



February 2017

## **BIKER BASH - MARCH 4TH**

Our annual fundraising dinner will be held on March 4th at The Ambiance. We have brought back the popular “Biker Bash” theme. The committee is working hard and has a lot of new and exciting things planned that you won’t want to miss. Invitations have been mailed out. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please call the office and ask to speak to Diane. The dinner is the agency’s major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.



There will be delicious dinners, trips, baseball games and many more auction packages. For a partial list of items (as made available), please visit the agency’s website at [www.advonet.org](http://www.advonet.org).

“You can recognize survivors of abuse by their courage. When silence is so very inviting, they step forward and share their truth so others know they aren't alone.”

— Jeanne McElvaney, *Healing Insights: Effects of Abuse for Adults Abused as Children*

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **February**

- 09 Noon Networking - Quincy office
- 13 Office closed
- 14 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb office
- 20 Office closed

#### **March**

- 04 Fundraising Dinner
- 09 Noon Networking - Quincy office
- 14 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb office

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

## ***DID YOU KNOW...***

Children's Advocacy Centers are child-focused centers that coordinate the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse while helping abused children heal. Illinois has 39 national accredited Children's Advocacy Centers. Advocacy Network for Children has 4 of those, along with 5 satellite centers. While all accredited Children's Advocacy Centers share common elements, each is unique and designed to meet the needs of its particular community.

## ***THANK YOU***

We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped us with our dinner invitation mailing: Judy Wellman, Peg Seeley, Kay Weiss, Sandy Callahan, Connie Marsh, Judy Litchfield, Anita Crowley, Denise Percy, Katie Danker, Linda Boston, Julie Dehart, Penny Padgett, Patsy Cooley, Sue Altheide, Don Altheide, Joyce Mester, Mary Wilson, Kathie Clark, Eleanor Yackley, and Marian Pflum. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

DaVita Dialysis Teammates from Quincy selected and donated \$1,000.00 to the agency. Pictured are (left to right) Iris Trantham PD Nurse, Hannah Mixer PCT, Amber Fessenden PCT, Rose Ghattas RN, and Todd Shackelford, Advocacy Network for Children Executive Director. Thank you for thinking of us and for your gracious support.



## ***SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS***

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization and would like more information about our agency and its mission of protecting the children in our community, we would love to schedule a time to speak with you. Just call the office to set up a time.

## ***BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER***

A new CASA training in Adams County will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning March 20th through April 24th. Individuals interested are asked to attend one of two informational meetings to be held on February 16th at 12:15 p.m. and on March 6th at 5:30 p.m. Training is free with all training manuals and materials provided. CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in court. No special experience is required. If you would like to be the voice for an abused or neglected child in our community, please call the office at 217-223-2272. Additional information is also available on our website.



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