



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

April 2016

# The entire group!

## Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) started in Douglas County in 1989 and is located at 1038 Buckeye Road, Minden. As a group, the CASA volunteers are volunteers-of-the-month of April for Active Volunteers in Douglas (A.V.I.D.).

CASA volunteers advocate for children involved in the court system. Volunteers are vetted, then appointed by a Judge to specific children. Each volunteer learns as much as they can about the child and their situation in order to make recommendations to the Judge that are in the child's best interest.

The current group of honored volunteers includes individuals who have been with CASA from 10 months to 15 years. Each works between four and ten hours per month. Their favorite aspects of volunteering are helping children, offering hope, and making a difference for families. No cases they work on are the same which makes investigating and learning about the children very interesting. CASA volunteers advocated for 65 children (36 families) since January 2016.

CASA has a Facebook page and is listed on the Active Volunteers in Douglas website ([www.douglasvolunteers.org](http://www.douglasvolunteers.org)). CASA conducts training on an annual basis with notification through press releases and recruits through word of mouth including support with spokespeople like Dr. Phil and his wife. Currently, seven new volunteers are in training and will be sworn in April 6<sup>th</sup>, bringing CASA volunteer corps to 30.

A.V.I.D. IS A NON-PROFIT GROUP THAT PROMOTES, MAINTAINS AND SUPPORTS VOLUNTEERISM IN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND PROVIDES AVENUES FOR RECOGNITION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

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