



February 2018

MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER

Don't forget, this year's "March Madness" themed fundraising dinner will be held on March 9th at The Ambiance. Pre-game cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with the tip off dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The committee is working hard and planning a lot of exciting things that you won't want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, games and more.

Invitations are being mailed. If you are not on our invitation 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.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending...we hope to see you there!

CASA PROGRAM TO EXPAND

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our CASA program! With a grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, we are adding a CASA program in Hancock, Pike and Morgan Counties. We are currently in the process of hiring 3 individuals to oversee the new CASA programs. We intend to have trained CASA volunteers by early spring and begin the new programs shortly thereafter. If you have any questions regarding the expansion or about becoming a CASA volunteer, please call Danielle Woodyard at 217-223-2272. We look forward to representing the children of Hancock, Pike and Morgan Counties and giving them a voice.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

08 Noon Networking - Quincy
12 Office closed
19 Office closed

March

08 Noon Networking - Quincy
09 Fundraising Dinner - Quincy
13 Evening In-service - Macomb
30 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

LOOKING AHEAD

As April is National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, we have several events already scheduled.

- April 3rd, Flag Raising ceremony at Macomb City Hall at 12:15 p.m.
- April 7th, Koin for Kids, Farm King and Hy-Vee in Macomb from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
- April 14th, McDonough County CASA "Run for CASA's Kids". For more information, please contact Vicki Duba at 309-544-0003.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped us with our fundraising dinner invitation mailing: Julie Dehart, Katie Danker, Judy Litchfield, Kay Weiss, Denise Percy, Anita Crowley, Jo Ann Willmot, Sharon Morrall, Diana Finley, Patsy Cooley, Wanda O'Hara, Peg Seeley, Judy Wellman, and Marilena Frier. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Rusty Williams and his staff at Park Bench/Revelry for all their help with our first "Pouring for a Cause" fundraiser. The event raised nearly \$1,900.00 for the agency. A special thank you to our celebrity bartenders throughout the evening, Brandy Blickhan Ridder, Tammy Niemann, Shannon Nicholas, Stephanie Reyburn, Kent Snider, Bob Daly, Bill Paxton, Denise Tallcott, and Mark Schlipman. And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported our agency. Together, we all stand strong for abused children!

The agency was recently awarded a \$450.00 grant through the Jacksonville Children's Foundation. Funds will be used for our Prevention Program in Morgan County. The check presentation was held at the Foundation's board meeting on January 23rd.

An \$800.00 grant was awarded to the agency through the United Way of the Great River Region. Funds will be used for our Prevention Program in Hancock County.

We truly appreciate your support of our agency, its mission and programs!

PARENTING A CHILD WHO HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

Children who have experienced traumatic events need to feel safe and loved. If parents do not have an understanding of the effects of trauma, they may not understand their child's behavior and end up feeling frustrated or resentful. For more information on how to help your child, please visit www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/child-trauma. This factsheet contains a lot of helpful information.



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