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JENNIFER ENYART SELECTED AS CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is pleased to announce Jennifer Enyart has been selected as CASA Volunteer of the Month for June.

Enyart has been a CASA volunteer for 2 years 9 months, serving 2 children on 2 cases. Enyart says of her work with CASA, “I absolutely love being a CASA. It is the most rewarding feeling knowing that you are doing everything you can to make sure your kiddo is living their best life!”

Enyart played a vital role in the reunification of a father and his son. Riker was taken into DHS custody after the police raided his biological mom’s house and found meth under the mattress he was sleeping on. Fred (Riker’s father) was facing legal troubles, on the run, and living in Alabama when DHS contacted him regarding Riker. Fred came back to Oklahoma to accept responsibility for his wrongdoings and become the father Riker deserved. Fred credits Enyart, Riker’s CASA, for his successful reunification with his son. Enyart advocated for Riker’s best interest, even when no one else agreed with her, and now Riker is living his best life with his dad. To see Fred and Riker’s full story, scan the QR code below.

Enyart’s life values were instilled at a young age. Enyart recalls her granny and poppa always inviting different people to family functions, whether it be a co-worker or a neighbor - anyone was welcome. “Looking back, I think this was one of the most important lessons in my life,” said Enyart.

Enyart explains her poppa didn’t speak much about his childhood or his days spent in Germany during WWII, but she remembers meek conversations about how he was abandoned as an infant and spent most of his childhood in foster care where he endured a lot of abuse by his foster families. “This made me realize we need to do more to protect children in care,” said Enyart.

Enyart’s granny worked in psychology for the State of Oklahoma, focusing mainly on children. She explains this was at a time when mental health was seen as unusual by most but nonetheless it was normal in her family. Enyart conveys, “I believe this was another ‘lesson’ in my life; to treat everyone the same, do not judge, and always be kind.”

Enyart and her husband, Keith, have 2 daughters, Bre (13) and Kyah (18); one son, Jalin (16); foster children; and 6 dogs (they raise Goldendoodles, Poodles, or any dog that is an oodle). Enyart has an in-home daycare, is the President of the Wyandotte Cheer Booster Club, and Vice-President of the Wyandotte Football Booster Club.

“While attending my CASA training, I saw a bracelet in the giftshop of the venue we had training at, it was simple, but it changed my life: ‘Be The Change’. I want to be the change for these kiddos! I will do everything in my power to give them the opportunity to live their absolute best life! Stop waiting, stop making excuses, step up and become a CASA today! Give back to the future generations of this country!” said Enyart.

Enyart’s Advocate Coordinator, Tonya Ratliff, said of Enyart, “Jennifer is passionate and enthusiastic about working with and for CASA Children. Jennifer has stayed in contact and developed a lifelong friendship with a parent on a case she worked. Jennifer always has the children’s best interest at heart, and it shows in her CASA work.”

The mission of CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts of northeast Oklahoma. CASA promotes the recruitment and training of quality volunteers who work to Change A Child’s Story for the better.

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is a regional multi-district court-appointed special advocate program serving abused and neglected children with volunteer advocates in the 11th, 12th, and 13th Judicial Districts. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma serves the district courts in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Rogers, and Washington counties, as well as the Quapaw Nation and Shawnee Tribal Courts.

More CASA volunteers like Enyart are needed in northeast Oklahoma. The next training class is scheduled to begin June 7, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce offices located at 11 South Main Street in Miami, Ok. Additional courses are planned in various areas of the region in the future. To volunteer, go to www.casaneok.org and click on the red “volunteer” button in the top right corner of the screen. The application takes 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

For more information about CASA of Northeast Oklahoma, please visit the program’s website or call (918) 544-6452.

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