

# Press Release



## Po-Hi FOR Club Wins Okies Celebration Trophy

The Contractor's Safety Alliance (CSA) at the Phillips 66 Ponca City Refinery and the Ponca City F.O.R. (Friends of Rachel) Club recently won the Okies Celebration trophy at that event held at the Phillips 66 compound. This was quite an honor for the F.O.R. Club as they are still a fairly new club. "The Okie Celebration is a wonderful experience because we were able to bring our club out of the high school and show the community what we are all about as well as expand on our experiences as a club," says Madison Androes, club co-president.

CSA was originally created at the request of Phillips 66 to help different contractor groups within the Ponca City refinery get to know one another, work together and improve the health and safety of all working at the site. "What makes it safer for one guy makes it safer the next," says Tom Hoddy. "Each group having a different line of expertise helps cover hazards from many angles. The CSA wanted to not only improve the safety of its contractor members, but for their families as well. When Rachel's Challenge was brought up, the CSA felt it would be a good program to share with the public, which resulted in an effort to improve safety and relations in our workplaces as well as our schools. As a result of that, the F.O.R. club was created, and the CSA has continued to sponsor them for the past few years.

Rachel's Challenge is an anti-bullying campaign that was sponsored by CSA in 2015. From this Challenge, the F.O.R. Club was created. The F.O.R. Club is based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott, the first victim of the Columbine School Shooting in 1999. This Challenge was produced to equip and inspire people to replace acts of violence, bullying, and negativity with acts of respects, kindness, and compassion. Rachel's story of kindness and compassion, set against the backdrop of the Columbine tragedy, is one that produces an intensely personal, reflective experience: an awakening of the innate desire for human connection and the urge to take immediate action.

It takes time, effort, and money to keep these groups going. These organizations help people get to know one another, help improve safety for everyone, and make the world a better place to work and live for us all. The F.O.R. Club and CSA would like to challenge everyone who reads this to join in and make a difference in the community. They want to continually improve the community environment to awaken the compassion, respect and kindness in every person.

If you would like more information on either of these groups, please contact Tom Hoddy with the CSA or Terri Calhoun and Barb Scherich regarding Po-Hi's F.O.R. Club. The F.O.R. club is available to assist other groups, churches, or organizations with projects, events, or presentations.

The mission is to inspire, equip, and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in their schools, businesses, and communities by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. Let's overpower the negativity in the world with positive actions and kind words.

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