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### **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Participating in Peoria Riverfront Museum Special Program**

CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is excited to announce their participation in a special program, created by the Peoria Riverfront Museum in honor of Sarah Snyder Morris. This program will provide inspirational museum experiences for CASA children, their families, and CASA volunteers.

A Peoria native, Sarah Snyder Morris was born August 27, 1963, the daughter of Sally and Bruce “Skip” Snyder. Sarah died at her home in Salem, Oregon, May 15, 2020 after a courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Sarah, a 1981 Richwoods High School graduate, received her bachelor’s degree in 1985 from Dartmouth College, her father’s alma mater, and her Juris Doctor from Willamette University, after which she joined the Salem District Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor. After transferring to the Department of Justice, Sarah fought for hundreds of children by prosecuting their abusers, while working with others to provide children with safe homes.

Sarah's ties to the Peoria Riverfront Museum run deep, as she worked for the former Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences and was a frequent volunteer at Peoria Riverfront Museum. Her generous heart and her special gift of working with abused children will be her lasting legacy of love for all who knew her. This special program, established by the Peoria Riverfront Museum with gifts received in Sarah's memory, merges two of her passions.

Peoria Riverfront Museum is proud and honored to be continuing the legacy of Sarah Snyder Morris. CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is eager to share the museum experience with CASA children and families while recognizing the life of a person who made a difference to so many.

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**About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit FKA CASA of Peoria County ([www.CASAoftheTenth.org](http://www.CASAoftheTenth.org)):** 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, Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates, and generous donors. CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is a Member of the National CASA/GAL Association.