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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAMELA PERRILLES

**Help us meet the growing need.** CASA has been busy keeping up with our expanded service coverage to the entire Illinois Tenth Judicial Circuit, including Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell Counties.

With the expansion came the critical need for more volunteer Advocates to support the additional number of abused and neglected children who are going through the court system.

**Right now, there are more than 1,700 pending abuse and neglect cases** in the Tenth Judicial Circuit—which is more, per capita, than Cook County. That's why it's so important that regular citizens like you, appointed by the court and trained by us, step up to advocate for children in foster care.

Please reach out to learn more about how you can **CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY™**.

Warmly,  
**Pamela Perrilles, Executive Director**



**LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING AN ADVOCATE**

- Visit [CASAoftheTenth.org](http://CASAoftheTenth.org)
- Call 309-669-2939
- Email [CASA@PeoriaCounty.org](mailto:CASA@PeoriaCounty.org)

## CASA BEST-INTEREST ADVOCACY



## Welcome to our newest volunteers!



*Left to right:* Trudy Jennings, Julie Rolffs, Judge Cusack, Sue Zehr and Pam Wilfinger.



*Left to right:* Katrina Belt, Mary Roethler, Lynn Mack, Marc Weinmann, Sylvia Davis, Jake Kiel, Jimmy Martin and Robert Pondant with Judge Brown.



*Left to right:* Heather Monroe, Maggie Dolan, Brett Walton, Maria Ford, Judge Cusack, April Wagner, Jayne Ferguson and Shaun Bill.



*Back row:* Lee Sorenson, Erica Ray, Brian Ray, Judge Mack, Blaine D'Acci.  
*Front row:* Claudia Bill, Cristy Hasty, Laurie Stoller, JoAnn Johnson, Keith Gargiulo and Mark Guzzardo.



*Left to right:* Bridget Lavoie, Judge Cusack and Dan Schlicksup.



*Left to right:* Morris Jackson, Dr. Mike Jongerius, Steve Welch, Karen Bishop, Kristina Janicke, Amy Brown and Christopher Donnelly with Judge Brown.



*Left to right:* Ardienne Gorman and JoAnn Thomas with Judge Brown.



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES!

Mark the 4th Wednesday of each month (except November and December) on your 2020 calendar for CASATime! Join us at 5:30 on those evenings to learn about relevant topics, connect with your fellow Advocates and meet your continuing education requirements in the process. Watch your email for more information on location and speakers.

## Interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)?

Attend an info meeting to find out more!

**April 13, 2020** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at two locations:  
Two25, 225 NE Adams, Peoria  
Tazewell County Justice Center, 101 S Capitol, Pekin

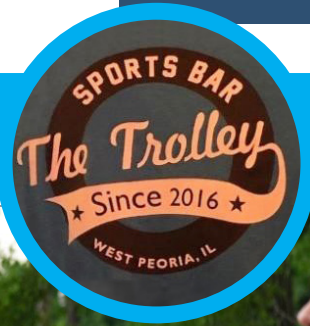
**June 22, 2020** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Two25, 225 NE Adams, Peoria

## DID YOU KNOW?

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is now offering **flex training!** Instead of all 30-hours in the classroom, now you can do some work on your own (online). We have training classes scheduled in April and June. Contact [Cathy Dare](#), Training Coordinator for more info.

## Concert4CASA!

It was a rockin' night of music at another new event for CASA! Peoria bands Super 88 and Tina Sparkle and Nashville's Scale Model provided the entertainment while The Trolley provided the hospitality. Thanks to the bands, the Trolley, the Guitar Center, Flores Music, Jim Maurice Farmer's Insurance, Shelton's Bar and all involved!



Check out additional event photos in our Facebook album!





## Sip, Savor, Smoke

Our inaugural event was all about whiskey, food and cigars! It was so much fun we're doing it again on May 7th! Watch your email and follow us on social media for more information. Thanks to our sponsors, committee members, chefs, volunteers and all who supported the event.



Check out additional event photos in our Facebook album!



A big thanks to our Sip, Savor, Smoke sponsors.







## CASA's Eighteen Hole, Par 3 Challenge & \$1 Million Hole-in-One Shootout was so much fun!



Check out photos from the event!



### PAR 3 CHALLENGE

**1st Overall:** KB Elliott Financial Advisors  
Jeff Doeden, Kyle Portugal, Bill Ott, Mark Greskoviak

**2nd Overall:** Prairie Home Alliance  
Steve Jackson, JR Runkel, Kevin Pogue, Tadd Vonachen

**3rd Overall:** Lynch Aluminum  
Ken Lynch, Corey Lynch, Jason Lynch, Matt Lynch

### HOLE-IN-ONE SHOOTOUT

**Closest to Pin:** Kyle Portugal  
**2nd Closest to Pin:** Kevin Pogue

### PUTTING CONTEST

**1st Place:** Connor Co.  
Stan Collins, Tucker Kennedy, Chad Whittington, Sam Hoern

**2nd Place:** Lynch Aluminum  
Ken Lynch, Corey Lynch, Jason Lynch, Matt Lynch



## CASAblanca Dancing with the Local Stars 2019 was amazing!

It was another year of outstanding dancing, great food, and fun times.  
Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, sponsored and supported this event.

**CIBM Bank  
Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino  
John Bearce Family**

**Philippi-Hagenbuch, Inc.**

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Karoline Seitz-Goddard & John Goddard • Kevin & Summer Sletten • Rep. Tom Demmer & Rep. Norine Hammond  
The Yard Peoria • Greg Birkland • Nicholas J. Murphy Foundation • Kiwanis Club of Peoria • Deborah Roethler  
Demonica Kemper Architects • CrossFit North Peoria • Illinois American Water • Wendy Wagner • Petersen Health Care  
Advanced Technology Services • Peoria Toyota • DRAKEphote • Lisa Murphy Web Design • Salon Haven  
Ron's Carpets • Pekin Insurance • Farnsworth Group • Bard Optical • Uftring Auto Group

**Check out  
photos from  
the event!**



**Congratulations to Mike Unes and instructor Emily West  
Winners of the 2019 Critics' Choice Award  
AND 2019 People's Choice Award**

**Congratulations to all our dancers for a great performance!**



**Additional Local Stars and Dancing Pros included:**

- Kelly Girardo with instructor Richard Smith
- Katie Kim with instructor Allen Eskridge
- Ryan LaCrosse with instructor Sophie Challacombe
- Theresa Murphy with instructor Todd Cook
- Deborah Roethler with instructor Ron Pruse
- Mark Plunkett, MD with instructor Lexi Zellmer
- Wendy Wagner with instructor Mike Hinchman

**In appreciation of extraordinary service and devotion to CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, the Judy Morris Memorial Kappa Alpha Theta CASA Community Award was presented to Steve and Maggie Jackson, Prairie Home Alliance.**



## CASA Partnering with the Center for Prevention of Abuse

When the Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) needed a home base in Tazewell County, CASA's office in Pekin was a perfect fit. A small space was converted into a counseling office so that CFPA could see clients in a location other than Peoria. Providing services to children and adult victims of abuse and violence, the ultimate goal is to heal families and break the cycle of generational violence. CASA is excited about this partnership and the potential reduction in child abuse and neglect.

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## Raising Awareness at NATP Conference

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit was named the charity partner of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) for their 2019 Conference. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness of CASA and our mission. We were also the beneficiary of member donations and raffle proceeds. Thank you NATP for selecting us as your partner!



## CASA Receives Grant From IBM

Thanks to grant funds from IBM, CASA was able to purchase 10 tablets! They will be used for training purposes and at special events. We appreciate IBM recognizing our mission and the important work that we do.

## CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Gives Special Thanks To:

**Illinois Association of  
Court Appointed Special Advocates**



**Heart of Illinois  
United Way**



Violent Crime Victim Assistance Grant



Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds



We appreciate the support of community businesses and restaurants that provide food and facilities for our training and info meetings.



## OUR MISSION

Ensure that every abused and neglected child is placed in a safe and permanent home, by utilizing specially trained community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children going through the court system.

## Keep Up with CASA



Special thanks to Advanced Medical Transport for providing an excellent classroom facility .



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*Save Lives. It's what we do*

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