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CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Peoria County Celebrates 10th Anniversary at Two25

Peoria, IL -- CASA of Peoria County volunteers, supporters, stakeholders, and the interested general public are invited to a **10th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 - 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Two25 in the Mark Twain Hotel, 225 NE Adams Street in downtown Peoria.** Light hors d'oeuvres and cake will be provided.

In 2005, CASA of Peoria County opened its doors and heart to this community, and committed to getting every child in the Peoria Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Courts into a permanent, loving home -- a place of hope and a haven of safety. Today, the organization's leadership, staff, and volunteers are more committed than ever to imparting permanence to the lives of the almost 1,100 youngsters found in the system annually.

CASA of Peoria County is a non-profit organization that recruits and trains community volunteers, who are appointed by judges to be independent fact finders and to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Peoria County. The program's volunteers work with the court system and the Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that all of the necessary information is presented to the court to allow the judge to make the best decision possible.

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 in 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.