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GEORGIA CASA ANNOUNCES MODEL LINE UP FOR CASA ON THE CATWALK

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[\(CASA\)](#), the state organization that supports and promotes volunteer advocates for children in foster care, is holding its eighteenth annual [CASA on the Catwalk](#). The luncheon and fashion show will be held at a private club in the Buckhead area of Atlanta on Tuesday, April 23. Featuring spring fashions from [Tootsies](#), the event raises funds to support affiliate CASA programs in all 159 counties across the state. Passionate ambassadors for Georgia’s children support the cause and the event by sponsoring tables, joining the planning committee, and by walking the runway. Chaired by Ursula Reynolds and Co-Chaired by Yvonne Nelli, the planning committee has invited 16 women to model designs from Tootsies. They are also using the platform to highlight their commitment to Georgia’s children.

“Georgia CASA holds personal significance for me,” said Sandy Day, Georgia CASA board member and a model in this year’s CASA on the Catwalk event. “CASA volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of children in foster care. Volunteering on the event committee for Georgia CASA allows me to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children in need and advocate for the best interest of children in vulnerable situations. Yes, those of us on the runway are modeling clothes, but we also hope to model a tangible way for people to support Georgia CASA’s mission. The organization’s commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and support resonates deeply with my values, making the CASA organization an essential force in promoting the welfare of children navigating challenging circumstances.”

Models include Jen Alewine, Judge Anne Barnes, Chris Brogan, Dionne Calloway, Sandy Day, Deidra Dukes, Marie Hannon, Nikki McCray, Kimberly Young Meisel, Vickie Morrow, Gloria Patterson, Nicole Postlewaite, Judge Nhan-Al Simms, Carla Smith, Sarah Walker, and Carolyn Young. Themed *Paris: The City of Light*, this year’s event is emceed by WAGA-FOX5 on-air personality [Deidra Dukes](#). The program honors Katina Lett, Managing Counsel of the American Cancer Society. Katina is a dedicated civic servant to the causes of children and health issues and very actively involved in her community. An online silent auction will be available prior to and during the event. Tickets, tables, and sponsorships are available through [Georgia CASA](#).

This year’s sponsors to date include the following: Exclusive Luxury Lifestyle Magazine sponsor *The Atlantan Modern Luxury*; Advocate sponsor Marie and Jim Hannon; Patron sponsors [Care Solutions](#), Sandy and Jack Day, and Wayne Martin; Ambassador sponsors [Gower, Wooten & Darneille](#) and Pipes Family Foundation; Friends sponsors J. Martin Lett, Esq., [Stroll Historic Brookhaven](#), Gloria Brooks, and Dr. Ida Rose.

About Georgia CASA: Forty-six affiliate CASA programs have been established throughout the state since Georgia CASA was founded nearly 36 years ago. The year 2023 saw Georgia CASA’s final geographic expansion to reach children in foster care in all 159 counties throughout the state of Georgia. Each CASA affiliate program engages the community to train volunteer advocates. Volunteers are everyday citizens who offer individualized attention and best-interest advocacy for children in foster care. The CASA organization is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly trained adult advocate. For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>.

