



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## CASA of Northeast Oklahoma

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As northeast Oklahoma returns to a sense of normalcy after the coronavirus pandemic, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for those who have championed CASA of Northeast Oklahoma this past fiscal year.



I recently celebrated 19 years of service as Executive Director of CASA of Northeast Oklahoma. A friend, congratulating me, pointed out the good things I have done throughout those years. I immediately objected. It was not me but a whole host of people working together in support of a cause greater than any of us.

Where would this organization be without an amazing staff who show up every day ready to work, capably fulfilling their roles? Where would we be without extraordinary CASA volunteers who spend precious time, energy, and resources advocating for children who have experienced child abuse and neglect? Where would we be without our dedicated Board of Directors whose wisdom and experience fuel policy, governance, fiscal management, and transparency? Where would we be without donors who delight in making generous contributions, demonstrating unwavering support of our mission? Where would we be without our stellar judges and community partners who work alongside us with determination? Finally, where would we be without children and families who exemplify resilience and perseverance, and the commitments parents make when they love their children? It is to these heroes I'm privileged to work alongside that this annual report is dedicated.

Sincerely,

*Angela Henderson*

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Executive Director

# STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS



## Children Served

222 on 117 cases

## Volunteers Serving

72

## Volunteer Case Hours

6,189

## New Volunteers Trained

18

## Area Served

The 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> judicial districts in Oklahoma. Headquartered in Claremore, Oklahoma, the program serves Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Rogers, and Washington county district courts and Shawnee Tribal Court.



Member of the Ottawa County United Way, Miami, Oklahoma

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Statement of Activities June 30, 2022

### Revenues, Gains, and Other Support

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$144,390.81
Oklahoma CASA	\$47,902.88
Ottawa County United Way	\$20,250.00
Foundation, Corporate, and Individual Donations	\$101,118.18
Special Event Fundraising	\$16,929.60
Interest Income	(\$6,582.19)
Other Income	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$332,009.28</b>

### Expenses

Program	\$269,889.48
Management and General	\$60,005.92
Fundraising/Resource Development	<u>\$35,705.09</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$365,600.49</b>

Change In Net Assets (\$33,591.21)

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$109,227.87

Net Assets, End of Year \$75,636.66

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Julie Sellmeyer, Chair, **Vinita, OK**

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## Staff:

Angela Henderson, Executive Director

Emily Bowling, Assistant Director

Marsha Gill, Advocate Coordinator

Mark Ogle, Resource Development and Marketing Coordinator

Sandra Rains, Lead Advocate Coordinator





# VOLUNTEER PROFILE

## TREASA WALKER [Claremore, Oklahoma]

While serving as a school administrator, Treasa met a CASA volunteer with CASA of Northeast Oklahoma. She was intrigued by the prospect of helping children involved in the court process, but she thought, “I could not possibly add another thing to my plate.”

A few years went by and Sandra Rains, Lead Advocate Coordinator for CASA gave Treasa a call. “She allowed me to ask all types of questions and in return gave me honest answers.”



When Treasa retired, she made the commitment to attend CASA training. Upon observing court, she was hooked. “I had no experience with court of any kind, but I have grown to respect all parties that show up and report their findings, as well as the judges that preside with a listening ear to rule according to the law.”

“The most rewarding part of being a CASA volunteer is that you get to be a part of the messy, amazing process of building trust in children who have no trust,” she said. “You get to become the one constant they depend on seeing.” Treasa believes that CASA advocacy is best summed up by Proverbs 31:8 (NLT) - “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.”

Thank you, Treasa, for all you do for children!

# THE CASA CORE MODEL

## Core Model

### CASA/GAL Best-Interest Advocacy



The CASA program model harnesses the power of ordinary citizen volunteers who are trained by the program to speak up in court for the best interests of children who are living in foster care in northeastern Oklahoma. CASA volunteers commit to one case and see the children on their case every 30 days. They prepare a written Report to the Court addressing each child's circumstances and make recommendations to the court about what should happen to keep the child safe. They help move children towards permanency - either in reunification with their own parents or through adoption into a loving home with adults committed to the care and nurture of the child. CASA volunteers testify in court about the child's needs and wishes, helping the court to understand what is in the best interest of each child.



# CONNECT WITH US!

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CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is a regional court-appointed special advocate program serving district and tribal courts in the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts of Oklahoma. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so every child in northeast Oklahoma who has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive. CASA staff and volunteers work every day to help Change A Child's Story™.

## MISSION

The mission of CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in district and tribal courts in northeast Oklahoma. We promote and support quality volunteer representation for children to provide each child with a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

## VISION

The vision of CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is that every abused and neglected child has a CASA volunteer appointed to represent his or her best interests.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The CASA movement is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma complies with all federal and state laws regarding public access to records. All organizational records are available online at [www.casaneok.org](http://www.casaneok.org) under the [Governance](#) tab. Select [Our Financials](#). There, you will find IRS Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, IRS Forms 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Federal Income Tax for a period of three (3) years; and CASA of Northeast Oklahoma's annual Registration Statement of Charitable Organization filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State. CASA's entire FY 2022 audit also is available on our website. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma follows the spirit and intent of all federal, state, and local employment law and is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. We do not discriminate against any employee, volunteer, prospective volunteer, or client in a manner that violates the law. CASA is committed to providing equal opportunity for all employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, political affiliation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, or any other characteristic protected under federal, state, or local law.