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### **CHRISTY TURNER SELECTED AS CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is pleased to announce Christy Turner has been selected as CASA Volunteer of the Month for September 2020.

Turner has been a CASA volunteer for about a year and a half, serving 2 children on 1 case. Turner says of her work with CASA, “My biggest reward is meeting my CASA kids. I will always remember them and they will always hold a special place in my heart.”

Turner is from Miami, OK. She is married with 2 boys, who attend the University of Oklahoma. Turner has worked for JM Farms since she graduated college, and in her spare time she loves to read and spend time with her family. Turner is a Kiwanis member, has been involved with Ottawa County United Way, and attends First Baptist Church in Miami. Turner says “I love this organization. If you have a love for children, CASA will be very rewarding for you. I am so happy I made the decision to become a CASA.”

Turner’s Lead Advocate Coordinator, Melinda Stotts, said of Turner, “Christy is a strong advocate for the children we serve. She always does her research and is well prepared. Christy is a wonderful CASA and we appreciate her very much. ”

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Tribal Court.

More CASA volunteers like Turner are needed in northeast Oklahoma. The next training class is scheduled to begin September 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Grove, OK. Additional courses are planned in various areas of the region in the future. To volunteer, go to [www.casaneok.org](http://www.casaneok.org) and click on “Get Involved,” and then “Apply Now.” 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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