

Spring 2011

CASA CONNECTION

CASA & Kids' Space Build a Blue Ribbon Tree

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. Together, CASA & Kids' Space purchased a tree to honor the abused and neglected children of our counties. The tree was planted in Palmer Park and was decorated with "Blue Ribbons" signifying Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Blue Ribbon trees were also decorated by Tony Goetz School, Harris Jobe School, Muskogee Church of Christ, Citizens's Security Bank & Trust Co., Jackson Hewitt Tax Services, Leigh Ann Matthews with McDonald's Restaurant and Wright, Stout & Wilburn.

The blue ribbons represent children who have been either abused or neglected in Muskogee or Wagoner Counties during 2010. The "Blue Ribbon" campaign brings attention to local efforts to intervene on behalf of all children involved in abuse and neglect and to raise awareness of child abuse prevention.

On any given day, more than 150 abused and neglected children are living in foster homes in Muskogee and Wagoner counties. These children are waiting for a safe and permanent home.



Ann Matthews, Director of Kids' Space, Sarah Turner, Administrative Assistant CASA and Kathryn Eaton, Director of CASA, tie blue ribbons on our tree.

CASA — ca*sa (noun)



*A common person with an uncommon commitment;
A child's voice in court;
Volunteer citizen working to make a difference in ending child abuse and neglect.*



CASA for Children Welcomes Our Newest Volunteer Advocates

From left, Sharon Gainey, Renita Jones, Kendall Luker, Jerry Adams, Kathy Adams and Charlotte McDaniel. Seated Mary Spier and Glenn Lawhorn.

CASA for Children recently certified 7 new volunteer advocates. Each new advocate has completed 30 hours of training and courtroom observation.

Sharon Gainey lives in Muskogee and is an Information Security Officer. She is married and has two children. Sharon has a Master's of Science in Organizational Management.

Renita Jones has a Juris Doctorate and is currently employed as a Veteran's Claims Examiner. She lives in Muskogee and is the mother of two daughters.

Kendall Luker is newly married to Cody Luker. She has a master's degree in criminal justice and works as a Probation and Parole Officer. Kendall lives in Coweta.

Jerry Adams is retired and lives in Wagoner with his wife Kathy (a new advocate also). He has an MA & Administrative Certificate in Education. Jerry is the father of two children.

Kathy Adams is a retired teacher and she lives in Wagoner with her husband Jerry. She is the mother of Jennifer and Sam.

Charlotte McDaniel lives in Muskogee and is retired from OG & E. She is married to Jeffery and is the mother of six children.

Mary Spier See related story below.

Glenn Lawhorn is an existing volunteer advocate from Wagoner County and obtained continuing education hours.



Meet CASA's Newest Employee

I recently moved to the Muskogee area from Northern California. I am married to a retired Army First sergeant and have two sons. Thanks to the army I have lived in many places and have had the opportunity to work at a number of non-profit organizations including; domestic violence shelters, mentoring programs, pre-schools, homeless shelters and with juvenile offenders. I am excited about my Case Manager position with CASA and look forward to meeting everyone involved in the organization.

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