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STUDENTS PROVIDE DUFFEL BAGS OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

King High School Student Council State Project

(Corpus Christi, TX) Members of the King High School Student Council held a car wash in December of last year to raise funds to purchase duffel bags and supplies for children in foster care. Students will present 60 duffel bags filled with stuffed animals, blankets and hygiene products to CASA of the Coastal Bend tomorrow, Friday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at King High School.

Duffel Bags of Hope is the name of the project the students developed in response to the 2017-2018 Texas Association of Student Councils State Project challenge. With the theme “Deepen Your Heart, Reach Out Your Hand” students were tasked with building awareness amongst themselves and the community of human trafficking by implementing a plan of action to help in the prevention of future victims.

The students collaborated with Rescue House of South Texas, deciding to prepare the bags for children in foster care. Student Council Advisor Velia Zamora reached out to CASA of the Coastal Bend for guidance in delivering bags to the children. Since CASA volunteers are appointed to advocate for children in foster care, they spend time with these children and are able to distribute the bags on behalf of the student council.

“During the presentation on Friday, our staff will speak with the students about the hope their efforts will bring these children in crisis,” said Samantha Koepp-Stemplinger, Recruitment and Marketing Manager for CASA of the Coastal Bend. “The tangible items will be greatly appreciated but the real gift for these children who have experienced so much hurt and pain is knowing that genuine kindness does exist in this world.”

Duffel Bags of Hope will be King High School Student Council’s entry to the Top Ten Project category for the state. Upon evaluation of the project they will submit their entry next week. They intend to continue this project annually with CASA of the Coastal Bend.

Those interested in learning more about CASA and the rewards that come along with serving as the voice of a child are encouraged to attend a brief, non-committal information to hear about the roles and requirements of a CASA volunteer. Information sessions are held at the CASA office every Wednesday at noon.

CASA Of Nueces County, Inc. (Casa Of The Coastal Bend) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization of trained, court appointed volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities. CASA of the Coastal Bend serves children in Nueces, San Patricio and Aransas counties. ###