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**Georgia CASA Celebrates “Sweet 16” of Annual Fundraiser, CASA on the Catwalk, with
Carnival Themed Celebrations Feb. 25 and Mar. 24**

***Atlanta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae and the Young Lawyers Division of the State
Bar of Georgia to be Honored at Luncheon and Preview Party***

ATLANTA, Feb. 6, 2020 – [Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\)](#), the state organization that supports and promotes advocates for children in foster care, is holding its sixteenth annual fundraiser, [CASA on the Catwalk](#), a luncheon and fashion show at a private club in the Buckhead area of Atlanta on Tuesday, March 24, as well as a preview party on the evening of Tuesday, February 25. The theme for this year’s events is Carnival, embracing the festive spirit of the season of Mardi Gras through décor, attire and entertainment. The events raise funds to support affiliate CASA programs in 48 of the 49 judicial circuits in Georgia that serve 151 counties across the state. To date, the signature event has raised \$700,000. Since Georgia CASA’s founding in 1988, more than 30,000 CASA volunteers have received training to become effective advocates for more than 150,000 abused or neglected children in Georgia.

This year’s luncheon event honors the [Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta \(Theta\) women’s fraternity](#). CASA is supported on a national level by all collegiate and alumnae chapters, with the Atlanta chapter having supported Georgia CASA since its founding. Over the years, Theta alumnae have been both past and current members of the governing board of CASA. The Atlanta alumnae, as well as local collegiate chapters at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia, have held fundraisers, hosted service projects and donated countless hours to assisting CASA serve children across the state, in addition to some serving as direct CASA advocates for children.

CASA on the Catwalk’s luncheon and fashion show , emceed by WAGA-FOX5 on-air personality Deidra Dukes, features women’s fashions from the Phipps Plaza locations of [Lilly Pulitzer](#). Models include CASA board members, volunteers and supporters.

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In conjunction with the Luncheon & Fashion Show is a Preview Party honoring [the Young Lawyer's Division of the State Bar of Georgia](#) for its ongoing support and donations to Georgia CASA. This year's event will be held at a private home in Buckhead on "Fat Tuesday," February 25, tying into this year's Carnival theme. Taking place from 6:30-8:30 p.m., guests will enjoy a decadent evening of celebration, complete with entertainment by the North Atlanta High School Jazz Band, a festive, New Orleans inspired menu by [C. Parks Catering](#) and custom cocktails and beverages, as well as an exciting 50/50 raffle. During the event, men's fashions from [Guffey's](#) will be showcased as Georgia CASA supporters model the latest looks from casual to business to evening attire. In conjunction with both the Preview Party and the Luncheon, there will be silent auctions featuring items donated by Atlanta's most luxurious retailers, restaurants and spas, as well as custom curated sports experiences and travel packages throughout the country.

This year's sponsors to date include: Champion sponsor Georgia Power, Advocate sponsor Synovus, Patron sponsors Jack & Sandy Day, Marci Diamond and Randstad North America and Ambassador level sponsors Kathy Coletti and Carolyn Fowler.

"Each year, not only has the event grown more successful, it has generated more awareness for the important work done by Georgia CASA and how these funds allow CASA to have a greater impact on children experiencing foster care throughout the state. Last year, over 2,700 specially trained court appointed special advocates (CASA volunteers) served more than 11,000 children in Georgia. However, there are still 10,000 more who need a CASA advocate to provide best-interest advocacy for them," noted Jennifer King, Executive Director of Georgia CASA. "We're so proud to have the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta recognized at this year's Luncheon and the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia recognized at the Preview Party. Both organizations have made such an impact through volunteer hours and donations as well as spreading awareness for the critical difference that CASA volunteers make in the lives of children in Georgia. We're proud to raise our voices to celebrate both groups giving voices to children who might not otherwise have one."

Tickets for both events are available through Georgia CASA. Tickets to both the luncheon and preview party, as well as sponsorships are currently available. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.gacasa.org/luncheon-and-fashion-show-2020/> or please call 404-874-2888.

About Georgia CASA

[Georgia CASA, Inc.](http://www.gacasa.org), develops and supports CASA affiliate programs throughout Georgia. CASA advocates are citizen volunteers, supported by an experienced and knowledgeable staff member, offering individualized attention and best-interests advocacy to children in foster care. CASA is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly-trained adult advocate. Last year, over 2,700 CASA volunteers served more than 11,000 children in Georgia. CASA has 46 affiliates across Georgia that serve 151 of 159 counties and 48 of the 49 judicial circuits. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888/800-251-4012.

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