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## CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Receives Liberty Mutual Torchbearers Grants

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit was awarded two grants, totaling \$3,000, from Liberty Mutual Insurance. These funds were made available through *Liberty Torchbearers*, a program that recognizes Liberty Mutual employees who support causes they care about through serving, giving and volunteering.

*Volunteer with Liberty* celebrates employees who share their skills and expertise, giving of their time and talent to causes they care about. Liberty Mutual employee Teressa Weiss, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), logged more than 100 volunteer hours in 2019, making her eligible to extend a grant to the nonprofit of her choice. A CASA for almost 1-1/2 years, she selected CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit to receive the funds. "I want to be the eyes and ears for the children in our community impacted by abuse and/or neglect. All for their greater good and to give back to the community," said Teressa as to why she serves as a CASA.

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit appreciates Teressa's dedication to our mission and the children we serve. We thank Liberty Mutual Insurance for making this funding available and recognizing Teressa's volunteer efforts.

For more information about how you can become a CASA for an abused or neglected child, contact CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit at <u>casa@peoriacounty.org</u>, 309-669-2939 or visit <u>www.CASAoftheTenth.org</u>.

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About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit FKA CASA of Peoria County (<u>www.CASAoftheTenth.org</u>): Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit 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, VCVA IL Attorney General, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds, Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates, and generous donors. CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is a Member of the National CASA/GAL Association.