprehensive provider of compassion-focused services for those victims, Denton County Friends of the Family also partners with community members to promote safety, hope, healing, justice and prevention. The operation endeavors to offer programs meeting health, welfare and other needs for those impacted individuals.

CASI Community Grants funding supports one of those programs, the Workforce Readiness & Survivor Technology Access Initiative. With more than 40 participants taking part, the effort gives victims access to safety technology and workforce readiness kits, featuring interview clothing, resume support materials and transportation assistance. In addition, staff offer coaching and practical tools for those pursuing new jobs, education and career advancement. The funding from CASI helped provide the purchase of 20 Chromebooks for those individuals taking part in the program.



# North Texas Coalition of Uniformed Service Academies

**Host of the LONE STAR MILITARY BALL! The North Texas Coalition of Uniformed Service Academies (NTCUSA) has the mission of honoring and recognizing the Midshipmen and Cadets from north Texas who attend one of our five U. S. Uniformed Service Academies. Secondly, we seek to promote camaraderie and community among veterans, parents, graduates and others associated with the five federal Service Academies. We accomplish both of these goals by planning, hosting, and encouraging attendance and participation in the annual Lone Star Military Ball.**

**[www.northtexasgivingday.org/  
organization/LoneStarMilitaryBall](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/LoneStarMilitaryBall)**

Answering the calling of military service is always a major choice, with even greater weight placed on the call when opting for attending a Service Academy. One Ft. Worth operation has made it the mission to ensure these men and women have a sense of the community, camaraderie and support the community offers to them.

The North Texas Coalition of Uniformed Service Academies has been in existence in the early 1990's, recognizing the Cadets and Midshipmen who opt for military service through the U.S. Military Academy, the



U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Creating a network of students, graduates, family members and supportive community members, the organization proudly celebrates those enlisted with its annual Lone Star Military Ball.

More than just a night of pageantry, the Ball pays tribute to the dedication and leadership of the enlisted while commending those who support and encourage their service. CASI Community Grants funding helps cover expenses of the event, including venue costs, transportation assistance, event materials and recognition items.



# John L. English Memorial Foundation

**Mission: To honor John L. English's values of family, friendship, freedom, peace, and honoring commitments by investing in the education of future generations and empowering young individuals to make a difference in their communities.**

## *How We Make an Impact*

**Awarding annual scholarships to deserving students.  
Partnering with the community to foster educational opportunities.  
Ensuring long-term financial stewardship for sustained scholarship funding.**

Founded in 2024, the John L. English Memorial Foundation honors the life and legacy of its namesake. Under the leadership of his widow and daughter, the foundation is dedicated to promoting educational excellence for years to come.

2025 marked the beginning of the group's inaugural scholarship award, offered to students in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The committee solicited applications through the spring, with its initial winners selected and announced in June.

A passionate advocate for learning and personal development, the board believes John L. English's legacy will live on through these dedicated students, transforming their lives through education.

CASI is the Foundation's first corporate donor, lending support to the group through CASI Community Grants funding, ensuring the stability and long-term viability of the scholarship program.





**CASI** Community  
GRANTS

