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**CASA on the Catwalk, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia CASA Luncheon & Fashion Show,  
Raises Funds for Statewide Child Advocacy Program**

**ATLANTA, January 29, 2018** – Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the state organization that supports and promotes advocates for abused and neglected children, is holding CASA on the Catwalk, its fourteenth annual Luncheon & Fashion Show, on March 28, at 11: 00 a.m. A Parisian themed event, [CASA on the Catwalk](#) includes a seated luncheon, silent auction and fashion show.

“By combining fashion and fun, CASA on the Catwalk allows us to raise awareness and invaluable funds that supports the services Georgia CASA provides throughout the state through trained community volunteers that touch the lives of children that are in the foster care system,” said Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director of Georgia CASA.

This year’s event, held at a private club in Buckhead, honors [The Junior League of Atlanta](#) for its commitment to improving the lives of women and children in our community. The Junior League helped with the start-up of Georgia CASA and has provided ongoing support since then, and also was a key supporter in the founding of Fulton County CASA, one of Georgia CASA’s affiliate CASA programs, in 1995, along with Judge Glenda Hatchett. The keynote speaker is Bishop Robert C. Wright, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. Last year’s event raised more than \$65,000 to support affiliate CASA programs in 48 of the 49 judicial circuits in Georgia that serve 146 counties across the state. Since Georgia CASA’s founding in 1988, nearly 30,000 CASA volunteers have received training to become effective advocates for 140,000 abused and neglected children in Georgia.

CASA on the Catwalk, emceed by WSB’s Jovita Moore, features women’s fashions from Tootsies and men’s fashions from Guffey’s of Atlanta. Models include CASA board members and supporters. A silent auction features donated items from Atlanta’s most luxurious retailers as well as national companies, including Walt Disney World, Ritz Carlton and Southwest Airlines.

Cox Enterprises is the presenting sponsor and additional sponsors to date include Georgia Power, The Junior League of Atlanta, David and Becky Wallis, Marcy McTier and Turner Broadcasting System.

Tickets for the event are available through Georgia CASA. Sponsorships are available, as well as tickets to a preview party for table hosts and sponsors. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.gacasa.org/luncheon-and-fashion-show/> or call 404-874-2888.

### **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, over 2,400 CASA volunteers served more than 11,200 children in Georgia. CASA has 46 affiliates across Georgia that serve 143 counties and 48 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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