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## Newsletter

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### 2008 ELECTION RECAP

After the longest campaign cycle in modern history, the 2008 general election concluded with many interesting results in Oklahoma from the top of the ticket to the bottom. Here is a recap of those results.



**President**-Democrat Illinois Senator Barack Obama won the presidency, becoming the first African-American president in US history. He and his running mate, Vice-President elect, Sen. Joe Biden will take office in January of 2009.

**Federal**-As expected Tulsa Republican incumbent Senator Jim Inhofe was re-elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate, defeating Democrat State Senator Andrew Rice with 56% of the vote.

With no surprise all five of Oklahoma's delegation in the US House of Representatives won re-election by large margins: District 1, Republican Rep. John Sullivan; District 2, Democrat Rep. Dan Boren; District 3, Republican Rep. Frank Lucas; District 4, Republican Rep. Tom Cole; and District 5, Republican Rep. Mary Fallin.

**Statewide**- This year the only state-wide candidates on the ballot were those running for Corporation Commission. In the race between Republican Dana Murphy and Democrat Jim Roth, Dana Murphy came out victorious. Incumbent Commissioner Jeff Cloud drew a challenger, Democrat Charles Gray. However, Jeff Cloud was elected for another six years.



**State Legislature**- For Oklahoma the races within the state legislature were the most watched and most anticipated. With the control of the State Senate up for grabs, both parties worked tirelessly to end up on top. At the end of the night, the Republicans took control of the senate with a margin of 26-22 for

the first time in Oklahoma history. After sharing the leadership role with the Democrats for the past two years, Senator Glenn Coffee (pictured above) became the new President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.



The House of Representatives were able to share the celebration with the Senate Republicans as they maintained control of the House. They extended their margin of leadership to 57-44. By doing so, Rep. Chris Benge will remain the Speaker of House.

With any election cycle, many candidates experience great triumphs while others barely miss the mark. While we congratulate all those who won, we extend much gratitude to all those who put their name on the ballot.

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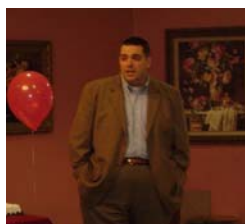


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## Oklahoma Elections 2008

The election results in Oklahoma made history. Both Democrats and Republicans were fighting to take control of the State Senate. For the first time in Oklahoma history, the Republicans are in the majority. The Republicans also maintained their control in House of Representatives, creating another first for Oklahoma—Republicans having the majority in both legislative chambers.



Because of the weight of this year's elections, it was important for CARE PAC to be involved. Thanks to the support from our donors, CARE PAC was able to contribute to more legislative candidates than ever before. By doing so we were able to build relationships with the candidates which will benefit the industry during

the next legislative session.

Many of the candidates across the state visited their local facility.

Staff and residents were able to meet their legislators, many for the first time. Pictured are Sen. Clark Jolley (above) and Rep. Anastasia Pittman (right). Many other candidates took time to visit facilities as well. We appreciate them sharing their time during the busy election .



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## RECAP-1st Annual CARE Golf Tournament

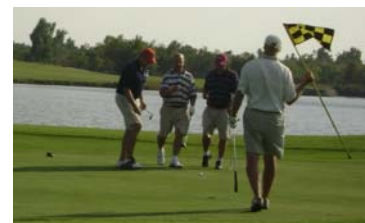
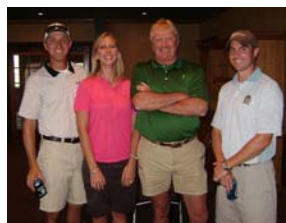


This year CARE hosted its first ever Golf Tournament at Bailey Ranch Gold Club in Owasso, OK. Thanks to everyone who participated, the tournament was a huge success. As a 1st Annual tournament, over 50 participants and more than 10 sponsors came out in support of CARE.

Whether you were on the winning team or the team in need of the most improvement, the weather was perfect, and the fellowship was delightful.

Because the golf tournament was a big hit, it can be anticipated it will be held in conjunction with the OAHCP Fall Fair annually. If you missed out this year, please plan to participate next year as it will only continue to get bigger and better.

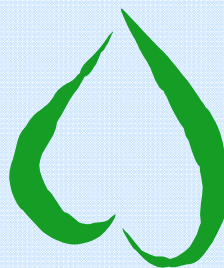
A special thank you to all our sponsors and participants! Congratulations to our winning team, Bedlam Properties.



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