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CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Celebrates New Pekin Office with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

February 2019—To effectively serve abused and neglected children in Tazewell County, CASA has opened a new branch office in Pekin, Illinois. CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit announced on May 2, 2018, their expansion to the entire Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois including Peoria, Stark, Marshall, Putnam, and Tazewell Counties. Since July 2018, staff members Ryan Lacerna and Matt Collins have been working full-time to establish program services and address the need in the area. To celebrate the new Pekin office and presence in the community, CASA will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony in collaboration with the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the CASA office in Pekin located at 351 Sabella Street on Thursday February 28 at 4:30 PM. Please join us to mark the grand opening of the office! The parking lot and entrance are on the north side facing the Busey Bank Building. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, we will be hosting an optional information meeting for those interested in volunteering as a *Court Appointed Special Advocate* for children in the abuse and neglect court system.

CASA programs have been successfully implemented across the United States and in several other communities in Illinois. The program aims to reduce the amount of time children spend in foster care and help ensure that the child's best interest is served throughout the court process.

For more information on this event, call 309-669-2939.

We sincerely hope that you can come see our new office!

*To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice.
To give them a voice is to give them hope,
and to give them hope is to give them the world.*

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About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit (www.casapeoria.org)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, FKA CASA of Peoria County, is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system. Its existence is based on the belief that every child has the right to a safe and permanent home allowing them the chance to reach their full potential in life. The organization has been serving abused and neglected children since 2005. CASA is supported by Heart of Illinois United Way, Caterpillar Foundation, Community Foundation of Central Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds, and generous donors.

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