



August 2017

WE NEED YOU!

We need you to help us share our story.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, our Adams and McDonough County CASA volunteers were a voice for over 200 children in the court system because of abuse or neglect.

Our Children's Advocacy Center program coordinated more than 325 cases of reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse in the nine (9) area counties it serves.

Our Prevention Program made presentations to nearly 3500 students in Pre-K through 5th grade to teach these students about personal safety.

As a community, we all need to work together to keep our children safe from abuse and neglect. We would love to share our video and provide more information about our agency and its mission of protecting abused and neglected children.

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization, we would love to schedule a time to speak with your group.

If you would like to help us, please call the office to schedule a date and time. Together, we can make a difference in the life of a child.

"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."

— Lady Bird Johnson, Former First Lady of the United States

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 04 Office closed
- 12 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb
- 14 Noon-Networking - Quincy

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- Endowment Fund Donation
- Office Supply Donation

DON'T FORGET TO EAT AT NUCCI'S

Nucci's Pasta House in Pittsfield is donating money to support the Pike County Children's Advocacy Center. Every **Wednesday** from June 14th to September 13th, 10% of Nucci's total sales for the day will be donated. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner or cocktail and know that you will be helping abused children in the Pittsfield area. Nucci's Pasta House is located at 231 N. Madison, Pittsfield, IL.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are in the process of forming the agency's annual fundraising dinner committee. A date for the dinner has not been determined but it is generally held in February or March. This is the agency's main fundraising event of the year. If you would like to join this fun group of volunteers, please call Diane at the office.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mike Lockett and the staff at Concord Custom Cleaners for providing cleaning services for our Happy Bear mascot.

The Quincy Noon Kiwanis distributed funds to local organizations at its meeting on June 26th. Advocacy Network for Children was awarded a grant in the amount of \$750.00 which will be used to offset printing costs for our Happy Bear Prevention Program.

Your support of our agency is truly appreciated!

PREVENTION PROGRAM

With the start of the new school year fast approaching, don't forget that Advocacy Network for Children offers a child sexual abuse prevention program to schools throughout West Central Illinois at no cost. The curriculum we use, Happy Bear and P.S. It's My Body!, is evidence based and age appropriate. In addition to schools, presentations can be made to churches, daycare providers, children's clubs and other groups who deal with children. For more information or to schedule a presentation, please call the office.



DID YOU KNOW

Every year more than 3.6 million referrals are made to child protection agencies involving more than 6.6 million children (a referral can include multiple children).

(www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics)



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