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ELIZABETH WRIGHT SELECTED AS CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is pleased to announce Elizabeth Wright has been selected as CASA Volunteer of the Month for January 2020.

Wright has been a CASA volunteer for 2 years, serving 4 children on 2 cases. Wright says of her work with CASA, “Seeing children thrive in a healthy, loving, nurturing and stable environment is her biggest reward.”

Wright grew up in Fort Scott, Kansas on a farm raising pigs. She was active in 4-H, FFA and CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). After High School, Wright went to the local junior college and married the love of her life, Joe. Wright decided to follow her husband to attend school in Stillwater where she earned her Nursing Degree. Wright is an ER Nurse for Freeman Hospital in Joplin, MO where she has worked for 21 years. Elizabeth and Joe just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary and have 3 sons – Bart is 32, Drew is 20 and Nathan is forever 17. They adore their grandchildren – Raelynn (4 years) and Brooks (20 months) and absolutely love their daughter-in-law, Nicole. The Wrights have a large farm where they run approximately 100 cow/calf pairs and enjoy sponsoring many activities with the Afton FFA where Jo is the Vo-ag teacher. Wright is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

“For years many people have asked me how I am able to be a pediatric nurse. I tell them that I know that some of the procedures that I must perform are not liked by the child or their parents, but everything I do is to make them well, I can say the same about CASA. I have an opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life and their parents’ life as well,” said Wright.

Wright’s Advocate Coordinator, Melissa Barnes, said of Wright, “Elizabeth is a fierce volunteer with steady nerves and a passion to help abused and neglected children. Elizabeth has been instrumental in the cases that she has served on. Everyone at CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is thankful to have her on our team.

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 Tribal Court.

More CASA volunteers like Wright are needed in northeast Oklahoma. The next training class is scheduled to begin February 4th at 5:30 pm at the Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce, 11 S. 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 “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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