

**Executive Director Report  
May 26, 2020**

**Statistics (YTD)**

Open Cases  
Closed Clients since January 2020

201 children in 163 cases  
37 children

**Administration**

TLC transitioned leadership from Elizabeth Hocker to Timothy Michaels-Johnson as of May 1, 2020.

Prior to this transition, Elizabeth Hocker and Timothy Michaels-Johnson met with the Sarkeys Foundation to present TLC's program and online resources. All four of the foundation's program officers attended and ultimately gave permission for TLC to submit a Letter of Inquiry requesting a \$10,000 grant. The Letter of Inquiry was submitted May 1, 2020.

TLC is forging a relationship with the Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation. This foundation received funding to develop a pro bono attorney portal, an easy-to-use website for attorneys to locate volunteer opportunities. This project has been funded by both the Oklahoma Bar Foundation and the George Kaiser Family Foundation. TLC was invited to use the portal to recruit volunteers and an initial post has been drafted. The site is scheduled to launch June 1, 2020.

The Oklahoma Access for Justice Foundation also introduced TLC to Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS). TLC and OILS are exploring collaboration to improve TLC's online resources with ICWA specific guidelines and procedures.

TLC has been exploring opportunities to develop a Legacy Giving Program to fund TLC's endowment to increase self-sustainability. The Advancement Group with the Tulsa Community Foundation has expressed interest in working with TLC to provide a customized Legacy Department. More information on this will be provided during the Development Committee Report.

**Cases & Court Appearances**

The Executive Director represents 62 children. Courtney Nelbach, Staff Attorney, represents 65 children. In an effort to avoid pressuring volunteers needing to focus on their own practice during these uncertain times, TLC has not actively sought volunteers to take new clients. Due to the caseload of the Staff Attorney, the Executive Director has been representing all new clients referred to TLC for the past 8 weeks. Efforts to assign cases to volunteers should renew in June 2020.

TLC made extraordinary efforts to keep volunteers informed on the changes to court procedures each week. Due to the ever changing nature of these procedures, each volunteer with a case set the following week receives an individualized email about their case and how the Court intends to hold their upcoming hearing, whether by paper review of email exchanges or videoconference on the Bluejeans platform.

## 2020 Grant Requests

Name	Request	Award	Status	Contact	Notes
Schusterman	10,000	25,000	awarded	ECH/TMJ	Additional 25,000 coming at end of year
VOCA	209,192		submitted	ECH/TMJ	
Helmerich Foundation	10,000		submitted	L. Moore	M. Shipley for 2021?
Jess L and Miriam B Stevens Fnd	20,000	20,000	awarded	L. Moore	
Hille Foundation	15,000	0	denied	ECH/TMJ	COVID-19 prevented taking on new grantees
Sarkey's Foundation	10,000		LOI submitted	TMJ	Received confirmation of receipt
Mariner Wealth Mangement			inquiry	B. Curry	
John& Donne Brock Foundation		10,000	awarded	ECH	
Mervin Bovarid	15,000		due 8/1/2020	Anne Sublett	
Pape Adams	1,000		due 9/1/2020	Anne Sublett	
Oklahoma Bar Foundation	50,000		submitted	ECH/TMJ	
Williams Company	10,000		submitted	TMJ	Cold Submission in response to COVID-19 advertisement
GKFF	50,000		due 9/1/2020	SP/TMJ	
Coretz Family Foundation	25,000	25,000	awarded	TMJ	
Chapman Charitable Trust	75,000	50,000	awarded	ECH	75k over 3 years requested - received 25k January and April
Lobeck Taylor Foundation				E. Hutchison	Lost connection to foundation
Arlo DeKraai	10,000		submitted	M. Shipley	

## Training

Timothy Michaels-Johnson was invited to speak at Haruv from the Couch on May 21, 2020. Alana Hughes of the Schusterman Foundation instigated this invitation. She was impressed by TLC's online resources and agreed they would be helpful to social workers.

On May 29, TLC will provide its first CLE-approved webinar, introducing attorneys to the online resources available on the TLC website. The Oklahoma Bar Foundation (OBF) advertised this training on their social media. As this will be TLC's first webinar, members of the Board of Directors are encouraged to register and attend to offer feedback on how to improve the experience. This training is aimed at meeting the goal of TLC's OBF grant to more widely disperse TLC's online resources.

TLC intends to provide the annual training on Title 10A and child representation in August, date to be determined. Additional work is needed to modify the course and determine how the training may be provided virtually.

## Events

Fun with Friends, formerly scheduled for April 16, 2020, was postponed due to restrictions on large gatherings. The Development Committee hopes to hold the event in the fall.

The Volunteer Appreciation Event is anticipated to be held in November 2020. The Development Committee hopes to hold an in-person event as restriction on large gatherings are lifted.