



Spring 2009

## New Tulsa CASA Volunteer Advocates

Tulsa CASA welcomed new volunteer advocates in September, November and February. After completing 30 hours of training and court observation, these volunteers were sworn in and assigned cases in Juvenile Court.



Swearing in CASA volunteers in September is Juvenile Court Judge Mark Barcus along with Claire Paulson, Marla Wilson, Sonya Bhakta, and Patty Dainty.



CASA volunteers above sworn in on November 13th: left to right first row: Judge Doris Fransein, Carolyn McCormick. Second row: Kay Leslie, Mirella Sehl, Renee Shoate, Lenniece Marshall, Karissa Rogers, Gloria Hunt, Lupe Orona. Third row: Beryl Bowie-Lewis, Carolyn McClary, Kristi Allen, Melinda Martin, Bob McCormick, Pete Young, CASA Intern Mandy Horn, Craig Mirkes, Misty Cooley, Dena Milburn, and Sharon Hamrick. Not pictured: Tara Huckleby.

### 2008 Tulsa CASA Statistics

**Number of volunteer advocates: 112**  
**Number of children served: 344**  
**Number of cases: 173**



CASA volunteers at the swearing in ceremony in February. Front Row left to right: Kacy Bauer, Judge Mark Barcus, Cari Reif, Denise Robertson. Back Row left to right: Maia Weaver, Terri Doty, Judy Ballard, Rondie Turner.

## A message from Tulsa CASA Executive Director Pamela D. Dose

Radio station *94.1 The Sound* always begins their news broadcast with, "We believe in starting with *good* news." That statement would imply that most reports are started with *bad* news! Often good news gets buried or covered so briefly that you can't remember if there was any. At Tulsa CASA we could certainly get overwhelmed with the bad news about child abuse and neglect. But, if you only focus on the bad news you overlook the fact that last year we had 112 dedicated volunteers spend 4,874 hours traveling over 39,000 miles providing advocacy for 344 children. You would not know that we have 20 outstanding board members who donate time, money and leadership to this agency or that we have professional staff that lives our mission every day through their guidance and support of our volunteers on cases. It is good news that we have donors who value our contribution to the community and continue to provide the necessary funding. And, what an inspiration it is to have our young people – the collegiate chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta – support our mission both financially and with their time. The good news is that in spite of the bad news Tulsa CASA is here, working each and every day, to provide the very best advocacy and care we can for the most vulnerable in our community – our children. Thank you to each and everyone for your support. Some day I hope the good news will be that there is no more child abuse and neglect.

Executive Director Pam Dose with members of Kappa Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Tulsa, who presented a check for \$5000 from their on campus fundraiser for Tulsa CASA.



**Meet Rondie Turner, New Tulsa CASA Manager**  
Rondie has more than 13 years of experience as a Social Worker with the Department of Mental Health, Office of Juvenile Affairs, and the Department of Human Services. The last 2 1/2 years he was a DHS investigator. Rondie holds a degree from the University of Tulsa. He works as a college basketball referee and college softball umpire in his spare time, and has volunteered with the Child Abuse Network.



### Tulsa CASA Holiday Party Lots of Fun!

Many thanks to the Junior League of Tulsa, the Marines Toys for Tots, Christian Chapel, Crowe Dunlevy, and the TAUW Executive Committee for providing refreshments, toys, stockings, and gifts. For the first time, we had a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (aka Patty and Pat Dainty) at the party, much to the delight of the 100+ children who attended.

**Tulsa CASA Board President 2009 is Kevin Kennemer.** He is the owner and President of The People Group, a consulting firm which specializes in company culture and its impact on employment and productivity. Kevin is a life long Tulsan and graduated from Tulsa Central High School and Oral Roberts University. Kevin is married to Anita, and has three daughters.



**You're Invited!**

## Barbecue & Brew


Sponsored by Tulsa CASA Quarterbacks Club

Tuesday, April 28 | 6:00-8:00 pm | 51st & Sheridan  
Billy Sims BBQ Banquet Center | Forum Shopping Center

With special guest **SPC**

**Top 5 Reasons MEN should come to this event?**

- #5 - You lost your remote control.
- #4 - Dancing with the Stars is in reruns.
- #3 - Free beer and barbecue.
- #2 - Billy Sims rocks!
- And #1 - There are abused and neglected children in Tulsa County who need **MEN LIKE YOU** to be Court Appointed Special Advocates.



**BILLY SIMS**  
University of Oklahoma  
Heisman Trophy Winner

**Don't miss this...**

- Complimentary Souvenir CASA Poster autographed by Billy Sims
- Drawing for valuable autographed football

**Be a real man. Volunteer.**

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Tulsa CASA is kicking off the Quarterbacks Club in April with a special event featuring OU Great Billy Sims in an effort to recruit more male volunteers. Call 584-2272 to rsvp or for more information. [www.tulsacasa.org](http://www.tulsacasa.org)

# Justice is Served 2009 is a huge success!

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## Event Committee:

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Justice is Served raised \$57,000 to help recruit, train, and support volunteer advocates for children in the court system. **Emcee Lt. Governor Jari Askins** encouraged 'celebrity waiters' to earn tips from their tables as they served 'just desserts' to the guests. A highlight of the event was a CASA video featuring success stories. Featured were-CASA Volunteer **Ora Williams** and **Brian and Tiffany Cooper** who adopted twins, Justin and Jordan. Members of **Kappa Alpha Theta, TU**, helped with the live auction. The fabulous **KIPP Chorale** performed, receiving a standing ovation.



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**Any way you like it...please report your hours monthly.**

*The mission of Tulsa CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), as authorized by Oklahoma law, is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. We promote and support volunteer representation for the children in an effort to provide each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home.*



Member Agency



**Tulsa CASA is pleased to have provided volunteer advocates to speak up in court for Tulsa area abused and neglected children in state custody for over 23 years and counting.**

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