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### **CHERI RAMSEY SELECTED AS CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is pleased to announce Cheri Ramsey has been selected as CASA Volunteer of the Month for February 2020.

Ramsey has been a CASA volunteer for 2 ½ years, serving 3 children on 2 cases. Ramsey says of her work with CASA, “My biggest reward is seeing families reunited. I feel that CASA has an impact on getting the help that is needed to accomplish this.”

Ramsey and her husband, who served in the Air Force for 28 years, have been married for 38 years. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. She has worked abroad in Germany, Zurich Switzerland, and Brno Czech Republic. Ramsey has a servant’s heart. Aside from her commitment to CASA, Ramsey volunteers for Make-A-Wish and has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in the past.

“I recently had a case that lasted over a year. At first, it looked like the children were not going to be reunited with the parent. Through hard work from all the agencies involved the parent was able to make the changes needed to get the children back. The children were so happy to be back with their parents, whom they love, and it was a wonderful feeling,” says Ramsey.

Ramsey’s Advocate Coordinator, Sandra Rains, said of Ramsey, “Cheri is a self-motivated volunteer. She does not require a lot of supervision or direction. She knows what the parameters of her job as a CASA volunteer are and does the job responsibly and thoroughly.”

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 Ramsey are needed in northeast Oklahoma. The next training class is scheduled to begin March 7th at 9:00 am at the Claremore CASA office, 658 S. Lynn Riggs Blvd. in Claremore, 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) 923-7276.

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