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CASA OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ANNOUNCES WINNERS of CASAblanca – DANCING WITH THE LOCAL STARS

The 15th Annual CASAblanca Dancing with the Local Stars was a fun-filled evening that raised awareness of CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and its mission. A virtual event for the first time and held this past Saturday, it featured performances from local dance couples and teams, with judges rating each performance.

The dancers were vying for two awards while the viewers were competing for another. The People's Choice Award was given to the dancers that accumulated the most votes based on dollars raised through sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and online voting. The Critics' Choice award was given to the dancers that accumulated the most votes based on the judges' scores and viewer votes. The Viewing Host Award was given to the host who raised the most money through their support and that of their guests. And the winners are:

People's Choice Award & Critics' Choice Award
Miguel Ramirez, MD & Desireé Sehati

Hilltop Wealth Management of Raymond James Viewing Host Award
Miguel Ramirez, MD, Viewing Host Group #2

Other Dancing Stars included:
Peoria Ballet
Grant Murphy & Maria Murphy
Adam Shaw & Mady McKeown
Mystery Dancers Team 1 – CASA staff members
Mystery Dancers Team 2 – CASA staff members

Congratulations to all our dancers on a great performance!

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 Jeff Doeden.

We extend gratitude to our **Judges**: Deborah Roethler (City of Peoria), Holly Van Slyke (Savvi), Arron McCall (CrossFit North Peoria), and Ryan LaCosse (Best Buddies).

Special thanks for a job well done to Honorary Co-Chairs **Adam and Laura Hawks**, Co-Chairs **Teri Cook** and **Karoline Seitz-Goddard**, and Emcees **Ashley Bradshaw** and **Ryan Hite**. CASAblanca was made possible through the support of: D2K Marketing, WMBD, CIBM Bank, Miguel A. Ramirez, MD – OSF Orthopedics, Phillis Dewitt & Craig Nelson, Amy Moore-McKee and Kent McKee, Hilltop Wealth Management of Raymond James, The Louis S. Hensley, Jr. Family Foundation, Clark Marketing, and Lisa Murphy Web Design. Many thanks to our virtual guests who shared this exciting night with us and to those sponsoring the cost to advocate for a child, who has experienced abuse or neglect. Thanks for helping to Change A Child's Story™.

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