

# CASA of Peoria County



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## Mission

To ensure that every abused and neglected child is placed in a safe and permanent home by utilizing specially trained community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children going through the court system.

## Vision

That every abused and neglected child is placed in a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible, to build our nationally recognized advocate program in Peoria County so that every child has a CASA volunteer, and to extend the program to Tazewell County and throughout the 10th Judicial Circuit. Specifically, our vision is to:

- Increase volunteerism with quality case management and training;
- Provide consistent and quality advocacy services and programs;
- Increase awareness and visibility for CASA of Peoria County; and
- Implement fundraising plans that will sustain our future for generations to come.

## Values

We believe that all children have the right to a safe, permanent home and deserve the support and involvement of their community to make this possible.



# I am for the child<sup>®</sup>

CASA of Peoria County helps children achieve permanent homes and reduces the likelihood of future court involvement. In 2016, CASA of Peoria County served 354 children. The cost

to advocate for each child, excluding in-kind contributions, is approximately \$1,200.

The average monthly cost for a child placed outside of the family home is \$5,698. CASA involvement reduces the time a child spends in foster care by an average of eight months, saving taxpayers over \$45,000 per child.

Last fiscal year, CASA of Peoria County volunteers helped close cases for 97 children. At \$45,000 per child, that generates a revenue-savings equivalent to over \$4.4 million to Peoria County.

Peoria County ranks fourth in the state for the number of children in foster care. As of December 2016, there were 874 pending abuse and neglect cases in Peoria County. Current funding only allows us to serve 35 to 40 percent of the kids in need of a volunteer advocate. CASA of Peoria County has a waiting list of volunteers ready to serve, but no funding to train and supervise additional volunteers. The need is great!

Children assigned a CASA volunteer are 50 percent less likely to re-enter the foster care system. Cases with CASA involvement are more likely to achieve a permanent home for the child and resulted in a third less moves to other foster homes.

## Upcoming Events

**CASA Caballos**  
 August 19, 2017  
 Weaver Angus Farm

**CASA Hole-in-One**  
 October 2017  
 Country Club of Peoria

**CASABlanca**  
 "Dancing with the Local Stars"  
 November 4, 2017  
 Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

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## How to Help

You can help by becoming a CASA volunteer or by supporting CASA of Peoria County with your donations. To find out more about this challenging and rewarding opportunity, call (309) 669-2939 or visit [casapeoria.org](http://casapeoria.org).

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