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## ***ABOUT US***

Advocacy Network for Children has two distinct programs, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) and the Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC).

Our goal is really quite simple – to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests and to educate the public about the plight of abused children.

All of the Children's Advocacy Centers are fully accredited through the National Children's Alliance. Our CASA programs are members in good standing of the National CASA Association.

In addition, we offer a prevention program to children Pre-K through 5th grade. The program teaches children about personal safety, how to recognize welcome and unwelcome touches, who to report unwelcome touches to, and that abuse is never their fault.

While the Advocacy Network for Children and other community resources work together to help children find a better life, you are needed too. We rely on grants and donations from people like you.

You can make an important difference by making a donation. All donations are tax deductible. Won't you help us to help these children?

## ***WE ARE MOVING!***

We are excited to announce that we have purchased the building at 1420 Harrison Street. The targeted move-in date is the latter part of May. More information and pictures will follow once renovations and the move are complete. Stay tuned!

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **May**

08 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb  
10 Noon Networking - Quincy  
28 Office closed

#### **June**

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

## ***APRIL AWARENESS EVENTS***

Flag raising events were held in Quincy and Macomb in honor of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Prevention begins with awareness. We would like to thank everyone who attended these events. A special thanks to Macomb Mayor Michael Inman, the City of Macomb Honor Guard, and the Quincy Police Department Honor Guard for their participation.



## ***KOINS FOR KIDS***

Advocacy Network for Children conducted its fourth annual “Koins for Kids” in Quincy and Macomb. The purpose of these events is to bring awareness to child abuse while raising funds to help us in our mission of protecting the rights of abused and neglected children.

We had wonderful community support and would like to thank our volunteers and everyone who made a donation. We would also like to thank Farm & Home Supply and County Market in Quincy and Farm King and Hy-Vee in Macomb for allowing us to use their businesses as collection sites. We raised nearly \$1,800.00!

## ***THANK YOU***

Thank you to Mike Lockett at Concord Custom Cleaners for his ongoing support in providing cleaning services for our Happy Bear Mascot.

A \$1,000.00 grant was received from the Jim & Jil Tracy Fund through the Community Foundation. Funds are designated for child welfare in the Quincy area and will aid us in providing critical services to abused and neglected children in our community.

A \$1,500.00 grant was received from the Macomb Elks Lodge #1009. Funds are designated to support the McDonough County CASA program.

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

## ***MCDONOUGH CASA RUN FOR CASA’S KIDS***

What a wonderful turnout we had for the 2nd annual Run for CASA’s Kids to support the McDonough County CASA program. Thank you to the many wonderful sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants. Over \$8,100.00 was raised and will be used to help the children in McDonough County.

For pictures from our events, please visit our Facebook page or website.



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