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### CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Peoria County EXPANSION TO CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit

**Pekin, May 2, 2018:** CASA of Peoria County announced May 2, 2018, their expansion to the entire Illinois Tenth Judicial Circuit and will now be named CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. Currently, CASA is serving abused and neglected children solely in Peoria County. This expansion will allow the organization to serve all five counties in the Tenth Judicial Circuit – Peoria, Tazewell, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties.

CASA of the Tenth Circuit has been serving abused and neglected children in Peoria County since 2005 with a vision to one day cover the entire Tenth Judicial Circuit. This expansion is funded in whole by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) with Victims of Crime Acts (VOCA) funds.

CASA programs have been successfully implemented across the United States and in several other communities in Illinois. The program aims to reduce the amount of time children spend in foster care and help ensure that the child's best interest is served throughout the court process.

For more information on this event, call 309-669-2939.

Thank you for your help in spreading the word for those in need and those who can help!

*To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world.*

For more info see:

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Peoria County 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, Caterpillar Foundation, Community Foundation of Central Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds, and generous donors.

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