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### Georgia CASA's Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show Raises Money for Child Advocacy Program Statewide

ATLANTA, Mar. 5, 2012 – [Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\)](#), the state organization that supports and promotes advocates for abused and neglected children, announced it will hold its eighth annual Luncheon & Fashion Show on March 28 at 11: 00 a.m. The event raises much-needed funding for Georgia CASA's 47 affiliates that serve 140 counties across the state. Last year's annual Luncheon & Fashion Show raised \$24,000, for a total of \$274,000 raised since the event began.

This year's event, held at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta, honors [Sandra Deal, Georgia's First Lady](#). Mrs. Deal believes that every Georgian, no matter the background or circumstance, should commit to creating awareness for the importance of volunteerism by allowing one's actions to speak louder than words.

The Fashion Show, emceed by [WXIA-TV's Ted Hall](#), highlights items from [Guffey's of Atlanta](#) and [G. Gilbert](#). Models include CASA staff, volunteers and supporters. A raffle, held in conjunction with the Luncheon & Fashion Show, features prize packages with donated items from [Biltmore Wine](#), [Green Mountain Coffee](#), [Carole Parks Catering](#), [Brown & Company Jewelers](#), First Lady Sandra Deal, Facility Maintenance Services, [Serenity in the Mountains](#) and a painting from the family of William J. "Bill" Johnson III.

Sponsors to date include [Chick-fil-A Inc](#), [Heritage Cadillac Saab Mitsubishi](#), [Harry Norman, Realtors](#), Marie and Jim Hannon and Catherine T. Porter.

"In order to fully train CASA volunteer advocates who work together with the court system to protect the best interests of foster children, we need financial support from members of the community," said Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director of Georgia CASA. "Money raised at events such as the annual Luncheon & Fashion show goes to support services Georgia CASA provides to affiliates throughout the state in addition to developing new affiliates. Each year it costs approximately \$740 to serve one child through the CASA program and approximately \$400 to train each volunteer."

Also in conjunction with the Luncheon & Fashion Show is a Preview Party put on by the CASA Gentlemen's Committee. This year's event will be held on March 15 at one of Atlanta's premier locations, the home of Courtney and Bob Thompson. The Preview Party commences our annual Luncheon & Fashion Show fundraiser.

Tickets for the event are available through Georgia CASA: \$600 for a full table (up to 10 seats), \$350 for a half table (up to 5 seats), and \$75 for individuals. Sponsorships are still available, as well as tickets to the preview party. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 404-874-2888 or go to [http://www.gacasa.org/Luncheon Fashion Show.php](http://www.gacasa.org/Luncheon_Fashion_Show.php).

### **About Georgia CASA**

Georgia CASA, Inc., develops and supports CASA programs throughout Georgia. As community partners in the child welfare system, CASA volunteers increase abused and neglected children's access to services, promote safety, and advocate for timeliness and permanency for children involved in juvenile court proceedings. CASA volunteers are independent advocates and provide individualized attention for children in a massive state system. Last year, more than 2,100 CASA volunteers served more than 8,700 children in Georgia. CASA has 47 affiliates across Georgia that serve 140 counties and 47 of the 49 judicial circuits. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit [www.gacasa.org](http://www.gacasa.org) or call 404-874-2888/800-251-4012.

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