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**Illinois CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Announces Network Awards**

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Illinois CASA has also selected 31 volunteer advocates across the state to receive The President’s Volunteer Service Award. A letter, certificate, and coin from the White House in conjunction with Points of Light Foundation will be bestowed to selected awardees during the month of April:

Advocacy Network for Children serving Adams, Hancock, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Brown and Cass counties- Gold Awardee

Boone County CASA- Bronze Awardee

Champaign County CASA-Bronze Awardee

CASA of East Central Illinois serving Coles and Cumberland counties- Bronze Awardee

CASA DeKalb County-Silver Awardee

CASA of DuPage County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Effingham County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Franklin and Hamilton Counties-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Jefferson County-Silver Awardee

Jersey County CASA-Bronze Awardee

CASA Kane County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Kankakee County-Bronze Awardee

CASA Kendall County-Lifetime Awardee

CASA Lake County-Lifetime Awardee

LaSalle County CASA-Lifetime Awardee

CASA of the 15th Judicial Circuit serving Carroll, Lee and Ogle counties-Silver Awardee

Macon County CASA-Silver Awardee

CASA of Southwestern Illinois serving Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Randolph counties-2 Silver Awardees

CASA of Marion County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of McHenry County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of McLean County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of the 10th Judicial Circuit-Silver Awardee

Every Child serving Rock Island County-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Saline County-Bronze Awardee

Sangamon County CASA-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Vermillion and Edgar Counties-Bronze Awardee

CASA of River Valley serving Will and Grundy counties-Bronze Awardee

CASA of West Central Illinois serving Knox, Warren, Henderson and McDonough counties-Bronze Awardee

CASA of Williamson County-Bronze Awardee

Winnebago County CASA-Silver Awardee

April highlights Child Abuse Prevention Month and celebrates National Volunteer Month.

“Over the last four years, Illinois CASA has doubled its reach, ensuring that today more than 10,000 Illinois children have a CASA volunteer advocate in their corner as they navigate dependency court and the child welfare system. Over 3,000 volunteers, from all over Illinois and all walks of life, donate their time to be impassioned volunteer advocates for children.

This year, we want to celebrate that impact by recognizing and honoring our volunteers and partners, whose passion and compassion has built us a strong foundation and is the heart and soul of our work” states Illinois CASA CEO, Mari Christopherson.