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Court Appointed Special Advocates of Lane County 5th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser

Eugene, Ore.— Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lane County is hoping to again break its attendance record at its 5th Annual Casino Night fundraiser. As the number of children in need of a CASA has increased, the organization has attempted to keep pace by growing its fundraiser each year and adding new components to the night out. Last year was the first year there was a silent auction and the only year that Elvis has made an appearance. This year promises new surprises, but guests will enjoy casino games, an all-you-can-eat buffet, hosted bar, raffle prizes, and silent auction as they have in years past. The title sponsor, Oregon Community Credit Union, will be hosting the event at their corporate headquarters for the second year. Other major sponsors include Summit Bank, Industrial Source/National Fire Fighter and Umpqua Bank.

In the first year, “Casino Night” brought out just 200 guests and was one of very few casino theme fundraisers held in the area. But, even as more organizations have used the same theme, CASA’s has grown exponentially. This year, CASA hopes for a crowd of at least 400. If the organization reaches this goal, the funds raised from the event will support the recruitment, training and support of an additional 30 CASA volunteers who will be appointed to serve up to 75 children from the CASA waiting list for the next two years. Tickets for the CASA Casino Night are \$100, and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. Tickets can be purchased by calling CASA at 541-984-3132.

For more information about Casino Night or CASA, please call 541-984-3132 or visit their website at www.casa-lane.org.

CASA of Lane County is a non-profit organization that trains community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the Juvenile Court. We believe every child has a right to a safe, permanent home.