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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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Special Feature: Advocacy in the Juvenile Justice System – an Analysis

*All stories are true but to protect the confidentiality of our children, names have been changed.*

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The majority of the last 18 years, my career has been devoted to the sustainability and expansion of Oklahoma County's Court Appointed Special Advocate program, a program I believe in deeply. Learning the numerous obstacles that plague Oklahoma County's most vulnerable children, and recognizing we could not change their past, CASA's mission of best interest advocacy was a program that offered all of us a creative opportunity to positively impact these children's futures. So, motivated by a belief in the value and difference a trained community volunteer could make in the life of an abused and neglected child, the journey began. Together with a host of dedicated volunteers, staff, and board members we have spent countless hours over the years to ensure the expansion of what started as a very small County program serving approximately 34 children with 15 volunteers in 1988. While numbers ebb and flow depending on the number of children in a case (family), since calendar year 2008, thanks to the consistent and generous support of our donors, foundations, grants, fund raising efforts, board members and our volunteers, we have seen a 43% increase in the number of children served. What a difference the community can make! Today, this non-profit agency of 17 staff members appoints and supervises 200 plus Advocate volunteers in the pursuit of a safe and permanent home for 700 to 800 children annually.

If you are not involved everyday as an advocate, you might still be asking, 'what does best interest advocacy really mean to a child? What is it our donations make possible?' Please follow me as I introduce you to Advocate Volunteer Celine, one of our voices for children and her journey through her cases in 'A Glimpse Inside our Children's World.'

# A GLIMPSE INSIDE OUR CHILDREN'S WORLD

*Retired from her career in pediatrics, Celine is direct, open and honest, and has a heightened awareness for social injustice. Since taking her first case in 2008, Celine has served two cases, 10 children and remains committed to finding appropriate permanent homes for all the children. Take the oldest child in Celine's first case. This young lady was successfully reunified with her father and has since entered adulthood. Three and one-half years later, Celine maintains a relationship with her. She has supported and encouraged the young woman as well as kept her involved in her younger siblings' lives. Recently, this young woman experienced some life threatening health issues. Celine drove across state lines to see her in the hospital, purchase groceries and ensure that the young woman's husband had the means to stay in a hotel so he did not have to drive 2.5 hours to visit.*

*Celine's medical background helped her immediately realize that the youngest sibling to whom she was still appointed had been misdiagnosed as intellectually disabled and had been assigned a very low IQ. Meeting with this child on multiple occasions, she knew that this child was not intellectually disabled. With the child's mother and father's rights on course for termination, Celine accurately feared this 'on paper' diagnosis would hinder his ability to find an appropriate adoptive home. She began the hard and long fought battle to have him reevaluated. Almost four years later, he was unlabeled and has been placed in an adoptive home.*

*Celine's second case was on track to terminate mom's parental rights. With the lives of 7 children hanging in the balance, it was imperative Celine weigh what was in the best interest of each of the children individually. The biological mother, despite some limitations, had demonstrated and made substantial progress on her treatment plan, preparing her to care for most of her children. Celine's advocacy was pivotal in changing the direction of the case. Because the two older boys needed a higher level of care than their mother could provide, Celine laid out a case for the five younger children to be returned to their mother, while maintaining the two older boys in a placement where their needs would be met but they could also maintain a relationship with their mother. A relationship the older children needed and deserved. The mother now holds down a job and a home with five of the children back in her care. The older boys visit their mother and siblings on a weekly basis. Celine remains involved.*

**THESE ARE THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS YOUR SUPPORT & DONATIONS MAKE POSSIBLE AND IT IS WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE & HUMBLE HEARTS WE THANK YOU.** – Fondly, Lee Ann Limber, Executive Director

# THE **CASA** CHALLENGE

CASA of Oklahoma County's only means of serving a child is through the appointment of trained community volunteers. State laws and contracts necessitate compliance with national recommended standards. Therefore, CASA of OK CO employs one Case Manager for every 30 volunteers appointed to supervise, guide and support them.

Consequently, our capacity to serve only 30% of the children ensure our cases are often among the most complex, with twists and turns oft-times outside our control. However, we can be consistent, we can find resources, we can guide, comfort, advocate and support until the day of celebration arrives. Take Lori, her compassion and drive resulted in glorious adoptive homes in her cases this year, but it was her consistency and persistence that made the crucial difference.

Our goal is to ultimately give a voice and caring adult to the 70% of children without. Every child who needs a CASA should have access to one. Just as we could not have achieved the successes we've had the past four years as a new non-profit, we cannot move forward without you. As we embark on our 25th year of best interest advocacy, giving voices to children who are otherwise voiceless, we hope you will see the futures that await our children.

We hope you see the commitment from our volunteers, the difference they make and yourself as a continuing part of the CASA mission. If you are new to the CASA program, we hope you are as inspired as we are by our volunteers and the community's support.

## **WHAT YOU, THE COMMUNITY DO FOR OUR CASA KIDS:**

**RECRUITMENT, TRAINING & SUPERVISION OF AN ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER \$10/DAY**

**YOUR CASA PROGRAM - 216 VOLUNTEERS - 739 CHILDREN GIVEN A VOICE - \$3.00 PER CHILD PER DAY**

**YOUR SUPPORT, NO MATTER HOW GREAT OR HOW SMALL -PRICELESS!**

# MISSION, SERVICE & VALUE OF IMPACT

## CASA OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, INC. MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide trained court appointed volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused or neglected children in the juvenile court system.”

During FY 2011– 2012:

216 dedicated, trained and supervised Advocate Volunteers...

Represented the best interest of 739 children...

In 317 abuse and neglect (deprived) cases.

With 65%, or 151, of our 216 active volunteers turning in time sheets, we know at a minimum our volunteers gave:

- 16,251 hours of their time
- Traveled at least 163,071 miles in their advocacy efforts

\*Time Value \$354,109

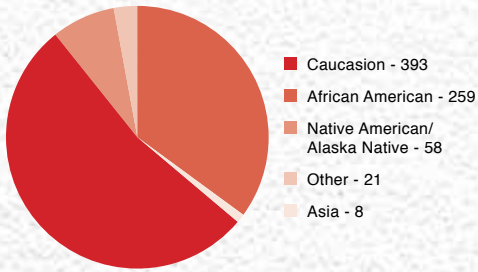
Appointed last Christmas to 3 children, CASA Volunteer Susan took a case fraught with neglect. Having been removed from their parents during the holidays, Susan took the kids out to eat and to visit a friend just to get them out of the shelter a couple of days before Christmas Eve. Seeing a Sonic, Susan asked the kids if they would like to stop. They seemed a little awkward as they nodded yes. She recounts the story:

“I named a few things and then asked, ‘what’s your favorite food to order?’ Staring back with blank faces, Teri finally said that she had never been to a Sonic or ever out to eat. She said she always heard about people going to Subway, but had never heard about Sonic. Beth shared that she had been to McDonald’s once and someone had bought her a dollar hamburger. David had never been to a restaurant or fast food place either. So we ordered hamburgers, tater tots, onion rings, and milk shakes. Our next time we went out was Christmas Eve and with each child having a choice, we went to three different places...big, big smiles that day. So from then on, I took them to restaurants and places that they had either heard about from friends or just to let them experience a new setting and surroundings.”

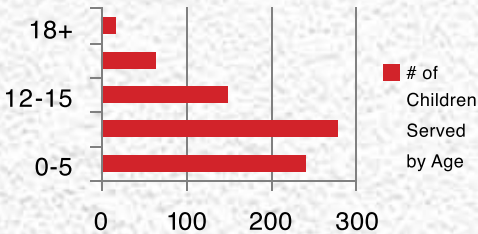
Susan found common ground on which to build a relationship with the kids and by doing so, help normalize their world.

\*Time value is derived from the paraprofessional rates set forth on Independent Sector’s Value of volunteers [http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer\\_time.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html)

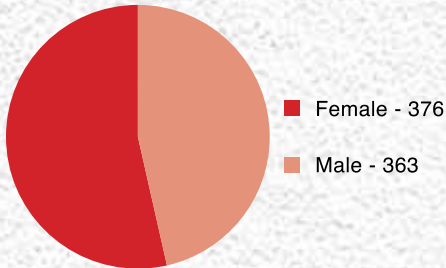
## FY 2011 2012 CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS BY RACE



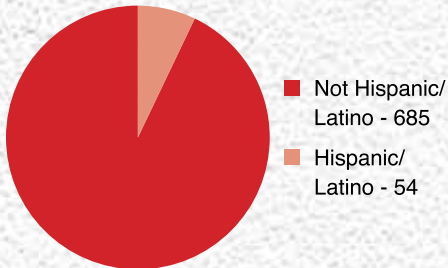
## NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE



## NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY GENDER



## NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY ETHNICITY



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# HALLIBURTON'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ENERGY FOR CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN



Left Chesapeake Sporting Clay team and right, event participants await safety instructions.

Just like our CASA volunteers, amazing and consistent, Halliburton's Energy for Children Sporting Clay event celebrated a decade of making a difference for Oklahoma County CASA children. Efforts helped ensure 2300 new children were given a voice and hope for a better future.



Above Halliburton employees and CASA board members, Scott Witt and Kristie Sandy.

Energy for Children and its supporters help sustain and expand services to Oklahoma County's most vulnerable children, allowing us to serve almost 800 children annually. Support an Advocate and give a Child a voice by joining us April 22, 2013 for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy for Children Sporting Clay Charity Event.



Above Board Chair Connie Weber and volunteers Joy Short, Bonnie Green, Dee Holmes and Jan Brown; Boots & Coots owner Terry Edwards and retired Halliburton/CASA fan Bill Cooper; Special guests Ms. Oklahoma County, Maria Davenport and husband, CASA volunteer, Mike Davenport.



# MAKING IT POSSIBLE

Cris took her first CASA case in April 2012: Three children removed from their home for the second time due to substance abuse, domestic violence, and acts of abuse no child should ever know about, much less endure. Split among 3 separate placements, the 5 year old went into inpatient care. The oldest child, who was the primary care taker of the siblings, often worries about her younger brothers, “Where are they? Are they being taken care of?” Although the two younger children were finally placed together, the high turnover rate of DHS workers prevents consistent sibling visitations. Cris enters the case and quickly changes these dynamics! Cris ensures the children get together for fun activities in the community. When separated, she talks to each of the children about the other to ensure them that they are doing well and thinking of one another. Since April, there have been 4 DHS workers, 3 different placements, and 1 CASA volunteer. Cris is ensuring these special children know what it feels like to have a consistent adult in their lives!

# TEE IT UP FOR CASA 2012



*It's a family affair! Upper left Board Member Pam Lane's husband Dr. Richard Lane brings out an Integris team; bottom left, Board Treasurer and Golf Co-Chair, Joni Stewart, greets Board Member Mark Livingston's wife, Heather before hitting the links.*

# FY 2011-2012 HOSTED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLAYHOUSE PARADE EVENTS



We were thrilled to have both OU AND OSU's participation this year! Under the direction of Charles W. Graham, Ph.D., AIA, FRICS, Dean and Professor, College of Architecture, the University of Oklahoma has been a committed playhouse parade participant all 3 events. Entering their 3rd playhouse summer 2012, students built a work of art, designed to specification following their elementary class interviews. Brilliant! Pictured in front of their new playhouse are our new playhouse owners (center), far left, OU's Assistant Professor Dan Butko, (far right) Ryan Williams (4th year architecture student), inside right, Bud Hardage (3rd year architecture student), and not pictured are students Alma Sandoval Hunter Roth, Hunter Read; volunteers Trent Still, Aaron Crandall, Jason Tyler, Nicholas Norsworthy, Anthony Cricchio, Stephanie Pitat and OU Photographer Joel Dietrich.



*Pictured left is Tom Wilson Architect Associates with Corbyn Roberts Homes Playhouse Castle. It was a huge success among kids and parents alike summer 2012.*

For its 2nd year, Richardson Homes supported CASA's Playhouse Parade at Penn Square Mall. Summer 2012 sported a kid favorite traditional playhouse complete with front porch. All Star Moving ensures playhouses get into the mall and to their new owners. We couldn't do this without them.

# FRAMING THE FUTURE

## MAKING FOREVER HOMES COME TRUE

It truly does take a village as depicted in our darling Playhouse Parade events held annually at Penn Square Mall. Presenting sponsor Chesapeake Energy and supporting sponsors, movers, talented builders, architects, shift volunteers and of course, our playhouse ticket purchasers generously support our work through their participation.



*"DELIVERING A LITTLE GIRL'S DREAM A SECOND SUMMER IN A ROW, PICTURED LEFT IS BUILDER CANDELARIA FOSTER'S 2011 PLAYHOUSE BY CANDELARIA FOSTER CONTRACTING."*

Please join the CASA mission and challenge this next summer! Watch for our precious playhouses June 2013! Participate, and one could go home with you!!!

*# of children supported by PP 45 → goal 2013 → 75*

*Increased advocates = more outcomes like Advocate Anita's below*

"The M Family had a big party to celebrate the adoption of the kids on Saturday. There were tons of people there and we had a great BBQ and enormous "candy bar". They had set up a slide show on their big screen TV with pictures of the kids from when they first went to the M's home. Very cool. The kids are doing well—Polly still has some issues and it's very trying on Heidi and David, but they realize that with time, trust, love and counseling she'll come along. I have been invited to stay in their lives and it touches me deeply."

*– Anita, CASA volunteer .*

# CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

Every year CASA of Oklahoma County celebrates the outstanding achievements of our extraordinary Advocate Volunteers and partners. Keynote Speaker, Justice James Winchester, joined our judges and sponsor American Fidelity Foundation for an evening of celebration, humor and gratitude for the heroic feats recognizing our 2011 outstanding volunteers and friends of CASA.

## CASA OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY INC. 2012 VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY

*MC The Honorable Roger Stuart, District Judge Oklahoma County  
And The Honorable Richard Kirby, Associate District Judge,  
Presiding Judge, Juvenile Division*

Presenters - Juvenile Judges John Jacobsen, Greg Ryan & Larry Shaw

## CASA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

### 2011 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Mark Danner

### CASA BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Joni Stewart

### 2011 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Cindy Birdwell

### CASA OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY'S SPECIAL AWARDS

#### 2011 VINA SHOWERS COMPASSIONATE HEART AWARD

Jane Davis

#### 2011 BUDDY FAYE FOSTER COURT ROOM EXCELLENCE AWARD

Gail Stricklin

#### 2011 RENA ELLIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dale Putnam and Jolene Ingram

#### 2011 CHAMPION OF CHILDREN AWARD

Lisa and Dionne Phelps

#### FRIEND OF CASA AWARDS:

2011 Friend of CASA - "Grassroots" Award Pam Lane

#### 2011 FRIEND OF CASA AWARD

Community Learning Council

#### 2011 STANDARDS IN EXCELLENCE AWARD

Ron Scharton

# STATE HONORS OKLAHOMA COUNTY JUVENILE JUDGE AND BOARD MEMBER

Our very own Mark Livingston was recognized as State CASA Board Member of the Year while Oklahoma County's Associate District and Presiding Juvenile Judge, Richard Kirby was honored as the State CASA Judge of the Year.



*Left, Mark prepares to hit the links for CASA, a favorite past-time when he is not running his business or advocating for his CASA child.*

*Right, Mark with wife Heather, at the State CASA Awards luncheon, May 2012.*

**"We have the world's most amazing volunteers!" – Alex Corbitt, *CASA Recruiter***

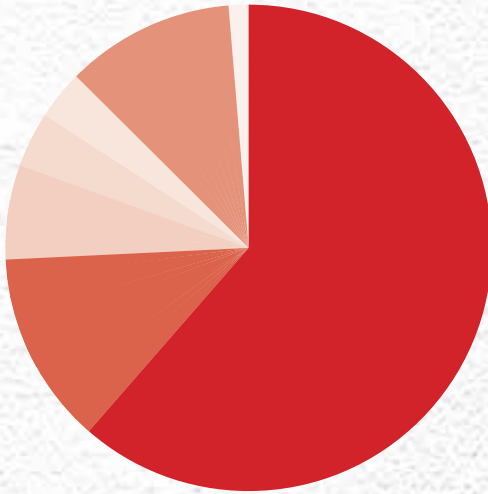


*CASA Case Management/Advocate Supervisory staff pose with Judge Kirby at the State CASA Award luncheon last May. Left to right are Miranda Taylor, Kimberly VanBebber, Adriana English and Lola Hall Gadd.*

Not only do we believe our volunteers the best in the state, so too are the court staff, Juvenile Divisions of District Attorneys and Public Defenders and Judges. From the very highest to those we value and rely every day, we cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support and participation in all we do.

Another story defining the CASA Challenge ...According to CASA volunteer Cindi S. the most frustrating part of her CASA case is "Dealing with parents who say they want their kids back, but won't work their program to get them back, and me seeing the disappointment on their children's faces." She also states that her favorite thing is spending time with her CASA kids and making sure they participate in activities they normally would not be able to do."

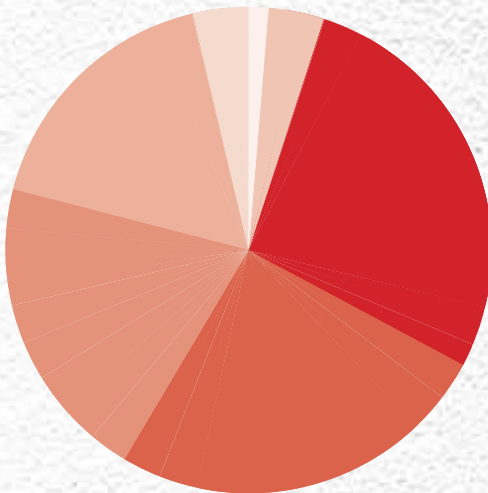
# FISCAL YEAR 2012 EXPENSES



- Salaries
- Payroll Taxes, Benefits and Training
- Occupancy Equipment and Insurance
- Office Supplies and Postage
- Professional Fees

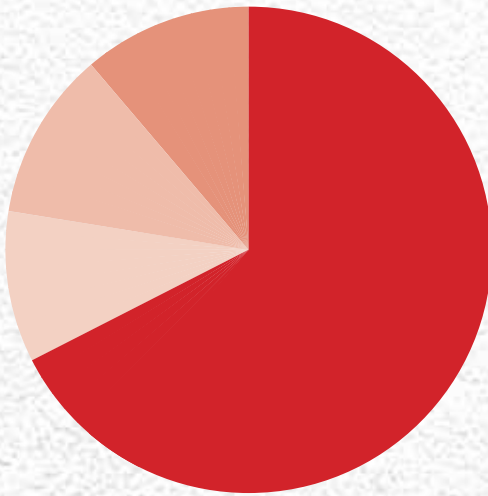
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# FISCAL YEAR 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS



- Governmental Grants - \$213,495
- Investment Income and Misc Revenue - \$9,474
- Inkind Donations - \$25,104
- Special Events - \$190,272
- Corporations - \$169,707
- Foundations - \$140,029
- Individuals - \$116,315

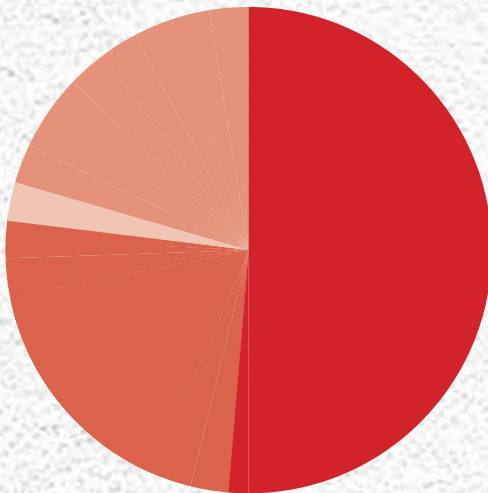
# FISCAL YEAR 2012 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES



- Program Services - \$539,933
- Management & General Operating - \$76,021
- Fundraising - \$84,227
- \*Special Event Direct Expenses - \$88,443

\*As documented within our Annual Report, CASA of Oklahoma County, Inc. joyously has been the beneficiary of Halliburton's Energy for Children Sporting Clay Shoot for the last 10 years. Expenses associated with the event are included in our special event category annually.

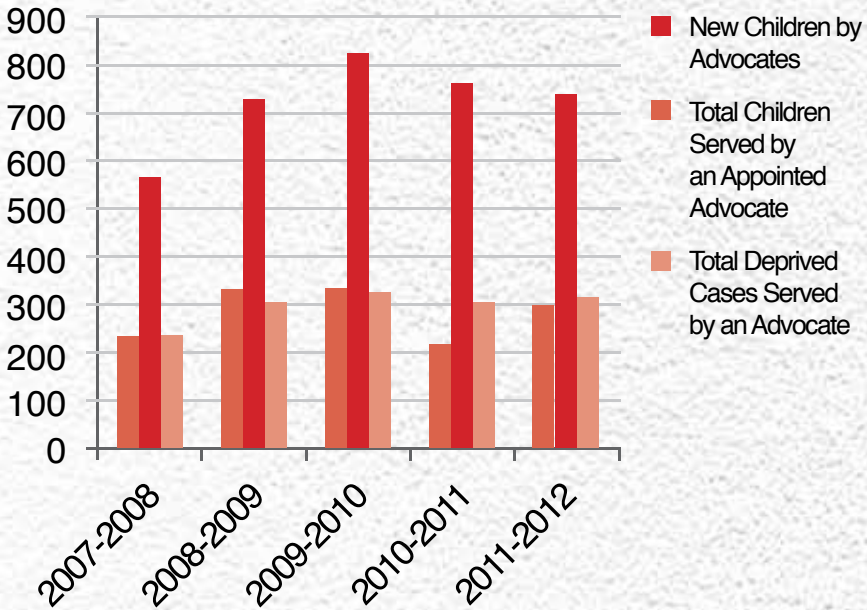
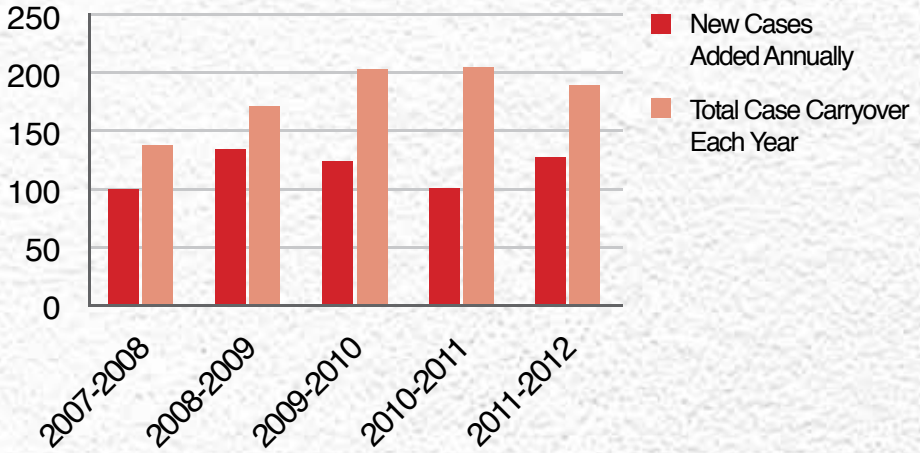
# FISCAL YEAR 2012 REVENUE SOURCES



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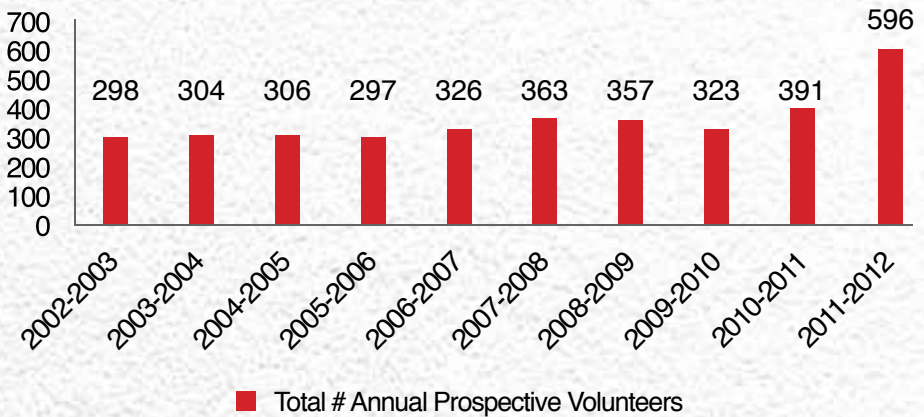
# TOTAL CASA CASES

## NEW CASES & CASES CARRIED FORWARD





# CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS



A new United Way agency and the exuberance of CASA Recruiter, Alex Corbitt ensured increased contacts and exposure throughout community, corporations and volunteer fairs during Fiscal Year 2011 2012. With over 200 website inquiries, the process was made even easier.

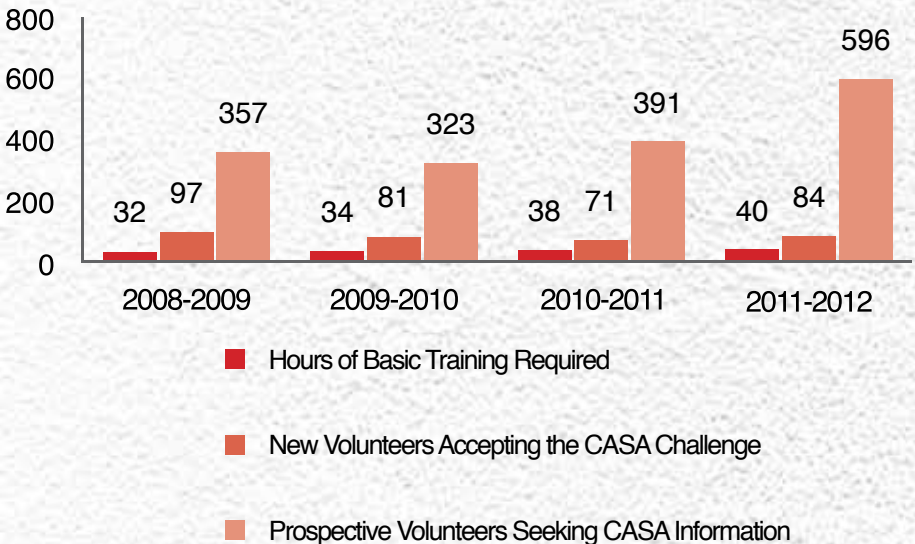
The CASA's mission and requested commitment is a challenge like no other volunteer opportunity available. Nothing depicts the challenge better than the number of 'touches' it takes to acquire those ready and able to serve. Today, it takes over 7 contacts to make the ultimate CASA pledge. Great dedication comes with our CASA volunteers. It is the dedication and commitment on which our children rely. We appreciate our volunteers' thoughtful approach to their decision.

*Following a visit to CASA of Oklahoma County from friends at Cox Communications wherein our guests had the opportunity to hear from CASA staff, a CASA volunteer and one of our recent child graduates, Jon Trudgeon, Cox Communications (8.9.2012) had this to say. "You were one of 5 agencies we saw that day, and you helped to encapsulate a really vivid learning experience for those who were fortunate enough to attend. The power of the service you provide to the OKC-area was not lost on a single soul and I really appreciate you for setting that up for us. I just can't thank you enough for the incredible experience!"*

# CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

The new and improved version of training was rolled out January 2012 increasing basic training hours from 38 to 40 per cycle. Six opportunities to attend our 40 hour basic training sessions were offered. Another 20 hours of continuing education were made available to advocate volunteers and partners. Continuing education credits were approved for our Domestic Violence, Court Process, and Juvenile Law and Confidentiality classes.

Nothing is attainable through CASA without the support of committed volunteers, including the training of advocate volunteers. Volunteer consultant/trainer Ron Scharton continues to lend his time and expertise to all we do, and industry professionals take time from lunch hours and after hours to ensure that our volunteers receive the best training possible, including Juvenile Court staff, DHS professionals, attorneys, retired attorneys Sheila Nettles and new board member Rick Ault and Juvenile Judges. Outside assistance from Shelter Supervisor Pat Rowe and special guest speakers Andie P. and Stephanie D., who voluntarily share their personal life stories with new trainees, provide our new volunteers with a real understanding of the child's perspective in the cases they will serve.



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The following results are drawn from the fall 2011 Surveys for CASA of Oklahoma County and compares results to the fall 2010 survey results, identifying possible trends, and analyzing overall outcomes for the organization. A more comprehensive report can be found on our website [okcountycasa.org](http://okcountycasa.org).

### TO THE CHILDREN SERVED

In 2009, more than 1,800 cases filled court dockets in Oklahoma County. CASAs are normally appointed to the more challenging cases (between 20 and 25 percent of the cases in the court's docket or 30% of the children), leaving most abused and neglected children without a special advocate for their best interests.

Frequently, CASAs are brought into a case when the judicial system has struggled to arrive at a productive, permanent solution for these children. CASAs are often the single constant presence throughout the process of determining permanency for deprived children. The children CASAs serve frequently become the greatest advocates for their advocates. The following examples are drawn from the personal experiences of CASA of Oklahoma County volunteers.

- *A boy's mother and extended family were separated from him, and the assigned CASA was the person who visited him regularly. The visits became so meaningful*

*that the child often called the CASA during the week to ensure that the visit was still scheduled.*

- *The CASA recognized her child was not thriving in a foster placement. The placement was changed, and the child flourished in a new environment.*
- *The CASA had become so meaningful to the child that in a counseling session, he listed the CASA as his best friend.*

## TO JUDGES

Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Center judges regularly declare the importance of CASAs to the proceedings they oversee. Annual surveys indicate that these judges believe strongly:

*-They have more information on which to base decisions regarding the child's best interests when a CASA is assigned to the case*

*-That this information helps them to get a detailed understanding of child's situation*

*-That CASA volunteers effectively speak for the best interest of the child throughout the judicial process*

*-They have a better understanding of what is happening in a case when a CASA is appointed*

## TO CASA VOLUNTEERS

CASA volunteers themselves recognize the criticality of their role in the juvenile justice system. Because they often are the most stable presence in abused and deprived children's lives, they are able to detect signs of neglect or the development of potentially dangerous situations and can recommend corrective solutions.

Oklahoma County CASA volunteers offered the following illustrations about the children for whom they advocate in response to the 2011 survey question, "If not for [CASA], what do you think would have happened to the child(ren) on your case?"

*-“She is in a treatment center and had not had visitors until I came on the case.”*

*-“She has been in the system for most of her life. I believe she would not get the services that will help her deal with the trauma she has experienced... and to help her become a productive adult.”*

*-“Siblings may have been separated.”*

*-“Had I not initiated [an investigation], these children would now be adopted by a kinship family which had not only allowed their rape but... also concealed it.”*

*-“[Without my recommendations] the mother would not have had to go to all of the educational classes about children. I don't think she would have realized that she is responsible for her actions.”*

*-“I believe that one of my CASA children would still be in an inappropriate foster home.”*

*-“They would be without food. One of them would be in a shelter.”*

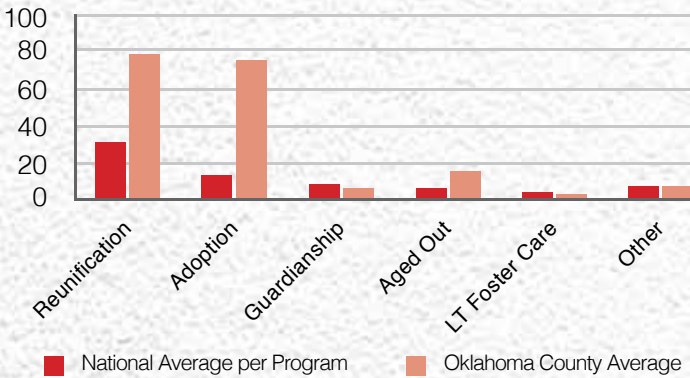
-“Their time in foster care may have been even longer prior to adoption.”

-“My child would still be on [five] different behavioral drugs.”

-“I [showed] the court that [the] mother was apathetic in her classes and that she would always be codependent on abusive relationships. I honestly believe my child would be back with [these] parents.”

-“They would have had a harder time telling their story.”

## 2011 NATIONAL SURVEY REASONS FOR CASE CLOSURE



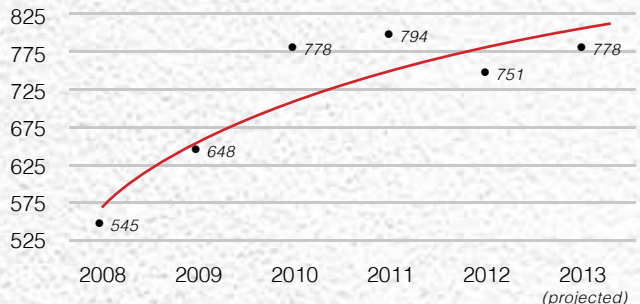
## OUTCOMES

Effective July 1, 2008, CASA of Oklahoma County became a stand-alone not-for-profit agency, coming out from under the umbrella of the county. Normally, agencies that choose this type of path either maintain or reduce the scope of effort until financial support from the community stabilizes. But that option was not available for CASA of Oklahoma County because of the financial recession that hit the United States at around the same time.

The US Census Bureau’s 2008 American Community Survey Data, which covered the year following the official start of the recession in December 2007, showed

a year-to-year decline in median household income, a rise in the number of people without medical insurance, declining home values, and other indices of the social crisis.

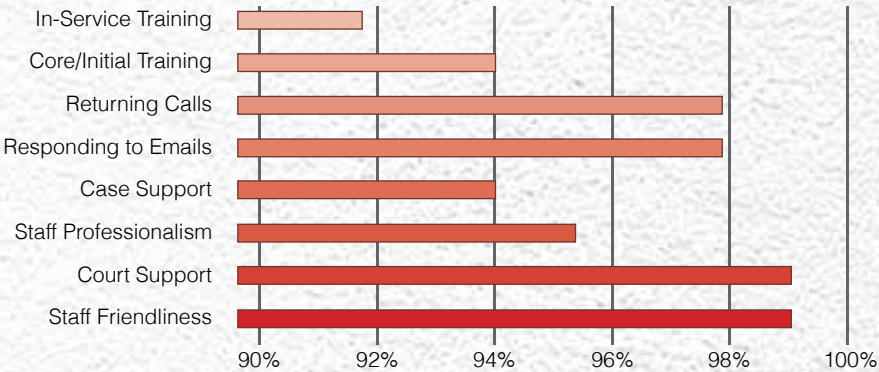
## TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED



Although there is no single factor that leads to maltreatment within families, it has been demonstrated that both neighborhood and familial poverty are two of the strongest predictors of abuse and neglect at the family level.

The data we have shows the familial effects of the national economic trends at a local level. At a time when CASA of Oklahoma County should have been carefully adjusting to their new identity as a nonprofit, the organization was serving double the number of new children (children not previously on a CASA case) in FY 2010. By the end of fiscal year 2012, the CASA of Oklahoma County caseload increased by more than 43 percent from its 2008 levels.

During this period of increased responsibility for children who are at-risk, CASA of Oklahoma County case outcomes which enhanced permanency improved significantly. Adoptions rose by 129 percent, reunifications by 61 percent, and guardianships by more than 69 percent. Reunification and adoption figures were substantially higher than national averages.



CASA volunteers retained a fundamental optimism for the duties they perform and the perceived impact they have on the juvenile justice system. Rating themselves on four general categories of impact, CASAs made the following assessments:

- 1. 92 % of the CASA of Oklahoma County respondents (roughly 22% of all respondents in the state of Oklahoma) considered that their input is valued by the court always or most of the time.*
- 2. 90 % of respondents believe that their presence on the case enhances the system's focus on the child's best interest.*
- 3. A surprising 86 percent of respondents believe that the court considers their recommendations equally to those provided by other professionals who serve the court.*
- 4. 82 % of those CASA volunteers who were surveyed contend that their specific recommendations were addressed or acted upon by the court.*

# THE WORST OF TIMES AND THE BEST OF TIMES

It is 2006 and this case of severe physical and substance abuse has already been open six months. A CASA is requested and Advocate volunteer Lori accepts. A family of five, precious children, are separated from one another and from placement to placement. They suffer yet another tragic loss. Everyone involved in the case, the children in particular, deal with things they should never have to, but it is volunteer Lori who maintains focus, who manages the details that have to be managed.

Through failed adoptions, numerous inpatient stays, and countless rejections, Lori has been with them every step of the way. Eventually, one child is adopted. Last year, two of the boys were adopted, but only after Lori poured over home studies, meeting with everyone involved in the case to ensure the “right” family was found; a family who would be fully accepting of the boys and be their final home. The results have been spectacular.

There was one child left, homeless and living at an inpatient hospital, scared about his future and feeling nobody wanted him, Lori’s mission was far from over. When therapy wasn’t working, Lori researched options and coordinated his move to a facility specializing in children with his specific problems. Because he had no one and an adult was required to participate in therapy, Lori stepped up, driving 250 miles almost every week for the next year; often followed by visits to his brothers another hour away.

Lori has not quit. It is 6 years later, and we know the ultimate home is still on the horizon. However, in the interim, the dedicated foster family who worked so hard to help his brothers stabilize, becoming healthy enough for adoption, have stepped up and will be the stability this child needs while Lori continues to search for the right ‘forever home.’

*\*The 2010 and 2011 surveys are the initial attempts by the State CASA Association to gather statewide raw data, based on outcome measures and indicators, identified and implemented in 2009. Outcome measures, both for the state and locally, are a work in progress. CASA of Oklahoma County asked Ron Scharton’s assistance to analyze our local results for an initial baseline for reporting, improvement and celebration. Executive Director, Lee Ann Limber*



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