

# March 2017

#### BIKER BASH - MARCH 4TH

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual fundraising dinner on March 4th at The Ambiance. If you have not already made reservations and sent in your money, we need those **today.** Please call the office and ask to speak to Diane so she can add you to the list. 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. You don't want to miss this year's event!

"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."

Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### March

- 04 Fundraising Dinner
- 09 Noon Networking Quincy office
- 14 Brown Bag Lunch Macomb office **April**
- 08 Koins for Kids Macomb
- 10 Koins for Kids Quincy
- 11 Brown Bag Lunch Macomb office
- 13 Noon Networking Quincy office
- 14 Office closed
- 22 Koins for Kids Jacksonville
- 29 Koins for Kids Mt. Sterling
- 29 CASA Run Macomb

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

### KOINS FOR KIDS

Advocacy Network for Children will be conducting its third annual "Koins for Kids". Dates and collection sites are as follows:

- April 8th the McDonough County CASA program will be at Farm King and Hy-Vee in Macomb from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 10th the agency will be seeking donations at the corners of 18th & State in Quincy throughout the day.
- April 22nd the Morgan County Children's Advocacy Center will be at Midland Farm & Home in Jacksonville from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 29th the Brown County Children's Advocacy Center will be at the Mt. Sterling IGA from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, we hope to bring awareness to this issue as well as raise funds for the agency. We need volunteers for these events. If you would like to help us, please call the office and ask for Diane.

### PREVENTION PROGRAM

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. For more information or to schedule a presentation, please call the office.

### 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 an informational meeting 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.











