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CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Presents 2025 CASAblanca Dancing with the Local Stars

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is excited to announce the return of its premier fundraising gala, **CASAblanca 2025: Dancing with the Local Stars**, on **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Peoria Civic Center**. Guests will enjoy the dance competition featuring Peoria-area notables, business leaders, and celebrities, each paired with a talented dancing Pro. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of glamour, entertainment, and community spirit. All in support of CASA's mission to advocate for the best interests of children who have been abused and neglected in our community.

"We are thrilled to bring CASAblanca to the Peoria Civic Center this year for the first time," said Pamela Perrilles, Executive Director of CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. "This event not only celebrates the talent and generosity of our community but also shines a light on the important work our volunteers do for children navigating the foster care system".

Announcing the 2025 CASAblanca Dancers helping to make a difference for children are:

Kathy Ma, Community Supporter, with Dance Pro, Fadi Rustom

Margaret Ott, Caterpillar with Dance Pro, Todd Cook

Mary Thompson, President of Trillium Place with Dance Pro, Michael Hinchman

Michael Wells, President of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center with Dance Pro, Lexi Zellmer-Kaiser

Roxanne Ibe, Talisman Development Group with Dance Pro, Kyle Shrader

Suzanne Miller, Jim Maloof/Realtor with Dance Pro, JR Haywood (Rebecca Alison Coach)

Do you have a favorite dancer? The public can vote for dancers (in the form of dollars donated) to determine the "**2025 People's Choice Award**" winner. Each dollar donated equates to one vote. Go to our website: (<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/peopleschoice/>) for your chance to vote!

The judges' scores also count! Combined with one vote per attendee that night, they determine the winners of the **2025 Critics' Choice Award**! We're excited to have MYSTERY judges this year, who will they be? Maybe you? We hope to see you there to find out.

Join us for a night of dancing, dining, unanticipated surprises, live entertainment, and the chance to support their favorite dancers, all while raising critical funds for CASA. Tickets may be purchased for \$300/person or \$3,000 for a table of ten. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/casaofthetenthjudicialcircuit/event/casablanca2025>. Contact the CASA office at 309-669-2939 or email casa@peoriacounty.org to be part of the fun!

Proceeds from CASAblanca 2025 directly benefit CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, helping to recruit, train, and support volunteer advocates who give a voice to children who have been abused and neglected.

CASAblanca 2025 is made possible by the generosity of: OSF HealthCare, RLI, Hilltop Wealth Management of Raymond James, Sun Collectors, Kathleen Horchler, Vonachen Co, Michael Wells, Kert Huber Developments, Altorfer, Councilman Denis Cyr, Advanced Medical Transport of Central IL, Councilman Zach Oyler, Talisman Development Group, U of I College of Medicine, Mike & Donna Cruz, Mark & Tara Plunkett, Bob Woolsey & Friends, Strong Law, OSF HealthCare Foundation, Lexi Zeller-Kaiser, Commerce Bank, RSM, ReMax, Plumb Creek, Boss Flooring, Force Masonry, Simantel Group LTD.

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