



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I have deep admiration and respect for the volunteerism, partnership, and support I observe each day throughout our region. It is humbling and deeply gratifying to watch each person giving what they have: time, treasure, talents, encouragement, and empathy - exactly when it is needed most.



So many wonderful things are happening right now. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is on the cusp of beginning a new program that has the potential to completely rewrite the stories of children and families throughout northeast Oklahoma. The child welfare system is changing and CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is changing, too. Very soon, we will begin an innovative Family Advocacy CASA Pilot Program in Mayes County, working with our partners at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to provide CASA advocacy to children and families involved in Family Centered Service Plans. Our volunteers will bring a strengths-based approach to encourage and coach parents, bolstering the family and keeping children at home with their parents wherever safely possible.

In circumstances where that is not possible, CASA will continue to provide the traditional court-appointed volunteer services to the courts we've faithfully delivered for nearly 30 years.

If the pilot project is successful, we plan to implement it in all of the counties we currently serve. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, we welcome you to join our dedicated team of volunteers and supporters! I know that, working together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish to improve life in northeast Oklahoma!

Sincerely,

Angela Henderson

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Executive Director

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS



Children Served

180 on 97 cases

Volunteers Serving

55

Volunteer Case Hours

5,006

New Volunteers Trained

4

Area Served

The 11th, 12th, and 13th 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, 2023

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$141,189.05
Oklahoma CASA	\$43,336.70
Ottawa County United Way	\$16,500.00
Foundation, Corporate, and Individual Donations	\$123,866.69
Special Event Fundraising	\$30,805.47
Interest Income	\$4,516.15
Other Income	\$5,157.00
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$365,371.06

Expenses

Program	\$237,873.83
Management and General	\$56,510.03
Fundraising/Resource Development	\$33,319.97
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$327,703.83

Change In Net Assets \$37,667.23

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$75,636.66

Net Assets, End of Year \$113,303.89

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Staff:

Angela Henderson, Executive Director
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IN MEMORIUM

BARBARA “BARB” LORING [Miami, Oklahoma]

Barbara Loring was sworn in as a CASA volunteer in February 2017 and continued to serve until the day she passed away at the age of 66. Barb helped seven children on four cases during her time with CASA, always doing her volunteer work without complaint, on time and exactly how it needed to be done. She was an inspiration to all staff and volunteers at CASA of Northeast Oklahoma and the backbone of the CASA program in Ottawa County.



Barb was a long-time educator, working with special needs students in the Miami Public Schools. She cared deeply about children and knew how to bring out the very best in each one. She was a dedicated member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she was actively involved in ministry to young mothers, the disabled, and the poor. Barb’s kindness knew no boundaries. “Barb was always helping others, being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ,” said Angela Henderson, Executive Director. “Her quiet example inspired me.”

Barb wanted to be a CASA volunteer for many years, but Ben’s service as an Assistant District Attorney in the 13th Judicial District caused a conflict of interest. When Ben left the DA’s Office, the door was opened for Barb to share her talents and time with CASA. Barb left us June 27, 2023 after a brief illness. She leaves behind her husband, Ben Loring; sons David and Ian; two grandchildren, Elijah (Eli) and Ella; two sisters, Elizabeth and Catherine; and a host of friends. She is deeply missed and fondly remembered.

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CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is a regional court-appointed special advocate program serving district and tribal courts in the 11th, 12th, and 13th 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 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 any characteristic protected under federal, state, or local law.