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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Brings A Bit of Polar Express to CASA Children**

Traditionally this time of year, there is an exclusive showing of Polar Express at the Riverfront Museum Giant Screen Theater for children assigned a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Although that won't occur, CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit still wanted this Holiday Season to be magical. So on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Santa will be distributing (drive-thru style) Polar Express goodie bags to CASA children at a location in Peoria Heights and one in Pekin. Each goodie bag contains a Polar Express cup, jingle bell, microwavable popcorn, hot cocoa mix, and a certificate for a McDonald's Happy Meal!

"Santa's helpers have been busy notifying families of this opportunity so we're hoping for a good turnout," said CASA Executive Director, Pamela Perrilles. "We are so appreciative of our donors and the opportunity to continue the Polar Express tradition, but in a different way."

Thank you to Greg & Lori Birkland, Clark Management, LLC and Bre Mid America. Inc. And of course to Santa and his elves!

If you would like to support CASA and our vital work to ensure that every abused and neglected child is placed in a safe and permanent home, contact us at [casa@peoriacounty.org](mailto:casa@peoriacounty.org) or 309-669-2939.

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