



December 2017

## YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE...

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our agency this past year. With state budget issues and delays in grant payments, we could not have done it without you. Your generous support allowed us to continue helping abused and neglected children in our community.

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 nearly 330 cases of reported sexual abuse or severe physical abuse in the nine (9) area counties served.

Crisis intervention counseling is offered to any victim and their non-offending family member that come through one of our Children's Advocacy Centers.

Our Prevention Program made presentations to nearly 3500 students in Pre-K through 5th grade to teach these students about personal safety, how to respond to unwelcome touches and who to tell if someone gives them an unwelcome touch.

Together, we brought hope, promise, and healing to the most vulnerable victims of a crime, our children.

*~ From the staff of Advocacy Network for Children, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
Todd, Brooke, Danielle, Diane, Jamie C., Jamie P., Jessica, Laura, Susan, and Vicki~*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### December

11-17 Holiday Gift Wrapping - Quincy Mall  
12 Holiday Open House - Macomb  
22 & 25 Office closed

#### January

01 Office closed  
09 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb  
11 Noon Networking - Quincy  
15 Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- Fundraising
- Mailings

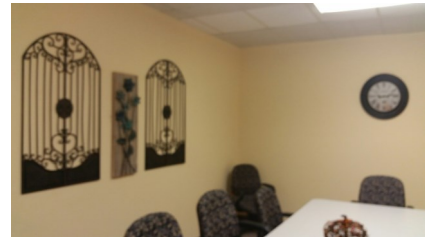
If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

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

## ***EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COMPLETED***

As reported the last few months, Hayden Covey chose Advocacy Network for Children for his Eagle Scout Project. The project consisted of redoing the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center child and family waiting room. New furnishings and toys were purchased and set up and what a wonderful transformation this has been. We would like to thank Hayden, his volunteers and supporters who donated to this project. In addition, we would again like to thank the J.W. Gardner II Foundation for its grant which allowed us to purchase additional furnishings. Your support is greatly appreciated!



## ***GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER***

Let us take the stress of wrapping those holiday gifts off of you! We will be gift wrapping at the Quincy Mall the week of December 11th through 17th. The wrapping station is located just outside of Bergners. Our hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday and Noon to 5:00 pm on Sunday. We provide all the supplies and will wrap your gifts for a free-will donation.



## ***SAVE THE DATE***

Mark your calendars for March 9, 2018 for our annual fundraising dinner. This year's theme is "March Madness". Additional details to follow in the coming months. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please call the office and ask to speak to Diane.

## ***WELCOME NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS***

Seven new Adams County CASA volunteers were sworn in on November 6th. Pictured right are (left to right, top row) Jessica Erickson, Vickie Mims, Karen Elliott, Bonnie Poling, Jeanne Smith and (left to right, bottom row) Donna Sutton, Judge John Wooleyhan, and Victoria Laack. The newly sworn in volunteers received 30 hours of training which included courtroom procedures, working with social service agencies and the special needs of abused and neglected children.



Welcome and thank you to these new CASA volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the children in our community.



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