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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Peoria County to Celebrate *Everyday Heroes* at Peoria Chiefs Game

Peoria, IL, April 27, 2010—Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Peoria County invites the community to celebrate *Everyday Heroes* on Wednesday, May 5, at a Peoria Chiefs baseball game at O'Brien Field. The game is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Winners from CASA's *Everyday Heroes* contest will be recognized during the game. The contest encouraged Peoria-area students to write a brief essay or draw a picture of their *Everyday Hero*—whether it was a teacher, parent, coach or friend. The winning stories will be read prior to game start time and the drawings will also be on display.

“CASA volunteers make certain that the child's best interests are represented in court. These volunteers are *Everyday Heroes*, people who have chosen to speak up for a child,” said Pamela Perrilles, executive director of CASA of Peoria County. “CASA knows there are other children in less critical situations throughout Central Illinois who already have an advocate, or hero, that supports them every day. That's why we sought out a way to celebrate and recognize *Everyday Heroes*. To help local children recognize those who have already made a difference in their lives.”

The event is sponsored by the Beta Phi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, International Counseling Honor Society. For more information, please contact Dr. Nancy Sherman, Faculty Advisor at 309-677-3197 or via email at nes@bradley.edu.

About CASA of Peoria County (www.casapeoria.org)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Peoria County is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court systems. 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.

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