



# CASA of Kay & Noble Counties' NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012



## The **CASA Playhouse** Fundraiser

*because kids should...*

**Play Laugh Have Fun Learn Grow**

*in a safe, permanent home.*

What does “being a child” mean to you? Mud Pies? Tea Parties? Cardboard box forts? Playing in the sprinkler? Being a child is special. The CASA Playhouse fundraiser is an event that celebrates the precious quality of childhood, and CASA’s effort to give abused children the childhood they deserve, freed from abuse and neglect.

The CASA Playhouse is shown with Rick Scott (second left), CASA Advisory Board Member Lynda Clark (right), and Rick Scott Construction, Inc. employees Brandie Tapp (left) and Brian Masters (center).



CASA’s leading sponsor, ***Rick Scott Construction***, as well as in-kind donors ***American Roofing, Frontier Siding & Windows, Hughes Lumber, and Sherwin Williams***, have custom-built a designer playhouse, which may also be used as a yard/garden tool storage shed for our fundraiser. By making a \$1 donation, a lucky CASA supporter could win the playhouse in a drawing on June 2nd, 2012. **See page 3 to learn how to get your CASA Playhouse tickets!**

# New Volunteers Join the CASA Family!

Meet some of our latest class of new CASA Volunteers! Pictured with the Hon. Judge Lee Stout (left) are Sammie Coats (center) and Tim Auge (right) taking the CASA Volunteer oath. Sammie, Tim, and Michelle Daine (not pictured) were members of CASA's Core Training series last fall.



Your support of CASA helps recruit, train, and supervise volunteer child advocates like these, enabling them to serve the most vulnerable children of our community.

We are excited to have Sammie, Tim, and Michelle as new CASA Volunteers within our program, and we know they'll do a wonderful job serving as dedicated voices of abused and neglected children.

## What do Oklahoma Deprived Court Judges Say About CASA?

Oklahoma Judges presiding over child abuse cases were asked in the fall of 2011 to respond to a short survey to help assess the results of advocacy by CASA volunteers. A portion of the survey results reveal:

- ◆ **100% of judges surveyed feel children with a CASA have their needs better met.**
- ◆ **All judges surveyed feel CASA are effective spokespersons for the best interests of abused children.**
- ◆ **Judges give high quality ratings to reports provided by CASA Volunteers.**



*One judge responded: "There are times when the Court would be without sufficient knowledge about a significant problem or a possible danger to a child without the assistance of a CASA."*

# Meet Sallie!

CASA's new  
Advocate Coordinator.

Sallie Williams, CASA's new Advocate Coordinator, was born and raised in Ponca City, Ok. Sallie lives in Ponca City with her sister, Bobbie, and has a son, Justin Bob and a granddaughter, Haley Dawn. Sallie has 25 years of medical experience and 5 years of experience as a legal assistant, skills that will undoubtedly empower her to learn and grow with the CASA program.

Sallie enjoys decorating when she isn't working, and loves to spend time with her granddaughter, nieces, her 2 year-old nephew, Jack, and her loveable dog, Abby. She has a huge compassion for children and animals.

As the Advocate Coordinator at CASA of Kay & Noble Counties, one of Sallie's primary focuses will be the recruitment of CASA Volunteers, helping the CASA program provide an advocate for every child that needs one.

Sallie notes, "I feel it is an honor to promote the mission of the CASA program in the community." She adds, "I am a people person, and I really look forward to meeting and working with the volunteers!"



## YES! I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT CASA BY MAKING A DONATION TO THE CASA PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER!

A \$1 donation = 1 ticket for a chance to win the playhouse.  
or, get a **bonus** ticket...

A \$5 donation = **6 tickets** for 6 chances to win the playhouse.

My total donation to CASA: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Don't worry...we'll do the math & mail you your tickets.)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone #

Email address:

Mail this form to CASA, 2203 N. Ash Street, Ponca City, OK 74601 by May 1st.

You can also save time & get your tickets online! Go to

[www.kaynoblecasa.org](http://www.kaynoblecasa.org) & click on the playhouse icon to securely donate!

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*Our mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children by providing quality volunteer advocates who work toward a safe, permanent home as soon as possible for each child.*

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