

*CASA of Peoria County's Biggest Night Ever**CASAblanca 2015-Dancing with The Local Stars***Generous Donors Sponsor Advocacy Costs for 95 Children!**

Par-a-Dice Hotel Casino, November 7 – CASAblanca 2015, our primary fundraiser for the year, was a fun-filled evening of entertainment to raise awareness of our organization. The evening featured local "Celebrities" dancing with dance specialists from Central Illinois. Local "Celebrity" judges rated each performance and along with the audience voted to determine the winner.

(Please click on the links for videos of the awards ceremony and the dance performances.)

Winners of the "2015 Critics' Choice Award"

People's & Critics' Choice Awards Ceremony

Laurie Pearl Cain, Keller-Williams Realty with Instructor **Tyler Smith**, Miss Laura's School of Dance

Laurie Pearl Cain and Tyler Smith

Winners of the "2015 People's Choice Award" (pre-event voting)

Kim Hauer, VP & Chief HR Officer, Caterpillar Inc. with Instructor **Allen Eskridge**, Sinclair Dance Studio

Kim Hauer and Allen Eskridge

Runners up of the Local Stars and Dancing Pros:

Greg Gerontes and Erica Franken

Josh Herman and Janessa Birkland

Beth Jensen and Jon Young

Liz LaHood and Ryan Renner

Garth Leggett and Katie Hollandsworth

Mayor Gary Manier and Emily West

Chris Monroe and Jennifer Morris

Congratulations to all our dancers for a great performance!**We extend special appreciation to our Judges:**

Dawn Bozeman, Community Leader, President of Dunlap School Board

Sally Wilson Erny, Chief Program Officer, National CASA Association

Steve Jackson, President, Prairie Home Alliance

Mary Ellen van Buskirk, Owner of Brunswick House Ltd.

"Mystery Judge" **John Bearce**, Owner of John Bearce Companies

Special thanks for a job well done to our Honorary Event Chair, **JR Runkel** of Fortner Insurance, Co-Chairs **Aneta Youngblood** and **Teri Cook**, and to our Co-Emcees **Amy Paul** and **Matt George**, CEO of Children's Home Association, who also served as the event's Auctioneer, Sponsors of CASAblanca included: **The Smith Team at Keller-Williams Premier Realty, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino, Essential Wellness Pharmacy, G&D Integrated, and CGN Global**. Many thanks to all of our table sponsors, child sponsors, and guests who shared in this exciting event!

A big thank you to those who sponsored the cost to serve 95 children this year!



From left: Teri Cook, JR Runkel, Pamela Perrilles, Adrian Olteanu & Aneta Youngblood



Matt George



Bryson Smith (foreground) who sponsored 9 children!



Greg Gerontes & Erica Franken



Critics' Choice Award Winners Laurie Pearl Cain & Tyler Smith



Beth Jensen & Jon Young



Janessa Birkland & Josh Herman



People's Choice Award Winners Allen Eskridge & Kim Hauer interviewed by Amy Paul



Liz LaHood & Ryan Renner



Garth Legget & Katie Hollandsworth



Emily West & Mayor Gary Manier



Chris Monroe & Jennifer Morris

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**Announcing
CASA of Peoria County's
January 2016**

Training Class

January 23 - February 1
at the classroom facilities of

AMT

(Advanced Medical Transport)

1718 N Sterling

West Peoria

Class Schedule

Saturday Jan 23 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Monday Jan 25 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Tuesday Jan 26 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Wed Jan 27 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Thurs Jan 28 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Saturday Jan 30 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Monday Feb 1 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm

(Note: Meals are provided for all classes.)

Swearing-In Ceremony

(Date and time to be determined)

Hon. David Brown

Juvenile Abuse & Neglect Courtroom

Peoria County Courthouse

324 Main St

Room 424

For more information, or to apply to be a
volunteer, please contact:

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Advocate Supervisor

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309-669-2939

Speak up for a child!



Volunteers' Court Calendar

December 15, 2015 to March 30, 2016

DECEMBER 2015

12-15 1:15 p.m. Aloysia & AJ
12-15 1:45 p.m. Diane
12-16 1:30 p.m. Kathy M
12-17 1:15 p.m. Rebecca
12-17 1:45 p.m. Barb
12-17 2:30 p.m. Latorria
12-17 3:00 p.m. Becky
12-21 1:15 p.m. Charlotte
12-21 2:00 p.m. Vanessa
12-21 2:30 p.m. Lyndsay & Patty
12-22 1:00 p.m. Mark W.
12-22 1:00 p.m. Ellen T
12-23 1:30 p.m. Britta
12-29 1:15 p.m. Diane
12-30 2:00 p.m. Alberta

JANUARY 2016

1-4-16 9:00 a.m. Tom
1-4 9:30 a.m. Linda M.
1-5 9:30 a.m. Mark W.
1-6 1:00 p.m. Heather
1-6 1:30 p.m. Tammy
1-6 1:45 p.m. Tom B.

1-7 1:15 p.m. Charlotte
1-8 1:00 p.m. Phyllis
1-12 1:15 p.m. Maryland
1-13 1:30 p.m. Deb D.
1-14 1:30 p.m. Lisa
1-15 1:00 p.m. Karlene
1-20 9:30 a.m. Heather
1-20 1:45 p.m. Selena
1-21 9:00 a.m. Kay
1-26 1:15 p.m. Russell
1-26 1:45 p.m. Leslie K
1-27 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth
1-27 1:30 p.m. Kim G.
1-28 3:00 p.m. Ed S.
1-29 1:15 p.m. Heather

FEBRUARY

2-1 9:00 a.m. Kara
2-3 1:00 p.m. Kathy M.
2-8 1:15 p.m. Rakeitta
2-9 1:45 p.m. Connie
2-10 9:30 a.m. Nick M.
2-11 1:15 p.m. Charlotte
2-16 9:30 a.m. Kathy M.
2-16 1:15 p.m. Stacy M.
2-16 1:30 p.m. Alan & Jill

2-18 1:30 p.m. Cathy D.
2-18 1:45 p.m. Kyleen
2-19 1:00 p.m. Bryson
2-22 9:00 a.m. Steven B.
2-23 1:15 p.m. Mary H.
2-25 1:30 p.m. Kim K.

MARCH

3-1 2:30 p.m. Bob & Kate
3-2 1:45 p.m. Kay J.
3-2 2:15 p.m. Scott
3-2 2:30 p.m. Scott
3-7 9:00 a.m. Ruth A.
3-7 2:15 p.m. Scott
3-8 1:30 p.m. Ruth
3-8 2:00 p.m. Mike C.
3-10 1:30 p.m. Randy R.
3-10 1:45 p.m. Elizabeth
3-10 2:00 p.m. Marti A.
3-15 1:30 p.m. Paul
3-15 2:00 p.m. Donna S.
3-15 3:00 p.m. Mark W.
3-24 1:15 p.m. Sue M.
3-24 1:45 p.m. Ed K.
3-24 3:00 p.m. Summer
3-29 1:30 p.m. Chidu



Lisa Brinker



Charlotte Sizer

Please Welcome Our New Advocate Supervisors

As many of you know, this past August, field for over 20 years and looks forward to continuing her career to further the best interests of children in need.

Lisa Brinker's experience as a CASA volunteer, along with her mentoring of new employees at her previous job, makes her a perfect fit for her new role at CASA. **Charlotte Sizer** has been a social worker in the

Scott Williams is leaving his position on December 15. We are happy that he will remain as a CASA volunteer for the children he serves and gratified that he is joining the Advisory Board!

Leave a Loving Legacy

Planned Giving through your will: You can create a legacy of hope for vulnerable children through a planned gift to CASA of Peoria County.

Bequests Through Your Will

A bequest to CASA of Peoria County is one of the most effective and simplest ways to make a lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children. You may specify a specific amount or a percentage you wish to give. If you would like to make such a gift to CASA of Peoria County, you may include language similar to the following:

"I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to CASA of Peoria County a nonprofit public benefit corporation having its principal office at 324 Main Street, Room 215, Peoria, IL 61602, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] to be used for the furtherance of its charitable purposes in the discretion and at the direction of its Board of Directors for its unrestricted use and purpose."

If you are considering making a gift by bequest, please meet with your attorney to discuss the ramifications and, if appropriate, to update your will. Please let us know if you have included CASA of Peoria County in your estate planning.

CASA of Peoria County
324 Main St. Room 215
Peoria, IL
61602
(309)669-2939

We're on the Web!
www.casapeoria.org
www.casaforchildren.org

CASA of Peoria County gives Special Thanks to:



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Sponsor a Child! Give Them a Voice!

Yes, I would like to support a CASA Child for one year @ \$100 per month.
 I would like to make a one-time gift:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

I am interested in learning more about CASA.
 I would like to give of my time. Please contact me about being involved:
 Board Member
 CASA volunteer
 Other volunteer
 Help with Special Events
 Other: _____

Name: _____
Phone # (____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____, IL
Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
The best time to reach me is during _____ day or _____ evening.
Method of Payment: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Check # _____
Account Number: _____
Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Sec. code: _____
Name as it appears on card: _____
Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: CASA of Peoria County
Return to: 324 Main Street, Room 215, Peoria, Illinois 61602
THANK YOU.

Our Mission

The mission of CASA of Peoria County is to advocate for abused and neglected children in Peoria County through the services of specially trained community volunteers.

Thanks to our Volunteer Training Meal Sponsors ...



Adams Street Cafe & Catering
107 SW Adams St.



and to the *excellent* classroom facility of



**Advanced
Medical Transport**
of Central Illinois

Save Lives. It's what we do.

Another way you can support the mission of CASA of Peoria County.



Donor Information:
 Name: _____
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 Email: _____ Phone: _____

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 Expiration Date: _____ Credit Card Type: _____
 Authorized Signature: _____

Please make our gift in: Honor Of Memory Of
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

I (We) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.
Please make gifts payable to: CASA of Peoria County
 324 Main Street, Room 215
 Peoria, IL 61602
 Or go to www.casapeoria.org to make gifts on-line

From the 282 children, served by 132 CASA volunteers from 12/1/14 to 11/30/15: "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"