



Stories of abused children can leave you feeling helpless.

And, it seems that there were so many instances of abused children in the news this past summer . . . terrible stories that just break your heart. Stories that make you want to hug your own children or grandchildren a little tighter.



You have already made a difference in abused children's lives by giving them CASA volunteers.

Your gifts of either time as an advocate or your checkbook as a supporter of child advocacy, makes clear your understanding that the tragedy of child abuse is a reality for children in our community.

And, that all of us have a responsibility to do something about it.

A responsibility to do something for children who are frightened because of what they've experienced in their young lives and frightened for what else is to come in the future. To children set a drift in the foster care system, CASA volunteers are a lifeline.



Because they had a CASA...

35 Children are safe and in a nurturing, permanent home because of a CASA Volunteer's work.
(FY2010 Statistical Report)



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.

Three New CASA Volunteers Join CASA

Please welcome our latest group of Court Appointed Special Advocates! Our program's new CASA Volunteers are Anna Hall, Lisa Morin, and Susan Jennings. These three volunteers completed training this spring, and have spent the last few months getting acquainted with the children they will be serving.

Anna Hall is originally from England, and lived in Louisiana for many years before moving to Oklahoma. Anna worked with special needs individuals for the Department of Human Services in Enid, OK before retiring. Anna notes, "I had thought about being a CASA Volunteer for several years after hearing about it at the AAUW Women's Banquet, and I finally found time to do it after retiring".

When Anna first met one of the children on her case, she noted, "He is just a delightful child who is very bright and well-behaved, and I am curious to learn more about this child's family so I can make recommendations to the court that are in his best interests".

Lisa Morin lives in Ponca City with her husband, Tony, and is returning to the CASA program as a re-activated CASA Volunteer. Lisa first became a CASA Volunteer in June of 2001, serving six children in four cases. Lisa states, "The children have a way of making you feel like you are someone special to them, and they will forever remember you and how you helped change their lives."

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GIVE A CHILD A VOICE.

Are you being called to speak for a child who's been abused?

You'll be trained.

You'll have a cause.

With a first and last name.



Training for new CASA Volunteers begins September 29th.

Check out our website www.kaynoblecasa.org to learn more about volunteering or to download an application.

Call 580-762-8341 to speak with Sharon or Jeremy about ways to help or give.

Lisa Morin (right) and Anna Hall (center) take the CASA Volunteer oath during their swearing-in ceremony with the Honorable Judge Lee Stout (left).



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Lisa's previous casework, coupled with the CASA Spring 2011 Core Training series, gives her a "rolling start" as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her service as a CASA. Lisa adds, "The idea of changing a child's life for the better, forever...is an awesome feeling!"

Susan Jennings was born and raised in Ponca City, where she and her husband are local business owners.

After being urged to become a CASA Volunteer by her friend, Lisa Morin, she found CASA to be a worthwhile way to spend her free time after her children left home for college.

Susan states, "I have enjoyed being able to connect with the baby on my case, and really liked that she lights-up when she sees me". Susan adds, "In my work with these families, I've learned so much about people, about life, and about the cultural differences between different types of families".



Susan Jennings (left) is pictured with the Honorable Judge Lee Stout (right) following her swearing-in ceremony.

CASA is Strengthened by Support Volunteers!

You already know about the important work that our CASA Volunteers do for the abused children of our community, but did you know about the CASA Support Volunteer? The Support Volunteer is a non-advocate volunteer that donates their time and talents to improve the CASA program's quality, efficiency, and capability. Ultimately, this enables the program to serve more children, and serve them better. Support Volunteer Ariel Parry (right) is shown recording voice-over audio tracks for online training modules. These training modules will be used by CASA Volunteers to sharpen their advocacy skills.



YES! I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT CASA BY...

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Please mail form to: CASA, 2203 N. Ash Street, Ponca City, OK 74601

Introducing the 2012 CASA Playhouse Fundraiser!



For the last several months, the CASA Advisory Board has been making plans for an exciting new fundraising event called the "CASA for Kids" Playhouse fundraiser.

The fundraiser will culminate in a drawing in June 2012 for a wonderful designer child's playhouse, which may also be used for yard/garden tool storage.

Funds raised by this event go directly to support the efforts of local CASA volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that community citizens and local business leaders have already begun generous supporting this fundraiser through sponsorship pledges & material donations.

Rick Scott Construction spearheaded the sponsorship of the "CASA for Kids" fundraiser by donating the materials and construction of the CASA playhouse. A big

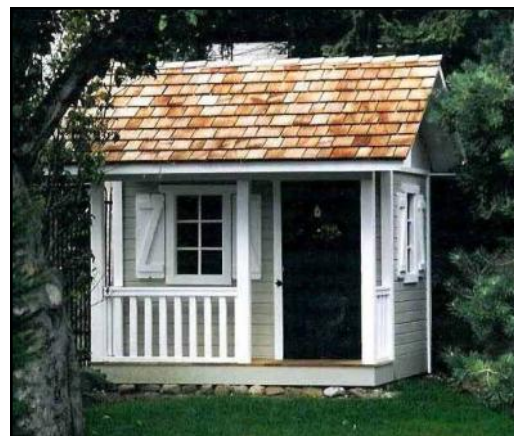
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to our event sponsors for their support. Your sponsorships are an important part of making our CASA Playhouse a reality!

In early spring of 2012, CASA will begin showcasing the playhouse, via a mobile display, at assorted places in the Kay County area.

Tickets will be available for a small donation from Board Members, volunteers, as well as at various ticket stations in the Kay County area.

See your next CASA newsletter for details on the playhouse fundraiser, and for information on purchasing tickets that could put a joyful new playhouse in your back yard, in your grandkid's backyard, or in your church's play yard.



**Sample playhouse design*

How Does Our Court Work?

Are you curious about how our court system operates? Or about how children enter and travel through the child welfare system? On Thursday, October 6th, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, CASA will be hosting a "Court Team Discussion Panel" as part of the CASA program's continuing education program. This panel will feature representatives from each area of our system, including a judge, a district attorney, a child's attorney, a parent's attorney, a DHS investigator and a DHS permanency worker.

The training will occur in the large conference room at CASA's offices in Northern Ok. Youth Services, located at 2203 N. Ash St. in Ponca City. This training opportunity is free of charge, and the public is invited to attend. Certificates of attendance will be available for attendees.

