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

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CASAblanca Dancing with the Local Stars was a fun-filled evening of entertainment to raise awareness of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and its mission. It featured eleven local celebrities partnered with dance instructors, all vying for two awards. The People's Choice Award was presented to the dancers who accumulated the most votes based on fundraising, while the Critics' Choice award was presented to the dancers who accumulated the most votes based on the judges' scores and audience votes. The winners were:

**People's Choice Award**

Chaille Becker of Caterpillar & Adam Shaw, dance instructor

**Critics' Choice Award**

Chaille Becker of Caterpillar & Adam Shaw, dance instructor

**Participants** included:

Vivian Standifird with Rob Prescott  
Lindsey Swischuk with Tyler Smith  
Heather Bean Oyler with Mike Murphy  
Jodi Lindsay with Mike Hinchman  
Eric Echevarria with Bev Caballero  
Andrew Farragher with Marie Morris  
Deric Kimler with Sarah Wilcoxon  
Anthony Ficociello with Madalynne Shaw  
Matthew Campen with Emily West  
Dr. Jawad Javed with Elena Paine

Congratulations to all our dancers for great performances!

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 **JR Runkel** of Fortner Insurance.

We extend our gratitude to the night's **Judges: Sarah de Ramirez, MD, MPH, MSc, Illinois College of Medicine Peoria and OSF HealthCare**, Paige Blanzky of HOI TV, George Ghareeb of **TERRA Engineering**, **Ryan Pierson of RSM, Lexi Kaiser, and our Mystery Judge JR Runkel**- Winner of Bid to "Be-A-Judge," a special opportunity for an audience member to be a judge on the night of the event.

Special thanks for a job well done to Honorary Co-Chairs **Tim & Peggy Crane**, Co-Chairs **Teri Cook** and **Karoline Seitz-Goddard**, and Emcees **Ashley Bradshaw** and **Ryan Hite**.

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Proceeds from CASAblanca and the Sponsor a Child appeal support the cost of providing a CASA Volunteer with training, tools, and education to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are in the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

**A big *Thank You* to those sponsoring the cost to advocate for a child.  
We've reached 133 and still counting!**

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**About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit FKA CASA of Peoria County:**

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 children within the Juvenile Court system who have experienced abuse or neglect. 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 in existence since 2005, serving children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA is supported by Heart of Illinois United Way, Pekin United Way, VCVA IL Attorney General, Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates, City of Peoria CDBG grant, and generous donors. CASA is a Member of the National CASA/GAL Association.